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Never, we imagine, has a Guild of Church Bell Ringers been formed under happier auspices than those which have accompanied the inception of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was inaugurated on Saturday and came into being with the first minute of the new year. Twelve months of hard work by a committee has culminated in a new organisation which has been launched not only with enthusiasm among its members, but with expressions of goodwill from all its neighbours. The Guildford Diocesan Guild is the baby of the Exercise; and it is worth putting on record that its birth was witnessed by, among others, official representatives of the three oldest ringing societies in the Kingdom—the College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham (lineal descendant of the aforetime St. Martin's Youths).

It is frequently a complaint that many clergy take little interest in the doings of their ringers or their ringers' organisation. Those who have been responsible for the new Guild have had no exceptional experience in this respect. They have found the ground as hard to till as any of their predecessors, but with the enthusiasm of youth, shall we say, they made sufficient impression on a number of the clergy to induce them to join their ringers at the initial gathering. One of the set policies of the new Guild is to be a determined attempt to break down the invisible barrier which seems to exist in so many churches between the activities of the ringers and the interest of the authorities. How to do it has been a difficult problem for the organisers, but they hope they have done something towards finding a solution by 'attacking' through the Parochial Church Councils.

They have gone directly to the Incumbents and the Councils, and asked them to 'affiliate' their towers (as distinct from the ordinary membership of the ringers), and in doing this they have submitted to the notice of the Church authorities the objects and rules of the Guild, and set out its policy. It was really a bold action, and, while it cannot be said that the scheme has carried through at every point—it is not possible in a matter of this kind to create interest everywhere all at once—there has been sufficient response to show that with tactful and persistent effort there is every possibility of getting for the ringers a greater interest in their work and for the Guild an appreciation of and sympathy with its objects.

The important point in this matter is that it has the backing of the Bishop of the Diocese (whose absence from the inaugural meeting, through illness, was a great disappointment to all concerned). The proposal went out not only with his consent, but with his expressed hope

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that it would be accepted. The affiliation fee has been fixed at five shillings, but it is not the amount that matters. It is the principle of recognition which is important, and the stage to which it has already gone in the Guildford Diocese makes it fairly apparent that it will be accepted in the great majority of the towers in that area. Whatever may have been done to stir up the interest of the clergy in the past, it is safe to say that among the churches in what is now the Guildford Diocese nothing has previously been done which has directed the attention of the authorities as a whole to the position which is filled by their ringers as much as this scheme has. This, however, is only one furrow in the field in which the members have set their hands to the plough. In many other directions there is a great deal of hard work before them if they are to attain to the highest ideals; and it will need something more than the first flush of enthusiasm to carry them through. A good start has been made; but enterprise and steady, efficient labour, not only on the part of the officials, but of the rank and file will be necessary to make the Guild all that the promoters hope it will become in the future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 7
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... 10
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND C. SEAGER Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	HENRY PRING 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

The conductor's 300th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer and the conductor.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 6
ALBERT H. WARD 2	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	*HAYDN THORPE 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOHN THORPE 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The peal was rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM E. ABRAHAM 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

The ringer of the 4th was elected a life member of the association previous to starting.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	FRANK SMITH 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
*GEORGE POLLINGER 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
*THOMAS BEVAN 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Ring after meeting short for Treble Twelve.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONEY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS.

* 200th peal. Ring as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JAMES SWINDLEY Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	GEORGE R. JONES 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	TITUS BARLOW 8
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	HENRY W. WILDE 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Surprise Royal in Wales.

WELLS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 57 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

CHARLES S. DORBIN Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	WALTER FARLEY 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL 3	E. GEORGE TREW 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor
	REV. R. H. WHITFORD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

This was the first attempt for a peal by the ringer of the treble, who was heartily congratulated on the excellent way in which he rang his bell. He and the Rev. R. H. Whitford were elected members previous to starting.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES WINNER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 8
PERCY SPICE 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 9
EDWIN F. PIRE 5	ALFRED HAYLOR Tenor

Composed by C. CEEGE.

Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes, 00

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SHIPWAY'S.		
*PETER HEATH Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 6	
JOHN W. JONES 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS 7	
*ALBERT J. PITMAN 3	*GEORGE POPEWELL 8	
*ERNEST STITCH 4	GEORGE LARGE 9	
CHARLES H. PERRY 5	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal as conductor; first attempt, and first touch as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*W. JACK DOVE 2	*JOHN R. MAIN 7
*JOHN KING 3	HARRY SEAR 8
GEORGE BASFORD 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JOHN R. SHARMAN 5	*ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Composed by N. PISTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caterers. Ring as a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Main.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
JAMES HAZELL 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT 6
MISS DOROTHY FRITTER 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
MISS VERA ROBINSON 4	THOMAS GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Four Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9680 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS... ..	...Treble	*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... ..	5
E. HARRY STONELEY	2	*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	*EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	*PERCIVAL PRICE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* Longest length. First peal in this variation by all and by the association. It is the longest peal yet rung without bobs.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE	5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOSEPH L. STANIER	3	JOHN H. RIXOM	7
WALTER LAGO	4	BERTRAM L. JONES	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS R. BUTLER ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
*ERNEST JONES	2	THOMAS W. GILMOUR	6
JOHN WILKINSON	3	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Also first peal of Surprise on the bells. The band would like to thank the Rector, Father Magee, for permission to ring this peal, also Mr. W. Bond, the tower-keeper, who is now retiring from the position after 51 years' service.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
CHARLES R. BELTON	2	CHARLES H. BELTON	6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD... ..	3	FRED COTTON	7
GEORGE THOMPSON	4	PERCY YATES	Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

DAVID HUGHES ... ..	...Treble	†HENRY MARTIN	5
*JAMES SMITH	2	†JOHN BRESE	6
*G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	†FRANK WINSTANLEY... ..	7
*RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Ringer of 4th is only 13 years old. The composition, a 2-part, has the 6th the full extent 'right.' Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Bidston, 5th from Woodchurch, remainder local band. The peal was rung in honour of the marriage (which took place on the same day) of Miss Esther Carrol to Mr. William A. T. Woosnam, late captain of the local band, and cousin of the ringer of the 6th.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
HARRY MANCE	2	WILLIAM ESSERY... ..	6
CHARLES J. CHOOET	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
HARRY DYAS... ..	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dyas. It was Mr. H. Dyas' twenty-fifth peal of Stedman Triples, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM LAWES ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS	5
HENRY C. CHANDLER... ..	2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	6
HORACE BELCHER	3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	*FREDERICK HUMPHRIS	Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, to celebrate Mr. Edwards' 50th anniversary as a ringer at Heston Church.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE HASTINGS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT	5
JESSIE GILLET	2	THOMAS PRICE	6
GEORGE ORCHARD	3	FRANK COLE... ..	7
FRANK WAITE	4	LESLIE BARRY	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

*DENIS E. HEGINBOTHAM...Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER	5
CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL	6
†GEORGE ENGLAND	FRANK GREEN	7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE	*JESSE STONE	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

A. E. HOODLESS ... ..	...Treble	*BRIAN BRAY	5
A. H. EASTOE	2	G. HOBBS	6
C. BIRD... ..	3	†J. BROUGHTON	7
JACK BRAY	4	A. W. HOODLESS	Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. The peal was rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Hoodless, the band wishing them many future years of happiness. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Eastoe and Miss Kathleen Allberry, members of the local band.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROOKE 5
CHRIS CROME 2	CHARLES J. SEDGELEY 6
ROBERT E. GREENACRE 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED 7
JAMES H. RAPER... .. 4	WALTER N. ASHEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER N. ASHEY.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	GEORGE HALKSWORD 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
*FREDERICK SEAGER 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 2nd.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
CHARLES J. CHOET 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
EDGAR C. RUSSELL 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

The band wish to thank Messrs. Cole and Hoing for making all the arrangements.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
CHARLES N. BERDOCK 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

WILLESSEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	†HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

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

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MORETON VALANCE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

LEONARD FERRAR Treble	FRANK SIMMONDS... .. 4
ARTHUR HARMER... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
JACK JOYNER... .. 3	THOMAS PRICE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

WALKERN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6½ 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.

First peal on the bells, which were made into six about two years ago, a treble being added by Taylor and Co.

STOURTON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JESSE E. GREEN Treble	†EDWARD J. ROWE 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD 2	†LEWIS A. FERRETT 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	FRED A. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by F. A. COWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. This is the first peal of Minor by the North Dorset Branch, also first peal on the bells, which have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his 19th birthday.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight 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.

FREDERICK J. TITZ Treble	FRANK LEWIN 4
JOHN KING 2	*JOHN R. MAIN 5
HARRY BAXTER 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* One hundredth peal.

THURSTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;

Being four 1,440 changes, each called differently.

*J. LEE Treble	J. F. SMITH 3
W. J. JONES 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor	

First 1440 changes Conducted by W. J. JONES, second 1440 by J. F. SMITH, third 1440 by RALPH G. EDWARDS, fourth 1440 by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are aged 13 years, and all are under 21 years.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Monday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Clifton 1, H. Hatfield 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, W. Scarrott 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
WILFRED BOOTH 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
REGINALD C. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung after meeting two short for Bob Major.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	HARRY GIBBARD 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOSEPH O. LONDON 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. Credit is due to the ringers of the treble and tenor for the way they rang throughout the peal. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer, and her first attempt. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Market Deeping, the 3rd from James Deeping, 4th from Rip-pingale. The remainder are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.

*REGINALD WORRALL ... Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
JOHN S. ROYLE 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 3
WALTER LONGMAN 3	ALBERT H. BOOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-stores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY MANSELL Treble	JOHN SEDGLEY 4
*ARTHUR M. THOMAS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 3	*F. MURRAY ROBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

* First peal. Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen. Miss Mannell, who is a member of the local company, is the first lady to take part in a peal both for the Truro Diocesan Guild and also in Cornwall. The ringer of the second is from Kenwyn, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor from Truro Cathedral.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. PRESTON Treble	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. 4
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	HARRY REVILL 5
G. FRED BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from Ordsall, and 4th from East Retford. The band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. E. Paxton) for his hospitality after the peal, also Mr. R. Ashforth for having all in readiness.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Nicholas', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob on the back eight (tenor 39 cwt.): W. Fisher 1, E. Jones 2, J. C. E. Simpson 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Wilkinson 5, T. Larkey 6, E. Caunce 7, R. F. Deal (conductor) 8.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WM. L. DUFFIELD Treble	*HARRY T. S. DUFFIELD ... 4
JOHN R. DUFFIELD 2	WM. C. DUFFIELD 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. The above band consists of father (Mr. W. L. Duffield) and five sons.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	†EDWARD J. BARTON 4
PHILIP N. BARTON 2	EDWARD HOWES 5
†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob by a local band.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sutton, Blythe, Cawthorne, Shelley, Markham, Bolton Abbey and Fountain Abbey.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. SPOONER ... Treble	*CHARLIE MITCHELL 4
*MRS. W. C. SPOONER ... 2	†ALBERT HILLS 5
*ALFRED ARNOLD 3	F. R. TULLETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. TULLETT, JUN.

The first peal by the Guild, and rung to celebrate its inauguration. It was also a birthday compliment to C. Mitchell. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung at the first attempt.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 74, CECIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	WESLEY WATSON 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: J. BENNETT.

* First peal on handbells. The conductor has now rung a peal on every date in the year, including February 29th, and December 25th is the only one on which he has not rung a tower-bell peal. All the peals have been rung on either 8, 10, or 12 bells, and, with two exceptions, without any special arrangements being made. He is the first person to do so.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over until next week.)

THE PEAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL.

It is generally recognised that it requires two men to ring the tenor at Wells Cathedral to a peal. On the present occasion, with a wholly Bristol band, Mr. Farley, formerly of Wells, being now a resident, a lad from St. Thomas' was asked to assist Mr. Braven with the tenor, the Rev. R. H. Whitford ringing the second. After about 10 minutes' ringing, Mr. Whitford set his bell, and said he was very sorry, but he could not go on as he had little or no power in his right arm. Without much waste of time, the lad from St. Thomas', whose only previous experience of Stedman Caters was a plain course, was put on the treble, and Mr. Whitford kindly took the strap rope of the tenor just to see how far we could go. The numbed feeling eventually went from his arm, and a good peal was rung. The lad rang like a veteran, and had not to be told once about his striking, and only very occasionally did he find difficulty in picking out the bell he had to dodge with.

The band, with the exception of Mr. Farley, travelled by train, owing to the snowfall of the previous day (a charabanc having been cancelled), and it was fortunate they did so. Mr. Farley, with his wife, travelled by car, and had a narrow escape from a very serious accident on the hill leading down into Wells. The car skidded, and Mr. Farley lost control, finally crashing into a stationary motor omnibus and the ditch in such a way that little damage was done apart from lamps and mudguards. But it might have been much, very much worse.

W. A. C.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the Rev. H. L. James has at last realised, in his production of 'Lincolnshire' Surprise, that coursing order in a method is only an arbitrary definition.

No doubt your readers will have noticed that in 'Lincolnshire' Major, Royal and Maximus there is a five-pull dodge in 1-2, but it is in the Royal only that coursing bells are engaged in the five-pull dodge. In the home lead in Major, 4-7 are engaged, and it follows that in the wrong lead 2-3 will be engaged in a five-pull dodge, but, nevertheless, the extension to Royal and Maximus is quite sound, although not the nearest possible to the Major. On the other hand, there is a nearer Major relation to the Royal, given, in which coursing order bells will be engaged in a seven-pull dodge.

The Rev. H. L. James has yet a lot to learn.—Yours faithfully,
'OWEN KAY.'

P.S.—There are four false course ends to 'Lincolnshire' Major: 24365, 26543, 42563, 36245.

GRIMTHORP'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly grant me a space in your valuable paper to thank Mr. E. Alex Young for his informative article, and to air my views on Grimthorp's bells? Mr. Young seems to praise a couple of his best peals, but, unfortunately, our Penarth bells which got into his clutches—a peal of six with a 14 cwt. tenor—must have been some of his spoils, and I for one have got to suffer. I am struggling hard to get them where I think all his other bells have gone—back into Taylor's melting pot. I know Mr. Taylor's hands were tied, and he had to work to his instructions. Now I will give credit where it is due. The shape of Grimthorp's bells is perfect, but for tone, for his idea of hanging, and for his ear for music, I think there is much to be desired. The tone puts me in mind of a hurriedly discharged truck of corrugated-iron sheets, and the way Penarth bells are hung is in a very heavy oak frame, with small headstocks stuck on top of high cannons, and low wheels, which cause the ringers to have to keep pulling hard every time to keep the bells up from the treble to the tenor. I have rung Hereford Cathedral tenor (47 cwt.) with much less pulling than ours, and from what I can imagine they never did nor ever can 'draw' under such eccentric ideas. I am speaking not as a professional change ringer, but I have had many years with the late William Greenleaf, that grand old Hereford bell hanger and bell tuner.

As many of your readers know, his ear for a bell note was keen and true. I remember once I rehung a peal of six in a country place, and I had one bell a little clapper short. When they were being tried before the opening, Mr. Greenleaf took me down to a stone quarry, not far away, to listen, and he spotted the fault in a minute, and told me of it. I said, 'Oh, it's near enough for a place like this,' and I shall never forget how he 'went' for me. He said, 'It's not near enough for me, and you will stay and alter it,' and I had to. That taught me a lesson, and I have since noticed there are bells left to go with this defect. There are some around here, lately rehung. I think that is one point that the bell hanger ought to notice.

In conclusion, may I ask, is Mr. Young in favour of thick, heavy, hard-tone bells, like Grimthorp's? That is what Penarth's are. If we can get them sent back to Taylor's Foundry, they will come back a nice ring of eight, with a 12 cwt. tenor. I think it is a great pity that all Grimthorp's bells did not get sent to America, which is near enough for them. There is not one in tune with the other.—Yours faithfully,

A. WEAVER.

Penarth.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our cordial thanks to the many ringers who have sent us their good wishes for the new year.

There is to be a gathering of the clans at Bolton on December 28th, when, in addition to a proposed Ladies' Guild meeting at Holy Trinity Church, there is to be a meeting at the Parish Church to dedicate a peal board commemorating the 11,232 of Superlative Surprise rung at that church on January 29th, 1927. The board will be on view inside the church for several weeks.

The first peal of Surprise Royal in Wales was rung at Wrexham on Boxing Day, and the band would like to associate with the performance the names of Mr. A. E. Pegler and Mr. R. Sperring, who were unfortunately too ill to stand in.

Under doctor's orders, Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, has got to abstain from peal ringing for a few months. It is hoped the rest will restore him to his former health and allow him to pursue his wonted activities.

At a recent meeting of parishioners at Great Bentley, Essex, Mr. W. J. Nevard was presented with an inscribed gold watch on his retirement from the office of churchwarden after many years' service. Mr. and Mrs. Nevard are looking forward to celebrating their golden wedding next November.

Members of the Ladies' Guild are combining in a meeting at St. Clement Danes, London, on January 21st, when it is hoped there will be a big attendance.

What was claimed as the first true peal of Norwich Court Bob rung in London was performed at Bethnal Green one hundred and forty years ago to-morrow.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in London was rung at Southwark on January 7th, 1846.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung by the old St. James' Society on January 10th, 1854.

With reference to the peal of 8,864 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Oxenhope on December 17th, an error was contained in the footnote. This peal was not the first of Oxford on the bells, a peal in that method having been rung on October 8th.

Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, a member of the Central Council, sustained a heavy bereavement in the week before Christmas, when he lost his mother, Mrs. Barton, of Eastry, Kent, who passed away within eight days of her 90th birthday.

To the many interesting and notable achievements of Mr. William Pye has now to be added another. By ringing a handbell peal on Christmas Day, he has now scored a peal on every date in the year, February 29th included. Christmas Day is the only one on which he has not rung a tower-bell peal.

By ringing seven 720's of Minor in a peal at Tempsford, Beds, on Saturday, Mr. Frank Warrington, one of the district secretaries of the Ely Diocesan Association, completed 398 six-bell extents in the last three years. This is really a remarkable achievement. The 720's have been rung in 64 towers in eight counties.

We are glad to be able to record a jubilee peal, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal of the Lancashire Association. Only one member of that first peal band is now alive, and that is Mr. Henry W. Jackson, who is still an active ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, and captain of the band there.

An interesting 'family' peal appears in our columns this week. Mr. W. L. Duffield and his five sons having scored a peal of Bob Minor at Long Stratton, Norfolk.

What would some of the old Masters have said had they been told that a peal of Major, of 9,600 changes, would be rung without bobs? But they did it at Loughborough on Christmas Eve, as will be seen from our peal columns.

Two youths of thirteen years of age shared in the conducting of a peal of Doubles at Thurstaston on Christmas Eve. All the band were under 21.

THE WM. D. CROFTS' MEMORIAL DINNER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As announced elsewhere in this issue, this dinner will take place on the last Saturday in this month, when we hope to be honoured with the presence of the Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Heywood. The Bishop being cousin to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., will cause the dinner automatically to resolve itself into a memorial to his equally distinguished cousin, and I appeal to everyone who knew and, therefore, respected Sir Arthur to attend, if at all possible. A real live memorial to Sir Arthur is long overdue, and this dinner, having already achieved its object of placing on permanent record W. D. Crofts, the giant of the 18th century, can easily embrace the memory of the most brilliant star of our time, and it is our intention to include a toast to his memory.—Yours sincerely,

A. COPPOCK,
Master.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Take a piece of paper and on it draw a circle. Then place your pencil on it and move it along the line you have drawn. You will find the possible movement is confined to the following:—

(a) You can move from left to right (clockwise), and, if you continue the movement, you will complete the circle and return to the point from which you started.

(b) You can move from right to left (anti-clockwise), and, if you continue the movement, you will complete the circle and return to the point from which you started.

(c) Having moved some distance in either direction, you can retrace your steps, and again, if you continue the movement, you will return to the point from which you started. You have then moved forward and backward along an arc of the circle.

(d) Having moved some distance in either direction, you can retrace your steps; but before reaching the starting point you can again reverse your path, and once more, by continuing the movement, you will reach the starting point.

Whatever you do, in whatever way you vary your movement, it must consist of one or more complete circles, and (except in (a) and (b)) a number of arcs backwards and forwards.

This exactly illustrates the movement of a bell in ringing. But in ringing there cannot be the movement of a single bell. If one bell moves, it implies the movement of other bells. In the first change, a

movement of all four bells is begun, and this movement, if continued, will return them all to their original positions by a cyclical movement. You will see I have had to use figures as an illustration; but I want my reader to study, not so much the rows as the change between them—i.e., the movement which produces row from row. Better still, to take his mind into the tower and in imagination ring these changes.

Here again, in the first change, a cyclical movement is begun, which, when continued, will bring the bells back to the positions from which they started.

You will notice that essentially there is no difference between these two, except that one is the reverse of the other; just as the clockwise and anti-clockwise movements round a circle are identical, except that one is the opposite of the other. Notice, too, that the places before and behind are integral parts of the movement; they are included and implied in the cycle, and we need not pay any more attention to them than to other steps in the cycle.

Equally, all internal places are parts of some cycle or other, and essentially of no more constructional value than any other step in the movement.

In the first of these two examples the bells move forward one step. They follow it by one step backwards, which takes them back to their original positions. In the second example, the bells move forward three steps, followed by three backward steps, and again they are returned to their original positions.

Here we have a combination of the full cycle (the hunting course and the arc (the dodge)).

These examples illustrate every round block that can be produced when all the bells are at the same time hunting the same way (i.e., all forward or all backward, not, of course, all up or all down, which, obviously, is impossible). It is of these blocks that all ringing is composed.

When the bells are all hunting the same way, they keep a certain order in which they follow each other. This is 'coursing order.' In the science of ringing the term coursing order is strictly limited to these blocks. There is no common coursing order between two changes, one of which belongs to one of these blocks and the other to another. Nor is there any coursing order in any change where some of the bells are hunting forward and some backward—that is, in any change where an internal place is made. In practical ringing the use of the term depends on this meaning, but, as is only natural and right, is used rather more loosely.

When all the bells move in the same direction (either forward or backward) they keep within the hunting course, and no more rows can be had than double the number of the bells—repetition you can get, but nothing outside the hunting course. To get further rows we must make some of the bells move backward, while others are moving forward (or forward while the others are moving backward). This means, since, as we have seen, all movement is cyclical, that we introduce secondary cycles in a part of the bells. The way in which these secondary cycles can be introduced is the whole science of method construction, and a large part of the science of peal composition. It is outside my present scheme to go thoroughly into the question; it would take too long to cover the ground fully. I must content myself with one or two simple illustrations. I can refer my readers to many articles I have published in years past, both in 'The Ringing World' and the 'Bell News,' and I would advise them to study the articles now appearing by 'Minormania,' where, by a coin-

(Continued in next column.)

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

The concluding article of 'Minormania's' instructive series is unavoidably held over until next week.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS.

The annual meeting of this association took place at All Saints', Newport, on Boxing Day. Despite the very inclement weather, a good number put in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' Churches were made good use of prior to the service, which was held in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock, the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney Morgan, officiating.

Immediately following the service a move was made to the Mission House, where tea, which had been generously provided, was waiting. After tea various items were dealt with, including restorations, instruction, etc.

A long discussion on members' subscriptions was the item which took most time. It was pointed out that members who were in arrears and not members strictly according to rule were taking part in peals. It was agreed to ask all leaders in the different towers to act as a collector, and thus endeavour to prevent anyone running into arrears.

The next annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, the next quarterly meetings at Llanishen and St. Mellons.

Mr. Jas. C. Perry, of Bridgend, was elected Master for 1928, and the hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and minor matters dealt with.

Ringing was indulged in at both churches after the meeting until late, bringing to a close a pleasant and successful meeting.

AN 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

It is a sign of the progress of the times when we are able to announce an 'All England Ringers' Meeting.' The preliminary notice of this appears in our columns this week. It is to take place at the Croydon Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on March 3rd, when the chief attraction will be a peal of ten bells with a tenor of 19 tons! The tenor is one of the additional bells which the firm have cast for the great carillon previously sent by them to America for Mr. J. D. Rockefeller. The recollection of the gigantic 'rally' which took place at Croydon Foundry in the early part of last year will make the coming event one of lively interest.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER AT ONE CHURCH.

PRESENTATION AT HESTON.

An interesting ceremony took place, after the peal at Heston, Middlesex, on Boxing Day (recorded elsewhere). Mr. H. C. Chandler, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, congratulated Mr. Edwards on his wonderful record of 50 years' service at Heston belfry. Mr. Edwards was a most regular attendant at Sunday service ringing, no matter how inclement the weather, despite the fact that he had half-an-hour's walk to and fro—his only means of getting to the tower direct. Mr. Chandler then presented him with a silver-mounted black malacca walking stick, suitably engraved, and expressed the hope that Mr. Edwards would be spared to assist them for a great number of years.

Mr. Edwards briefly acknowledged the big surprise he had received, and said he should with pleasure continue ringing as long as health permitted.

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cidence and from a different point of view, another writer is explaining the same truth. This must be kept clearly in mind—all movement, however, complex it may seem, can be resolved into a number of simple cycles similar to those which I have just described.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'A Plain Ringer' must not read into my words what is not there. I was not trying to defend Shipway's Royal nor to discredit the Ipswich Maximus. I am quite impartial on that question. I think Shipway's is a very clever adaptation of Superlative, but not, strictly speaking, an extension, and that for reasons I published many years ago. I was using as an illustration a piece of bad argument. Shipway may have been right or he may have been wrong in making third's and fifth's in the second change. My point was that that particular argument, attractive as it seems at first sight, does not prove him wrong.

And your correspondent rather objects to my saying that those places are made in the second change. He thinks they are made in the third change. But if he will go into the tower and ring the method he will find I was quite right. 21436587 is the second row and 12463578 is the third row. The second change, which includes the places, is the movement, the 'work,' which connects the two. You are not likely to understand the problem of extension of methods unless you realise the difference between a row and a change.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION.

On the last and certainly one of the worst Saturdays in 1927 the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was successfully inaugurated. Although the country was under snow, and cross-country travel was not only difficult but, in many cases, well-nigh impossible, ringers came from all quarters of the diocese to take part in the proceedings which were to establish a new Guild of Ringers in the new diocese. Considerably over a hundred ringers from the diocesan towers were present, many of them accompanied by their clergy and churchwardens, and there were visitors from a number of the neighbouring associations, who came officially to assist in the send-off and to extend their good wishes. The great disappointment of the day—far greater than the weather which kept many away—was the enforced absence of the Bishop of Guildford, who has followed the formation of the Guild with the keenest interest and sympathy. Dr. Greig had been ill during the week, and was unable to leave his house. It was a sad blow to the organisers, but the best was made of the circumstances, and, with the presence of the Archdeacon, who filled the Bishop's place, the Guild made a most auspicious start. At the outset it was announced that 333 members had been enrolled, but this number was swelled considerably during the day, so that at the moment it is not far short of 380.

The inaugural meeting was held in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Mr. Walter Harrison being in the chair. Supporting him on the platform were the Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. L. E. Blackburne), Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, Canon E. C. Kirwan, R.D., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Woking, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere, Mr. J. D. Drewitt, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Croydon, and Mr. James George, representing St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham. Others attending the proceedings included Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer, of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. John D. Matthews, Master, and Mr. John Sparrow, hon. secretary, of the Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association; Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild; the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. Stafford Green, Kent County Association; and a large number of ringers and clergy from the diocese of Guildford. Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Guildford (Cdr. W. R. Philpot); Mr. J. S. Hawkins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master of the Sussex Association; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary of the Hertford County Association; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild; Mr. W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association); Canon Irwin, the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, the Rev. E. R. Brittain (Vicar of Hersham), the Rev. A. E. Hollins (Vicar of Dunsfold), the Rev. H. C. Martin (Rector of Ockley), the Rev. E. C. Usherwood (Ewell), the Rev. G. L. Cole (Rector of Ash), Mr. F. E. D. Adland (Banstead), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), and Mr. T. W. Fairley (Camberley). A message of congratulation and good wishes was also received from the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. E. Guise).

The Chairman said the absence of the Bishop was rather a severe blow to the inaugural meeting, but he was sure the presence of the Archdeacon would be acceptable to them.

Mr. Goldsmith said Mr. Geo. Williams, the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, from which they were separating, had sent every good wish for the success of the new Guild, and hoped it would have long life and prosperity. Mr. Goldsmith said he had received enrolment forms from 15 hon. life members, five life ringing members, 30 hon. annual members, 259 ringing members, and 23 compounding members, making a total of 333 (applause). They were trying to promote an affiliation scheme for towers, and at the moment 17 towers had actually enrolled. They had done well with regard to money, having £36 8s. in the bank.

THE GUILD IS FORMED.

The Chairman said when a small sub-committee was appointed as a deputation to meet the Bishop, his lordship pitched upon December 31st as the date of the meeting, and he could not help thinking for an assembly of ringers what an appropriate one it was. He was sure when they were ringing out the old year it would be tinged with regret at the separation from Winchester. One thing had been prominent in the minds of the Organising Committee, and that was to raise the status of bellringers—not personally, but to make it more an integral part of the Church's work. Why should they not be thought as much a part of the Church's work as district visitors or a choir? If ever a Diocesan Guild was started on favourable terms that one was. They had any amount of enthusiasm, and were blessed with a Bishop who took a real, kind and hearty interest in the work.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Canon E. C. Kirwan, the following resolution was unanimously carried: 'That this meeting resolves to found, under the title of "The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," an association, with a view to uniting in one

organisation the separate companies of church bellringers in the diocese; that the Guild come into being on January 1st, 1928; that the Lord Bishop of the diocese be president (ex-officio); and that those persons who have signified in writing their intention of becoming members of the Guild be and the same are hereby enrolled (subject to the approval of the Executive Committee) as foundation members, and shall be so distinguished in future in the records of the Guild.'

In his inaugural address, the Archdeacon confessed that he did not know there were any lady bellringers. He was not surprised, in these days, to find ladies in the bell towers, and he was sure they did their work there as well as they did it elsewhere. He was suffering from a cold, and had got up from his bed to be there. The Archdeacon's lot was not a happy one, as they used to sing about policemen, as he was the person who got most of the kicks and not much of the ha'pence (laughter). One of the kicks in that diocese was that he had frequently to act for the Bishop. If the Bishop had been there, he thought he would have said words of most cordial welcome to their newly-formed Guild. He would also have said that no organisation in the diocese would have his active sympathy to any degree more than would the Guild of Change Ringers. They had to make history with that organisation, but he did not know what history they would make. He knew nothing at all about ringing bells. He hoped in every sense of the word they would make harmony, and he hoped they would realise they could not make harmony unless they had the mind to work harmoniously with their fellow-members. That meeting augured well for the future. He came there rather expecting to see two old men and a fox terrier, but he found an enthusiastic gathering, which was a good augury for the Guild. On behalf of the Bishop he offered them hearty congratulations. They had evidently got the first essential of a successful organisation—a keen, energetic and far-seeing secretary—and so far as he was able to judge they had got such a person, and there was every prospect of success in the work which lay before them.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford, proposed, and Mr. R. Whittington, Cranleigh, seconded, that the objects and rules as approved at the preliminary general meeting on November 19th, 1927, be adopted, and this was carried.

THE OFFICERS.

The following general officers of the Guild were elected, on the motion of the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Rector of West Clandon, seconded by the Rev. J. Hamilton Jackson, Vicar of Shalford: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock; representative nominated for the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. F. Nye, Bugshot, seconded by Mr. J. A. Crocker, Chertsey, to open an account in the name of the Guild at Lloyds Bank, Woking, and that Admiral Walker be authorised to sign cheques drawn upon it. It was further agreed, on the motion of Mr. F. G. Woodiess, Banstead, seconded by Mr. A. Woodrow, Hersham, that the towers in the diocesan area be grouped into four districts.

The following resolutions, approved at the preliminary general meeting, were agreed, on the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Thorne, Ockham: (1) 'That members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild residing on December 31st, 1927, in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild not later than December 31st, 1928, on payment of one shilling'; (2) 'That compounding members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on December 31st, 1927, be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild not later than December 31st, 1928, on payment of one shilling'; (3) 'That in view of the opinion expressed at the four preliminary district meetings, the proposal of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, that life members of the Guild at the date of separation shall become members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment, be not entertained'; (4) 'That each tower where the Parochial Church Council pays the 5s. affiliation fee be given a "Certificate of affiliation" to hang in the belfry, and provided with a card to place in the porch of the church, giving particulars of the number of bells in the tower and the days and times of ringing'; (5) 'That the rules of the Guild, with the list of towers with rings of bells in the diocese, together with names and addresses of the Guild officers, and local secretaries, and the days and times of ringing at each church affiliated to the Guild, be printed and a copy supplied to each honorary and resident ringing member.'

At the instance of the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, Vicar of Leatherhead, seconded by Mr. W. Shepherd, Otlands, it was decided to hold a summer festival on the last Saturday in June, 1928, at Epsom, and that the annual meeting of the Guild be held at Guildford not later than April 30th, 1929.

Moving that the Organising Committee be discharged with thanks for their services, the Chairman said they had done their work uncommonly well. All their work had not been entirely free from snags and difficulties. The affiliation clause was a very difficult one. He also moved that the names of the committee be formally placed on the minutes of the inaugural meeting. One name stood out beyond all the others, that of Mr. Goldsmith, to whom the committee made a presentation and to his wife. Special mention should be made on the minutes of his services.

Mr. W. Shepherd seconded as one of the new members of the new Guild, and paid tribute to the work of the committee.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Goldsmith said the committee had worked without friction, although there were divergences of opinion, which were got over in excellent spirit. He wished to publicly thank the committee for the presents they gave to his wife and himself. When they started out, the members of the Winchester Guild residing in that area were not all of one mind, but the difficulties had been smoothed out in a most amicable way, and this led to the successful start. Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the honour which had been done to the new Guild by the presence of so many representatives of other Guilds and societies.

A WELCOME INTO THE EXERCISE.

Canon Coleridge offered a hearty welcome to the Guild on entry into the Exercise, and affiliation with the Central Council. He was present, he said, at their meeting on November 19th, and the enthusiasm and heartiness of it struck him as being marvellous. He wished them all prosperity, and was perfectly certain everyone would endeavour to pull together in the bond of peace and in unity, each member striving to do his very best, not with any selfish motive, to further the great cause of that Church work of bell ringing in the diocese.

Mr. Geo. Pullinger, as representing the Winchester Guild, said while his Guild regretted having to part with Guildford, they were delighted at the excellent start that had been made. The jubilee of the Winchester Guild would occur in 1929, and he suggested they might have a united meeting on the border line.

The new Master, Major Hesse, said they would all do their utmost to live up to the advice of Canon Coleridge. He felt they could not pay too much attention to the practices in the individual towers, and if they had unity there it would help the association to go ahead. He would do his best as Master, but he knew he had a big task in front of him. Through him, Mr. Pullinger had conveyed his best wishes, and said that he was getting on well.

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, Guildford, and W. Shepherd, Otlands, were elected by ballot as the representatives of the Guild on the Central Council.

Mr. Shepherd returned thanks for his election.

The Rev. C. F. Carver, Capel, proposed a vote of sympathy with the Bishop, and a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Blackburne. The Bishop, he said, had succeeded in getting into touch with every section of the community in the diocese, which meant they had a sympathetic Bishop.

Seconding, Admiral Walker said they appreciated what the Bishop had done for them. They had been asked on Sunday to ring a special touch from all the 50 odd towers in the diocese, conveying their message to the countryside of honour, joy and gladness that the Guild had been launched by the Bishop.

The chairman was thanked for presiding, on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by Canon Coleridge.

THE ARCHDEACON'S ADVICE.

A service in the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity followed, conducted by Canon E. C. Kirwan. A special form, which has been sanctioned by the Bishop, for the use of the Guild, was used. An address was given by Archdeacon Blackburne on the words, from Tennyson's famous poem: '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.' The Archdeacon said change was a condition of all life, and whatever could not adapt itself to change was dead. That was the long story of evolution on this planet. God's work was always by way of change. Anything that was new was at once an opportunity and challenge. An opportunity to show forth the kind of stuff of which they were made; an opportunity of bringing out the inherent qualities; challenge, because if those qualities are not there, then death must ensue because it cannot change. Many of them in the new Guildford diocese wanted no change, and at first he believed there were members of their Guild who did not want change and did not want to break away from the Winchester Guild very readily and happily. Signs were not wanting on all sides of the diocese that churchpeople were responding to the opportunity and taking up the challenge, as they looked everywhere with the greatest hope to the coming of the new year. The idea of that service was that they might have a pause in their occupations, between business and the comradeship which, doubtless, they would share in a few moments. Pause that they might realise what that business was that called them together—the real meaning and purpose of the organisation to which they belonged. In a sense they were servants and officials of the Church. It was so very easy to become proficient in the mere conduct of the paraphernalia of the Church's work; it was so easy to become just a capable servant and to forget the service in which they were engaged. He knew their temptations. It was that the bells might sound well, and that they might strike them accurately and well. There was the temptation to think that was the end of their work. They must not be content with the mere superficial efficiency of their work. They must try to get at the real spirit of it, and what a ministry was theirs. They called people to worship, but how could they call them with real sympathy if they did not propose to join in the worship themselves. They must think of their ministry as one of real sympathy. And, finally,

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NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST.

Wireless listeners on New Year's Day found the bells playing their part. At midnight, millions heard Great Peter, of York, for the first time, as that beautiful and sonorous bell, which the Loughborough Foundry recently installed, boomed out the hour which marked the advent of 1928. And then, a few minutes later, as part of the solemn service at the Minster, the bells pealed out their message, not only over the city of York, but literally over the world.

Then in the evening there was an example from Birmingham Cathedral of how bell broadcasting should be done. The bells started out of the silence and continued for about two minutes in rounds, followed by a bob course of Stedman Caters, rounds, and again silence, the sound of the organ coming into the ether a few moments later.

Have the Birmingham men, who were the first to broadcast change ringing, at length taught the B.B.C. how this sort of thing should be done? We hope so. At any rate, they themselves have learnt exactly how to regulate their ringing to fit the programme, if only they are given their full allotted time, and announcers will refrain from superimposing their remarks.

ROYAL METHODS.

Owing to the difficulty in explaining by telephone, to the uninitiated, corrections to a printer's proof of matter which appears in these columns, an error was made in the letter of 'Bellitis' under the above heading last week. The short-circuiting lead-heads of Bob Royal are the fourth and seventh.

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he believed that all the finest art in the world had been done, and all the finest things in the world had been made, by men and women because God had inspired them by some measure of their spirit.

In conclusion, the Archdeacon quoted the following lines from Bishop Butler's magnificent hymn: 'Low lies the best; live for the gift that thou thyself has given; low lies the best, till lifted up to Heaven.' In that sense, he said, might they make the bells ring out across the snow, and in that sense might they ring out the false and ring in the true.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The company subsequently adjourned to the St. Saviour's Parish Hall for tea, at the conclusion of which Mr. Goldsmith thanked members of visiting associations for supporting them in the formation of the new Guild. He mentioned that there would shortly perhaps be bell augmentations at Thames Ditton and at Old Woking, and that contributions to the funds would be welcome in each parish.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Drewitt replied, extending their best wishes for the success of the Guild. The latter said ringers to-day wanted more room, and that was one of the reasons for the inception of their Guild.

Major Hesse thanked Canon Kirwan, his choir and organist for the afternoon's service.

Canon Kirwan said the Bishop was looking forward with considerable pleasure to have addressed them, and he was much grieved to have missed that and other engagements. At Holy Trinity they were anxious to make their eight bells into ten. He wished all a happy and prosperous new year.

Mr. Elliott Kitchener, one of the joint editors, made an appeal for subscribers to the 'Diocesan Gazette.'

On the suggestion of Mr. W. Harrison, it was decided to send a message of congratulation to Mr. Alfred Pulling on his improved health and the news of his election as representative to the Central Council. It was also decided to forward a message of sympathy to the Bishop.

Ringings afterwards took place at St. Nicolas' Church.

THE FIRST PEAL FOR THE GUILD.

Special ringing was organised at many of the churches in the diocese on Sunday—the first day of the Guild's existence—to celebrate the event.

The first peal for the Guild was rung on Sunday at Capel, where, years ago, there was a very famous six-bell band. In addition to being noteworthy as the first peal by the new Guild, the performance on New Year's Day had other interesting features upon which the band is to be congratulated. The band was only formed in September last, and it was the first peal by four of the ringers, and the first with a bob bell by another. Moreover, the peal was rung at the first attempt. Mrs. W. Spooner, who rang her first peal, learned to handle a rope only about a year ago, and is the first lady to ring a peal at this church.

At Bagshot, after ringing in the afternoon, the ringers entertained to tea the clergy, churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins. by Admiral T. P. Walker 1, A. P. Osborne 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, W. H. Edwards 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, H. Greenhill 6.

At St. Andrew's, Farnham, for morning service, and in commemoration of the inauguration of the Guild, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's, 1,260 changes) in 48 mins. by: J. Read 1, E. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The third list of donations given below further reveals the generosity of ringers when an appeal is made to them in a deserving cause. From all parts of the country members of the Exercise, singly or in bands, have shown their readiness to help, and we thankfully acknowledge the various sums which have been received on behalf of Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, who for years was known to our readers only by his nom-de-plume of 'Irenæus Pistor.'

Those who have not already subscribed still have the opportunity of doing so. 'Irenæus' affliction is no mere passing disability. Smitten with permanent blindness, and having inadequate means of subsistence, something more than the relief of immediate necessities is required.

We hope many more companies and individuals will send us their contributions, and help us to raise a fund that, as suggested in a letter printed below, may enable permanent assistance to be given to a family who, until their circumstances became known through 'Nemo,' were carrying on a silent and heroic struggle against adversity.

The fraternal spirit of the Exercise shows itself in many directions; there is no better way in which it can be demonstrated than by support given to this fund.

All contributions sent through the Editor of 'The Ringing World' are gratefully acknowledged in these columns—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	43	5	6
Christmas belfry collections:—			
Leeds Parish Church company		10	0
Christ Church, Mitcham, ringers	1	10	0
St. Neots Parish Church ringers		10	0
Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, ringers		11	6
St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, ringers	1	10	0
St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, ringers		7	0
Coalbrookdale ringers	1	0	0
Keighley Parish Church bellringers		8	0
St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers		10	6
Holsover, Derbyshire, ringers	1	0	0
St. Andrew's company, Folkingham, Lincs		10	6
Ringers of St. Botolph's, Boston, Lincs		10	0
Ringers of Sibsey, Lincs		2	0
Great Yarmouth Parish Church bellringers		10	0
St. Thomas' Cathedral belfry, Portsmouth		17	6
Manchester Town Hall Police bellringers	1	0	0
Ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead		7	6
Other contributions:—			
Canon G. F. Coleridge	1	1	0
'Plain Bob'		2	6
J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester		2	6
S. Jones, jun., Eccleston, Chester		2	6
W. E. Cheater, Ringwood, Hants		2	6
A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs		5	0
'Campanula'		2	6
From a few of his brother ringers who are left at Ilkeston, and friends: H. Harrison (5s.), E. C. Gobey (5s.), J. E. George (5s.), F. Huften (5s.), R. Dodd (2s. 6d.), Capt. P. Maltby (2s. 6d.), S. Paling (1s.), — Needham (1s.), J. C. (6d.), E. J. C. (6d.)	1	3	0
A few friends, per Arthur Knights	1	1	0
'Gy'	1	0	0
C. Groves, Portsmouth		2	0
J. D. Harris, Portsmouth		2	0
W. Brown, Manchester		5	0
W. Steed, Tonbridge		5	0
W. H. Waldron, Peterborough		2	0
C. T. Coles, Higham's Park		2	6
Miss Mills, Aldershot		2	0
Mrs. R. T. Hibbert, Reading		1	0
J. H. Sholker, Ormskirk		2	6
Anonymous		1	0
G. Williams, West End, Southampton		5	0
Anonymous		2	0
R. Paine, Winchester		4	0
G. R. Pye, Shadwell Heath, Essex		5	0
W. J. N.		2	6
E. Jenkins, Warrington		5	0
Friends at St. Marie's, Sheffield		10	0
A. W. Coles, Briston		2	6
W. Watts, Lower Beeding, Sussex		2	6
'A Brother Ringer,' Hertfordshire		5	0
C. V. Ebberson, Snettisham		3	0
'Sympathiser'	1	0	0
Anonymous		2	0
C. I. D.		2	0
Total	£64	6	0

In forwarding a contribution to the fund, Mr. E. Jenkins, of Warrington, writes: I have nothing but admiration for the very practical manner in which you are coping with the case of our unfortunately (Continued in next column.)

NOTICES.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be hung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Staveley, Jan. 6th. Will members desiring tea please advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, as early as possible?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham (8) Saturday, Jan. 7th, Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Will all ringers concerned please note the new secretary's address?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Inaugural meetings of the proposed New Districts of Southampton, Winchester and Alton.—The first for the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The Winchester District meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th, and the Alton District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock in each case. Ringing arrangements as usual.—W. T. Tucker, Sec. pro tem., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s.) to members. —Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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afflicted brother ringer, and I sincerely trust that the fund will grow until it will be a permanent benefit to our friend 'Irenæus.' Many societies have a 'bell fund'; it would seem that there is an equal need for a ringers' relief fund. That it would be subscribed to is illustrated by the generous response to your appeal on behalf of 'Irenæus.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 3.30. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells at 2.30. Evensong at 4. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Jan. 7th. Tower open at 3. Those intending to be present are requested to notify the secretary, J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester, not later than Jan. 4th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, Jan. 5th?—John Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross.

PHILLOTT MEMORIAL.—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will unveil a memorial tablet in St. Mary's Church Tower, Cheltenham, on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 2 p.m., to the memory of the late Mr. Geo. Henry Philloft, who was a co-founder, 50 years ago, on that date. All welcome.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers for 1928 will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Monday, January 8th. Bells (10) available 7 o'clock. All ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Secretary.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 14th. Service at 4.20 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Those requiring tea, please send a card by the 11th.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Horne) on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, January 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who advise me not later than Thursday, Jan. 12th. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Black Boy Hotel at 7 p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their best to be present at this meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Wigan branch members especially invited. Those intending to be present please notify me before Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Reports ready. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be available. All visitors are welcome. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Craven, M.A., Rector of Sandhurst. Tea in Church House 4.45, followed by business meeting. Towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's open for ringing before service and after meeting. Tea, 6d., to all who inform me by Monday, Jan. 9th. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel California, Wokingham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 10th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 10th. — C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS. — A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech Branches, will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, by Tuesday, Jan. 10th? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron and H. W. Giddings, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 14th (Hinckley bells not being available). Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. A good representative meeting is hoped for. Business includes election of district officers, etc. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all district members please endeavour to attend? All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Road, Burton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready early. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Chapel 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please make arrangements easier by making applications for tea before Jan. 10th to C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley?

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West District Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special bus service from Plymouth. All requiring seats please communicate with E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15. — Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD (Central and Southern Districts combined). — A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, W.C., will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting. All requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Elsie L. Hairs, Dis. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service at St. Nicolas' Church 5 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Sir John Herschel). Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Woodbridge Road, 5.45. Meeting at 6.30. Bells of St. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as some important business has to be discussed. It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Hodgson). Tea provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by general meeting. Those intending to take tea (reasonable charge) must notify Mr. E. F. Payne, 30, Upper Church Street, Syston, not later than the 18th inst. A good attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Jan. 18th.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner. — The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige.

Ringling: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEDDINGTON.—All ringing is suspended until further notice.—Charles H. Kippin, Steeplekeeper.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At Durham Cathedral on Christmas Day, for the afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Cooper 1, J. R. Temple 2, C. E. Vasey 3, R. A. Johnson 4, E. L. Allison 5, W. H. Johnson 6, E. E. Ferry (conductor) 7, Roulandson, H. Oliver and J. Henderson 8 (30 cwt.). Longest length in the method by all except the conductor, and longest length in any method for the ringers of the treble, 4th, 5th and tenor. All who took part are regular service ringers at the above cathedral. It is the first time a quarter-peal has ever been rung at Durham Cathedral for a service. Change ringing was commenced at this cathedral on October 24th, 1926; previous to that, call changes were the order of the day. The band have the wholehearted support of the Dean and Chapter, and therefore hope for still better things.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. L. Guttridge 1, J. Harrison 2, P. M. Moss 3, R. Turner 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Batting 6, *H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, W. H. Fletcher 8. * First as conductor in the method.—On Christmas Day for morning service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins.: R. Buckland 1, C. G. Mayne (conductor) 2, P. M. Moss 3, W. H. Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, H. Wingrove 6, J. Batting 7, A. S. Bagley 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Christmas Eve, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Large 1, J. Atkins 2, A. Rose 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Withers 5, E. Boylin 6, G. Pigott (conductor) 7, S. Freemantle 8.—On Christmas morning, 504 Stedman Triples.

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SIDNEY F. PALMER 5	†ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. ...Tenor

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

*ERNEST CUTSPORTH ... ..Treble	*TOM WILDE 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	*PETER LAFLIN 8
EDWARD JENKINS 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY 9
JOHN WILKINSON 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS (No. 1).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN LEE ... ..Treble	†FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
*FRANK JENNINGS 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5	JOHN AVERY ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters inside. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Believed to be the quickest ten-bell peal ever rung on tower bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Monday, January 2nd, 720 Bob Minor:
*P. Jaycock 1, W. E. Taylor 2, G. J. Berry 3, C. F. J. Bunce 4, *T. Newcombe 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER... ..	Treble	CECIL NICE	5
BERNARD WELLS... ..	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...	3	WALTER CLAYDON	7
ALFRED J. BULL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the 7th.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED HINDLE	Treble	WILLIAM HORAN	5
MISS ROSE A. BELL... ..	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
JOHN CRYER	3	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	7
*JAMES INGHAM	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ...	Treble	†JAMES SWINDLEY	5
WILLIAM BIBBY... ..	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	SAM JONES, JUN... ..	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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	WILLIAM NIBLETT	5
*WILLIAM HALFORD	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	WILLIAM RANFORD	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal away from the treble. The conductor's 200th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE	Treble	CHARLES E. NORRIS	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	7
CYRIL TANSELL	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	5
HERBERT C. ALBROW	2	ARTHUR MARTIN	6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. The first peal of Surprise Major upon the bells. The 'holiday thanks' of the visitors are due to the Vicar and Mr. F. Dentry for kind permission to ring. The latter, although away from home for Christmas, very thoughtfully secured an excellent 'trebleman' to complete the band.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER ...	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE	5
SAMUEL TAYLOR	2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
WILLIAM SPICE	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Double Norwich.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

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

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..	Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
CHARLES R. BELTON	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	THOMAS K. DEACON	7
GEORGE THOMPSON	4	FRED COTTON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD... ..	5
JOHN C. NEWMAN	2	*GEORGE HAYWARD	6
WALTER ARNOLD... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for London, Messrs. Newman and Hayward kindly standing in to make up the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Inspector Ridgwell, of Saffron Waldon, who was unable to stand in, and also on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, of Great Tey, the former being for many years a ringer at St. Peter ad Vincula's, Coggeshall. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained at the Bell Inn by a member of the company, who, it is hoped, will also during the present year celebrate his golden wedding.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... Treble	FRANK BECKETT 5
CHARLES COLES 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
HARRY TOLLEY 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 7
WILLIAM COLLETT 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by all except the ringers of the 7th and tenor, and the first in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Harris, who was foreman of the above tower for many years, and who passed peacefully away on December 26th.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*MISS N. M. BIBBY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. A compliment to Mr. Thomas Houghton on completing 61 years' service as a ringer at this church.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. LEWIS Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	CHARLES S. BIRD 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
*ARTHUR H. FULWELL 4	†WILLIAM T. GODFREY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung for watchnight service.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS FREDA E. ORR Treble	RONALD BULLEN 5
F. E. COLLINS 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	E. G. GARRARD Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

Rung for the watchnight service.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MISS HILDA COLLISHAW ... Treble	T. BRAUMONT 5
C. A. WINNER 2	†W. S. BRAUMONT 6
E. A. G. ALLEN 3	P. C. SPRINGHAM 7
†S. T. JERRETT 4	*W. COLLISHAW Tenor

Conducted by E. A. G. ALLEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. W. Collishaw and Miss Collishaw are father and daughter.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	JOHN THOMPSON 6
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*LEONARD E. TOWERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, the ringer of the tenor kindly obliging at a minute's notice. Members of the band wish to thank Mrs. Ballard for the tea after the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin Cattell.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
BENJAMIN COUGH 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS 3	†CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
*JOHN ROUND 4	ALBERT TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † 50th peal. The ringers extend their thanks to the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Cheverton) for his kind hospitality at the close of the peal.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
FRED STUBBS 2	HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 6
GEORGE JEFFES, JUN. 3	LESLIE GROOM 7
CYRIL WILSON 4	FRANK KIRK Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

Arranged and rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL, H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD E. RYDER Treble	WILLIAM WONNACOTT ... 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 6
HARRY TIPPETT 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE 4	WILLIAM RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Bob Major. Quarterly peal of the branch.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	HARRY R. PASMORE 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE. This peal was produced by Rev. H. Law James, and Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
*GEORGE CURSON 2	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in the Kent variation.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. NASH ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	*CYRIL TANSELL 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..Treble	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 5
EDWARD P. ASHBY 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
THOMAS H. NORRIS 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
GEORGE FOSTER 4	WALTER J. SIMONS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER MARSHALL ... ..Treble	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
GEORGE FULLER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	BERTRAM LUCK ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal, also his 50th for the above association, and 25th as conductor.

SHEFFIELD.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS C. RYDER (Rotherham) ... ..Treble	
MISS ELSIE SMITH (Norton)... .. 2	
MRS. H. JACQUES (Mansfield Woodhouse) 3	
MISS EVA HOPKINS (Handsworth) 4	
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT (Dore) 5	
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE (Handsworth) 6	
*MISS AMY TAYLOR (Worksop) 7	
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK (Duffield)... ..Tenor	

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD (C.C.C. 115).

Conducted by MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Major ever rung entirely by ladies.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

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

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSR ... ..Treble	*JOHN HOYLE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* Elected a member previous to starting. First eight-bell peal by the Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
†RONALD RUSSELL 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles on tower bells. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's extent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS HULL ... ..Treble	ALBERT HALSEY 4
*BERT HALSEY 2	*LEONARD TURNER 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	ERNEST HUNTTenor

Conducted by ERNEST HUNT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Double Court, Kent, Woodbine, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BERT A. SMITH Treble	*LEONARD E. WOOLLARD ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	HENRY HAWES 5
*THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by G. W. ABLITT.

* First peal.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

ARCHIE HENMAN Treble	HARRY BAXTER 4
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*ALBERT THOMAS Treble	†CHARLES V. SANDLAND ... 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
†HAROLD G. SMITH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
*MISS DORIS CLARK 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first 'touch' in the method. The concluding 720 in this peal was the conductor's 398th 720 in the last three years. Rung in eight counties in 64 different towers.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(VALE OF WHITE HORSE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. DIKE Treble	E. HUGHES 4
F. WHEELER 2	H. TAYLOR 5
C. J. PEARCE 3	T. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 15, RUGBY STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

ROBERT PICKERING 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5-6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3-4	JOHN PERRY 7-8
*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9-10	

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

* 100th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters in hand for the society and by all except the ringer of 5-6.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

At 29, VAUXHALL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 10 in A.

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

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Witness: EDWIN CATTELL.

* First peal away from tenors. First peal of Minor in hand by the band, and in Leicester. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Belton, of Barwell.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	WALTER ARNOLD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BELL OPENING AT WHADDON, BUCKS.

PERFECT 'HOME' FOR A NEW RING.

The new peal of six bells at Whaddon, near Bletchley, was dedicated on Monday, December 19th, by the Bishop of Buckingham, in the presence of a large congregation of residents and visiting ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Whaddon (the Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes, M.A.), and the Bishop, a dignified figure in cope and mitre, gave a most interesting address upon the origin and use of bells for religious purposes throughout the Christian era.

Great interest in their new bells has been taken by the residents of this once Royal Chase, now famous as the centre of the Whaddon Hunt. Only the oldest of inhabitants can remember the old bells, which had not been rung for nearly fifty years. The church, an ancient and beautiful edifice, containing some 12th century work, stands upon an eminence in the centre of Whaddon Chase, and commands from the tower top magnificent views of this wonderful hunting country for miles around. A better home for a good peal of bells could not be wished, and this new and beautiful ring will be heard to exceptional advantage over the countryside.

It was found possible, with minor replacements and certain strengthening measures, to retain the old oak frame, the massive timbers for which were cut many generations ago from the famous oaks of Whaddon Chase, from which were also built many of the 'wooden walls' which fought and won at Trafalgar. Some of the timbers of the bell frame are as large as 24in. x 12in. and 18in. x 14in. The bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tenor weighing 14½ cwt.; and the result is a very musical peal, each bell having that clear, full tone which makes for good striking. The large number of visiting ringers were well satisfied with both the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung on cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings. A new ringing room has been formed above the vestry, fronted by an oak balustrading of harmonious design, with the result that ringing conditions are excellent.

The opening touch after the service was a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor by J. E. Jones (Rickmansworth), H. Sear (Bletchley), S. Smith (Bletchley), W. Soar (Bletchley), F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth), and J. H. R. Freeborn (Rickmansworth). Subsequently, the large company of visiting ringers kept the bells going till 9.30 p.m. in all the standard methods. Amongst the visitors were the Vicar of Edgworth, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. E. C. Lambert.

A young and enthusiastic band of ringers has been formed by the Vicar, who has secured the able services as instructors of the brothers Sear, of Bletchley, who will be conveyed the six miles from Bletchley and back once a week by the Vicar in his car—an example which might be followed where there are struggling bands badly needing instruction.

FESTIVITIES IN NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Nortonians, in the spirit of the past traditions of the company at St. James' Church, and by the kind invitation and generosity of Mr. Fletcher, of the Grange, held one of its famous Christmas Eves amid pleasant fare and festivity, with handbells, music and dancing.

After a dozen tunes on the 32 new handbells by the company, for the entertainment of the guests in the hall, the younger members managed to scrape through a short touch of 'Grandsire,' which was much appreciated.

After the programme, the company retired to enjoy the splendid Christmas fare provided for them by their host.

Mirth and merriment continued until a late hour, several more items being given on the bells, and finally, after 'John Peel,' all joined hands for the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH ACTIVITY.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday last, and was largely attended.

Ringling commenced about 2.45 p.m., at St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Churches. The Guild service was held at St. John's, and was conducted by the Rector of Devizes (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke), who gave an instructive address on the text, 'They brought unto Him gifts.' The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and Mr. H. Baker was the organist.

Tea followed in St. John's Parish Room, over 60 being present, including Mrs. C. D. Heginbotham and Mrs. F. Green (Devizes), Mr. West (Melksham), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Beechingstoke), Rev. J. A. Sturton (Market Lavington), Rev. A. T. H. Clarke (Rector of Devizes), and the curate-in-charge of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who, in his review of the work of the branch during the past year, said the wave of enthusiasm which came over the ringing world after the war seemed to have died down, but there was nothing to be alarmed about, as things seemed to be settled down to real hard work, and progress was being made in the more advanced methods. With regard to their own branch, some notable peals had been rung, especially the peal of Double Norwich and the long peal of Major, both at Bradford-on-Avon.

He would also like to congratulate Messrs. S. J. Hector and C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, on scoring their first peal of Cambridge, although this was not rung for the Salisbury Guild. He also congratulated the members of St. John's, Devizes, who had scored their first peal. He was sorry he had been unable to visit all the towers of the branch, as in the previous year, but if there was any band in the branch which wanted help in any matter he would be pleased to give his assistance.

With regard to restorations, the bells at Market Lavington had been put in excellent order by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Money was still coming in (although slowly) for All Cannings. Rowde had collected sufficient for their bells to be put in order. A second floor was to be put in at St. John's, Devizes, which would make ringing more pleasant there. With regard to South Wraxall bells, nothing yet had been done, but he hoped it was not too late. He thanked the officers of the branch for their support during the past year.

Mr. F. Green, secretary of the branch, presented the financial statement, which was very satisfactory, and showed a balance in hand. In his report for the year, he said there had been a slight falling off in the number of members. Netheravon tower had ceased to be affiliated

to the branch. He would like to thank the tower correspondents and others for their kind assistance during the past year, and Mr. H. Brownlee-West, of Devizes (who, to the regret of everyone was absent on account of advanced years) for auditing the accounts.—On the proposition of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, the report was adopted.

On the motion of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, seconded by Mr. W. Bolwell, the officers were re-elected en bloc.

The Chairman, in thanking the members, said he had intended to resign, but influence had been brought to bear on him from outside, and with the continued help of the other officers he would do his best to carry on.

Mr. B. Cook, vice-chairman, also returned thanks for re-election, and hoped that all the members would try and make the branch a success.

Mr. F. Green, secretary, Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. Jesse Francis, Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master respectively, also returned thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. W. C. West, seconded by Mr. B. Cook, an honorarium was voted to the secretary.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, a collection was made for 'The Ringing World' appeal on behalf of 'Irenæus Pistor,' which realised £1 7s., which sum has since been forwarded by the secretary.

The Chairman thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and also Mr. Baker, the organist.—The Rector made a humorous reply, and this terminated the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Bratton, Beechingstoke, Bromham, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Chippenham, All Cannings, Market Lavington, Chirton, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge and Westbury.

Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and other methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, it was decided, if arrangements can be made, to hold a half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge in future, the same to be a fixed meeting.

MR. C. WALLATER'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 18 (conducted 5), Caters 10, Cinques 3; Stedman Doubles 1, Triples 76 (conducted 29), Caters 24 (conducted 2), Cinques 7; Bob Major 18 (conducted 4), Royal 6, Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Royal 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Erin Triples 1, Caters 1; Double Norwich Major 10; Cambridge Surprise Major 11; London Surprise (on treble) 1; total, 200.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. A. Hudson, conductor of the Parish Church company, Hemingbrough, Yorks, and 'Uncle Joe's' Treble Bob pal, has had the misfortune to break a leg, but, although 'out of the hunt,' he is progressing as well as can be expected.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, Yorks, has recovered from his recent motor accident, and Mr. Horace Morley, of the Selby Abbey band, is now back at work, after suffering from appendicitis.

Momentarily blinded by approaching car lights, when motor-cycling near Woking, a few weeks ago, Mr. W. M. Stone, an 18-year-old member of Holy Trinity Cathedral band, Guildford, came into collision with a horse-drawn vehicle. He is lying in Woking Victoria Hospital suffering from severe head injuries, including a fractured skull (front), nose, cheek, and jaw. He passed the danger point a week ago, and his full recovery is now hoped for.

The reports of two peals rung by the Southern Branch of the Worcester Association, conducted by Mr. O. Attwood, have been sent in without the names of the places where they were rung.

An interesting anniversary occurs next week. On January 19th, 1724, the first peal of Grandsire Cinques ever rung and, presumably, the first twelve-bell peal, was performed at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where seven or eight years before the first peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung.

On the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society of Redenhall, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Samuel Thurston, was rung on January 13th, 1838.

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

One hundred and ten years ago to-morrow died that great Kentish ringer, James Barham, of Leeds. He was 93 years of age, and had to his credit many wonderful performances, both as ringer and conductor.

The first peal of Double Bob Major was rung on January 14th, 1726, at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, by a company of College Youths.

On January 15th, 1774, a peal of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 1 min. at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

The first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hants, and, incidentally, the first peal by its present Master, Mr. George Williams, was rung at Soherston 44 years ago next Tuesday.

On Sunday, January 17th, 1866, a peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on handbells by the Union Society, Liverpool, at the house of Mr. Robert Halts, in Old Parter Butt, Whitechapel, Liverpool. This, with a peal of Kent Major rung later in the year, were, it is believed, the first peals of Treble Bob on handbells in Liverpool.

LADIES RING A PEAL OF MAJOR.

A performance of outstanding interest, recorded this week, is the first peal of Major rung by a band composed wholly of the gentler sex. This was a peal of Plain Bob rung on Saturday at Handsworth, Sheffield, where the tenor is 12 cwt. The Exercise will congratulate them upon their performance. The conductor was Miss Molly Davenport, the hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, whose forthcoming marriage to one of the most popular 'ringing parsons,' the Rev. Everard S. Powell, of Helbeton, Plymouth, has been announced.

Miss E. Fowlke, of Duffield, turned the tenor in, and admirably, we are told, did she perform the task. The local band at Handsworth have asked us publicly to convey their congratulations to the ladies.

After the peal, the ringers were hospitably entertained at the Rectory by the Rev. and Mrs. Baker.

MEMORIAL TO MR. GEORGE HENRY PHILLOTT.

ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE REACHED.

The 50th anniversary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association's foundation was reached on Sunday, January 8th.

To mark the occasion it was decided to unveil a memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, who, with Rev. C. D. P. Davies (present Master of the association), founded the organisation in Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House. Ringers present at Cheltenham for the unveiling came from Bristol, Gloucester, Painswick and the surrounding districts.

In the presence of a company numbering about 45, the Rector of St. Mary's Church dedicated the tablet to the glory of God.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in a brief speech, spoke of the valued friendship of the late Mr. Phillott, and said he had been reading in 'The Ringing World' only the day before of the foundation of the Guildford Diocesan Association. This made him think of that day 50 years ago, and of the task that had then been undertaken. What a difference then to the position of to-day. They never thought that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association would reach the size it had now attained. He hoped that the association would continue to grow.

Mr. W. T. Pates gave a welcome to all the visitors, and the Hon. Secretary said how pleased they were to have Mr. Pates and Rev. C. D. P. Davies with them. Mr. E. Guise also said how much Mr. Phillott had helped the association, and he treasured that memory.

Miss Phillott (daughter) was present at the ceremony. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters were rung.

BEGINNERS' THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.' PROGRESSION.

If we have two cars which travel 55 miles in 43 minutes and 43 miles in 37½ minutes respectively, we cannot be sure which is travelling faster, but when both are reduced to standard terms of miles per hour, we shall find that both cars approximate the same speed of 69 miles per hour.

The ringing parallel is a standard relating to rounds. For instance, our Bob Major lead-ends are each related to the one next following by the transposition of 13527486, as we know, but this is not very apparent when viewed thus:—

If 15738264 becomes 17856342,

Then 18674523 becomes 16482735.

But when both examples are reduced to 'standard terms' relating to rounds, we can see the similarity immediately. Read the pairs downwards, as before:—

If 15738264 becomes 17856342, and If 18674523 becomes 16482735
Then 12345678 becomes 13527486, and Then 12345678 becomes 13527486

It is now very evident that both are one and the same transposition. The literal meaning of 'progression' is forward movement. Mathematically, 'progression' is a series portraying movement of a given set relationship throughout. 0-1-2-3-4, or 0-2-4-6-8, or 0-3-6-9-12, are expressions of arithmetical progression. The old story of the smith who contracted to shoe the squire's horse at a cost of one farthing for the first nail and doubling the price of each successive nail, would indicate that the smith knew all about geometrical progression.

As applied to methods, one sense of the term (with which this article particularly deals) might be described as the order, expressed in standard terms, in which bells move from place to place in given rows. Bells which appear in the same positions in these given rows have made no 'progression,' and therefore are deleted from the 'standard order.' For instance, the treble makes no progress in the lead-end rows, always appearing in first's place therein.

Now examine the 'quarter-lead-end' and half-lead-end' in our Superlative analysis. The bells which have not progressed are in brackets, and the remainder are carried out to one side:—

The lead-head of principle (1)2345(678) (or) 2345

Becomes, at first quarter (1)4523(678) (or) 4523

and:—

The first quarter (1)4(52)3678 (or) 43678

Becomes, at second quarter (1)3(52)7486 (or) 37486

Express the above in standard terms, by reading the pairs downwards as before:—

If 2345 becomes 4523, and If 43678 becomes 37486

Then 1234 becomes 3412, and Then 12345 becomes 24153

Then a 'quarter-lead progression' of Superlative is equal to 3412, and the 'half-lead' to 24153. In other words, the first causes four bells to progress in the standard order of 3412, and the second causes five bells to progress in the standard order of 24153.

The 'progressions' of the third and fourth quarters in the summary will be found to be identical with those given above, bearing in mind that the third quarter commences from 13527486 (instead of rounds as in the first quarter). The progression produced by the alternative division of the 'd' places, as before mentioned, will also be found to be identical.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding 'A Beginner's Theory,' I should like to emphasise a significant remark in the Editorial of September 8th, where there was half promised some instructive matter when these articles were finished, 'if there is any desire for it,' and also to recall to mind some 'Hints to conductors' by J. A. T., which were published some time back, with a promise of more, (again) 'if there is any desire for them.' I do not remember having seen any since, and I wonder why?

The bald statement that a technical journal cannot afford space for certain features is rather misleading. Properly qualified, it is thus: 'That a journal such as 'The Ringing World' cannot afford to allot space to matter which does not appeal to a requisite number of readers.'

'A Beginner's Theory' is the result of a suggestion that a beginner might better be able to approach his fellows than the expert who usually compiles the text books, with what success, only the individual may judge. No doubt, its reception has been very mixed, varying from appreciation to open hostility, but, in the opinion of the writer, the Editor has backed a very 'sporting proposition' to the tune of some thirty-odd columns of valuable space, and the point I wish to stress is this, that some indication should be forthcoming as to what the 'beginner' would appreciate, if the 'Instruction page' is to become a practical proposition.

The subject matter of an established journal obviously is the outcome of the experience of years, and it is only reasonable to assume that a departure should have promise of an adequate backing. It is futile for isolated writers in the correspondence columns to advocate elementary or advanced instruction; the demand must be general.

In short, to the 'beginner' (advanced or otherwise) I would say, do not let our interests be neglected for the want of a three-halfpenny stamp. If enough of us ask for an 'Instruction page' it will be forthcoming in the journal's own interests; if not enough, it is absurd to lay blame upon the Editor for that which is the result of our own lethargy.

Do not overlook that phrase, 'IF THERE IS ANY DESIRE FOR IT.'

Finally, I would make acknowledgement to those gentlemen whose kindly help from time to time has made possible these articles from the pen of a 'theory beginner.'

FINIS.

May I draw attention to an omission in the article of December 30th, page 326, first column? The division of the 'd' places in the first quarter should read:—

Row	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8	. . d . . . d
9	. . d . . . d

MINORMANIA.

A QUERY COLUMN SUGGESTED.

Dear Sir,—I am sure you welcome any suggestion from your readers which may help in the instruction of young ringers. May I suggest that you institute a Query column in 'The Ringing World,' whereby a learner, requiring information on a ringing subject, may send his problem up, the question and answer appearing later in the page allocated to the purpose? Perhaps other readers of your valuable paper will voice their opinion on this matter.—Yours faithfully,

F. NEALE.

TREBLE BOB.

STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION.

The whole of the Treble Bob methods are derived from the plain hunting course in different ways. Let us begin with the examination of Oxford and Kent.

Look at this course on four bells.

The treble is the bell in the hunt, and she never goes above 2nd's place. Add two bells in the work and we get:

1234	above 2nd's place. Add two bells in the	123456
2143	work and we get:	214365
2134	This is a perfect plain course, and a large	213456
1243	number of Treble Bob methods are obtained	213456
1423	from it by alteration of the hunt. Make an	124365
4132	alteration from the 2nd to the 3rd row by	412635
4123	letting 1-2 change and 3-4 make places.	etc.
1432	This puts 2 in the hunt and the treble in the	
1342	work; we now ring a plain course with 2 in	
etc.	the hunt, and the working bells in course	
	order, 3, 6, 5, 4, 1. This plain course is the	123456
	same length as the plain course with the	214365
	treble in the hunt; its first row is 124356,	124356
	and its last row 123465. 1-2 then change places, and 3-4	213465
	make places. The treble is now in the hunt, and we get	
	to the next row of our original course, 213456.	

Each other lead of the plain course being treated in this way produces Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the plain course of (b) ford Treble Bob Minor really consists of six plain courses. One of these has the treble in the hunt, and it comes up four rows at a time in five separate pieces. Each of the others comes up complete with a different bell in the hunt, as follows:—

2 in the hunt: coursing order	3.6.5.4.1
4 " " " "	2.5.3.6.1
6 " " " "	4.3.2.5.1
5 " " " "	6.2.4.3.1
3 " " " "	5.4.6.2.1

The cross sections of a Treble Bob method are lead-heads and lead-ends of these secondary plain courses.

Kent differs from Oxford in that we make places twice over. Rob the plain course with the treble in the hunt of ten of its rows, and substitute ten other rows for them, and cause the other five courses to have their working bells in the coursing order of the plain hunting course with the treble and the bell in the hunt transposed.

In the collection of Minor methods are twenty-four Treble Bob methods, and anyone who wishes to understand the real nature of Treble Bob methods cannot do better than find the bell in the hunt in each of these methods, remembering that it is liable to change again when the treble is up in 5-6, and that it is never above second's place.

The extension of Oxford and Kent is very simple; each of the six courses consisting of 20 rows each becomes a course of 28 rows, and two more courses of the same length appear because there are two more bells to take their turn in the hunt.

H. L. JAMES.

NEXT WEEK.

The ringers of Wath-on-Deane rang 187 Minor extents in 194 methods in 1927, and details of this remarkable performance will appear in our next issue, together with a further contribution by Mr. J. A. Trollope on method extension, and an interesting article by Mr. Harold Walker on Hatfield (Yorks) Church and its bells.

BELL TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The tuning of bells is a discussion that will always keep cropping up amongst ringers, and the recent article by Mr. Young is very interesting, but not at all convincing. We are given to understand that Grimthorpe and Simpson were men who had the courage of their convictions, and who evidently considered themselves experts on bells and their tuning. Taylor appears to have taken both these men seriously, and to-day we can see the result. Doncaster and Burton are both recast, and the good news has come through that Worcester will soon be on the way (no tears, please!). St. Paul's are left, and what can be said of them? From a musical point of view they are most disappointing, and when their weight is taken into consideration they, like the rest of Grimthorpe's, are a failure. I am judging them now from the outside. I am not unmindful of how uniform they are when ringing them, thanks to the splendid flooring under them. Had this peal been in any other tower than St. Paul's they would have been in the 'pot' years ago.

Mr. Young speaks of Bow bells as famous. What for, Sir? Certainly not their musical qualities, for they have none. So it must be from an historical point of view only. Some years ago I went purposely to hear this renowned peal, and had the opportunity of hearing them criticised by ringers from Bristol, Sheffield and Birmingham. The trebles are the wildest and most unmusical monstrosities that were ever hung on stocks, and the famous tenor hadn't sufficient 'body' in her to smother the explosions immediately in front of her. As one well-known ringing friend remarked, when taking refreshment in the Gog and Magog, 'Even the glasses found exception to them,' for they had the St. Vitus' dance whilst the ringing was in progress.

I am surprised to note that Mr. Young was once a Simpsonian, and that Southampton bells were so bad as to make him revert to the Old Standard again. No doubt our old friends Ted Horrex and John Carter convinced him, as he appears to have consulted them on the matter. A long chat with Mr. Horrex, when he was in Birmingham, gave me to understand that he did not like Simpson-tuned bells, and he had had but very little experience on them. John Carter I knew well and was intimately acquainted with for several years, and his opinion on bells or any sounds must not be taken seriously. To us who knew him so well, it is really laughable. All the years I was ringing with John Carter I only once recollect him ringing on one Simpson-tuned peal (Erdington), and he always considered these the best in the district. I should be surprised if he ever gave tuning a thought, for I can never once remember him ever discussing it with myself or any other ringer.

Mr. Young speaks of the challenge to Simpson tuning by the Central Council at Coventry. If those concerned had any satisfaction out of Coventry they are welcome to it. Personally, I trust the day is a long way off before I shall make such an ass of myself.

I take it that Mr. Young is in earnest when he appeals to Taylor's to scrap Simpson tuning and revert to the Old Standard again. If so, let me appeal to those firms who have not yet accepted Simpson tuning, to take it up seriously, and, if possible, improve upon it, and so enjoy the orders and prosperity that Simpson tuning have brought Taylor's and Johnson's.—Yours faithfully,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

MORE KNOWLEDGE WANTED.

Dear Sir,—The thanks of the Exercise are due to Mr. E. A. Young for his two lucid, instructive and interesting articles on 'Bells and bell tones.'

May I entreat Mr. Young to give us further measure of his store of knowledge, musically, in defining the five notes which constitute a perfectly-tuned Simpson bell on a C natural basis.

I believe there are very many ringers who have had an elementary musical education who would be glad to know this.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. PARSONS.

Old Hill, Staffs.

APPRECIATED ARTICLES.

Dear Sir,—The series of articles on 'Bells, their tones and tuning,' by Mr. E. A. Young, are, I can assure you, very keenly appreciated up here in the North, and I trust we are not hoping too much in wishing to see more from that exceptionally able pen.

We are also being enlightened as to the extension of methods, and I think that much light will be thrown on the different methods by which the various experts arrive at the same goal. It is to be hoped that the writers will avoid being dogmatic, and will bear in mind the truth of that ancient Arab proverb, which says, 'Every man knoweth something which some other man knoweth not.'—Yours faithfully,

E. JENKINS.

A DATE TOUCH—1928.

At Barlborough, Derbyshire, on Sunday afternoon, January 1st, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date touch of 1,928 changes, being 720 Kent, 720 Oxford, 360 Duke of York, and 128 of Killamarsh; Ernest Starman (longest length) 1, William Starman 2, Percy Morris (conductor) 3, Horace Hibbard 4, Richard Rance 5, Philip Hibbard 6. All are regular service ringers at the above church.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope has only his ambiguity to blame if he has been misinterpreted. If Mr. Trollope was only using a piece of bad argument by way of illustration, as he now says he was, I will not dispute it with him, but I am quite certain that I am not alone in the construction which I put on his remarks.

If third's place is made in Royal, there are only two other interior positions in which a place can be made, viz., sixth's or eighth's (unless it be the adjoining position of 4th's). Shipway, in his Royal, uses 6th's, as in the Major, and, therefore, as Mr. Trollope said, his method is condemned by a school of thought which holds that 8th's ought to be made, because that is 3rd's from the back, like the 6th's in Major. Mr. Trollope proceeded to apply the test of Oxford Treble Bob, and said, 'If this theory be sound, the Major (Oxford Treble Bob) should have third's and sixth's made, which any practical ringer can see is absurd.' As there was a choice of only two theories, and one is condemned as absurd, I hope your readers will forgive me if I, and others, took it that he meant the other was right.

Mr. Trollope's gentle chiding as to the distinction between a 'change' and a 'row,' and his judgment that those who do not realise this difference are not likely to understand the problem of extension of methods, will doubtless have amused your readers, as it did me. But is it not just these little things by which the experts succeed in befogging the average man? It was not so many years ago that we were content with the term 'lead-end'; now we have to have 'lead-head' as well; and the ridiculous part of it is that the lead-head of the theorists is the lead-end of the practical ringer in the belfry. So this difference between a 'change' and a 'row.' Where, except, perhaps, in the writings of modern theorists like Mr. Trollope, has the word 'change' received the definition which is given to it in your last issue? In any case, I disagree with Mr. Trollope in that I do not think the absence of appreciation of the differentiation which he sets up is likely to blunt an intelligent ringer's understanding of the problem of extension. But in the belfry everyone knows what is meant by the use of the word 'change.' It is the sequence of the bells at any given half-pull. Getting down to 'brass tacks,' what is there between two consecutive half-pulls on the bells? Nothing! Nothing, that is, except what proceeds from the imaginations of the theorists, but which cuts no ice with practical ringers. To show how little there is in this fanciful definition, let me refer to a familiar use of the word 'change.' Large numbers of peals of Stedman Caters come round at the first change after the course-end 214365879. The expression commonly used is 'Rounds next change.' Now, does the rounds occur in 'the work' which connects the two 'rows' as Mr. Trollope defines 'change', or in the actual striking of 123456789?—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER BRANCH.

The Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at the cathedral on Saturday, January 7th. There was a good attendance, and the members attended evensong in the cathedral, when special prayers were said for the Guild. Tea was served in the ancient refectory, and the business meeting was held in the cathedral parlour. The Dean (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett), who is chairman of the Chester Branch, presided, supported by Mr. E. W. Elwell (the general secretary), Mr. J. W. Clarke (branch secretary), and Mr. A. E. Richards (branch treasurer).

The accounts for 1927 were presented by the treasurer, showing that the financial position was very sound.

Several new members were elected, and arrangements made for meetings during the coming year.

On behalf of the parishioners of Christleton, Mr. R. Gregory thanked the Guild members for the wholehearted support they had given to the restoration fund for Christleton bells. This ring is at present at the Loughborough Foundry, where it will be recast, and when hung again in the tower in modern fittings should be one of the most pleasing rings of eight in the district.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for the warm welcome he had again extended to the branch, and for presiding at the meeting. The Dean suitably replied.

Owing to a case of serious illness in the vicinity of the cathedral, the bells were not rung, but ringing was enjoyed at Handbridge during the evening.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE RECTOR OF CRADLEY.

The Rev. Janvrin, Rector of St. James', Cradley, died suddenly in the vestry whilst preparing to take early Communion service on Monday, December 26th. The funeral took place on Thursday, December 29th.

The Rector looked upon the ringers as church workers, and his friendly advice respecting the fulfilment of that duty led to the fellowship and progress of the band. His life amongst the people of Cradley will be held in esteemed memory by all his parishioners.

As a last token of respect the bells were deeply muffled on the following Sunday for both services, and in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the local band: E. Prosser 1, H. Pritchard 2, J. Holder 3, G. Fincher 4, C. Horne 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please excuse the liberty I take in writing to you, but I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere appreciation of your 'Leaders,' which never fail to appear week by week on the front page of 'The Ringing World.' I have had the pleasure of being a subscriber to the various weekly journals devoted to the art of change ringing for the last thirty-five years, such as the 'Bell News,' etc., which are now defunct, but I have never read such useful leaders as emanate from the pen of the present Editor of 'The Ringing World.' And I may tell the Exercise that this appreciation is not 'cooked,' but is absolutely spontaneous, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' is a complete stranger to me. I have been waiting a long time in the hope that someone more glib in their expression than myself would show their mark of appreciation of the really wonderful work of our Editor, who deserves the goodwill and encouragement of every member of the Exercise. I can assure you, Sir, that I, personally, am satisfied with the expenditure of my threepence by the reading of your leader alone each week. Many a time have I been filled with admiration by the tactful way in which you have handled some very awkward situations, which inevitably will arise so long as men of quite different temperaments do congregate together.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year,—Yours campanologically,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

[We thank our correspondent for the above kindly compliment, although we blush to publish it.—Ed. 'R.W.']

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MIDNIGHT QUARTER-PEAL.

The Leatherhead District has the credit of the first two peals for the new Guildford Diocesan Guild—a peal of Minor (recorded last week) on the first day of the new year, and a peal of Double Norwich at Ashted last Saturday.

The little village of Seale, nestling under the 'Hog's Back,' can, however, claim the first quarter-peal for the Guild. Immediately midnight struck, ushering in the new year, the bells were pulled off in Bob Minor and a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), rung by: E. Gardner 1, A. Court 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Bedgley 4, C. Robinson 5, H. Tinsey (conductor) 6. The bells were also rung for an hour in the afternoon to celebrate the inauguration of the Guild.

'LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the above title for these figures, I think the Rev. H. L. James has no right to introduce it. If that gentleman and your readers will turn up their 'Ringing World' for October 26th, 1923, and December 28th, 1923, they will find published under my name 'Rutland Surprise,' with full extensions to Royal and Maximus, and on the latter date they will find a Method No. 1 which was published because of its being absolutely without adjoining places. These two methods are the true samples of that plan. There are two others—one which Mr. James now published, and one which Mr. Tipler published some 18 months ago as 'Wycliffe.' Both I consigned to the scrapheap on account of the superabundance of false places when the treble is in 7-8 up. I append the figures of all four for examination:—

	No. 1.	Mr. James'.	Mr. Tipler's.
74268153	74268153	74268153	74268153
47286513	47628513	47628513	47628513
74825631	45725831	74265831	46782531
47826513	64278513	47256813	64875213
74285631	62475831	74528631	63472531
72458361	26457381	47256831	88745231
Lead-end	Lead-end		
14628375	16847253	15372846	15372846
14263857	18874523	15738264	15738264

Clear proof. 4 false courses. 7 false courses.

Now sir, I think you and your readers will understand why I selected the two former examples. I would not have dared to place before the Exercise the two latter with my name. If Mr. James wishes to claim the authorship of those three false changes he is welcome.—Yours truly,

Sheffield.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

COMMEMORATIVE PEAL BOARD.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by Mr. William Hyde Inglesant, conducted by Ernest Morris), rung on February 19th, 1927, at Earl Shilton, to commemorate the hallowing of the diocese of Leicester, has been recorded in the belfry on a slate tablet executed by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicester. This was dedicated at a recent service by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley). The tablet is a fine piece of work, and in addition to the usual particulars of the peal bears the new coat of arms of the diocese, and records the fact that the diocese was founded in A.D. 680, and restored in 1826.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'

The warm-hearted response to our appeal for help for Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of Sheffield ('Irenæus Pistor') is extremely gratifying, and we acknowledge below with sincere thanks the further contributions to the fund, which we hope to see raised to a sum worthy of the Exercise in such a deserving case.

No one blessed with sight can fully appreciate the feelings of despair which must come to a man who, with the permanent loss of vision, has family responsibilities, and wholly inadequate means of subsistence. We can, however, help to relieve his burden, and we appeal to all our readers, individually or through their bands, to support this appeal.

In sending a contribution from 'A few Hydonians,' a correspondent says: 'I think the response to your appeal has been splendid so far, and hope the fund will continue to grow. I am sure all readers of "The Ringing World" will try to help one who has done so much in the past to cheer us and brighten us up by his witty remarks on the topics of the day.'

Then Mr. James George adds his voice to the appeal: 'I am delighted,' he writes, 'to see the help given in this very deserving case, and beg that every ringer and association will not fail to support the fund, however small the contribution may be. Try next week to make a record of two pages of subscriptions, large or small, according to each person's circumstance.'

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	64	5	0
Belfry collections:			
St. Mark's, Swindon, Wilts		9	0
Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers		10	0
Ringers of St. James', Trowbridge		12	0
Rotherham Parish Church ringers	2	0	0
St. James' company, Norton, Derbyshire		5	0
Evesham bell tower ringers		11	0
St. Thomas' Guild, Rhyl		10	0
St. Peter's company, Colchester		5	0
Ringers of Woolton Hill, near Newbury		8	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst		12	6
Bellringers of St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey		14	0
St. Thomas' ringers, Stourbridge, per A.J.S.		8	0
Christ Church, Southport		8	0
Killamarsh company		15	0

Other contributions:

Collection at annual meeting of Devises Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild, per Mr. F. Green, hon. sec.	1	7	0
'Cascable'	1	0	0
W. H. Fussell, Slough		2	6
'W. G.'		2	6
W. Smith, Banbury		2	6
G. Freebrey and P. H. Tate, Derby		2	0
'E. S. A.'		2	6
J. Hunt, Taunton		3	0
W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley		2	6
W. C. Rhodes, Washwood Heath, Birmingham		2	6
S. G. Moss, jun., Mauntings		2	0
A few Hydonians		10	6
R. Sanders, Stepney		2	6
Miss E. E. Chapman, Balham		2	6
R. K. Knight, Mrs. Knight and Miss Knight, Leytonstone		7	0
J. Holman, Sheffield		5	0
A. E. Richards, Farndon, Cheshire		2	6
H. Haigh, Worksop		5	0
W. T. Pates, Cheltenham		5	0
W. A. W.		10	0
James George, Birmingham		5	0
W. Bastable, Swanage		2	6
S. D. James, Swinton, Manchester		2	6
E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet, Salop		3	0

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DEATH OF CASTLE BROMWICH RINGER.

Castle Bromwich has lost a much respected ringer by the death, on December 29th last, after a brief illness, of Mr. Geo. Branston, who was 70 years of age. He had been a regular Sunday service ringer at the village church for the past 40 years.

The funeral took place on the 3rd inst., after which muffled touches and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung by his fellow-ringers.

NOTICE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly Meeting at Rainham, Saturday, January 28th. Notification for tea by first post January 25th.—Further particulars next week.—F. M. Mitchell, Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

NOTICES.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be rung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Inaugural meetings of the proposed New Districts of Southampton, Winchester and Alton.—The Winchester District meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th, and the Alton District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock in each case. Ringing arrangements as usual.—W. T. Tucker, Sec. pro tem., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 14th. Service at 4.20 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Horne) on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who advise me not later than Thursday, Jan. 12th. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Black Boy Hotel at 7 p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their best to be present at this meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Wigan branch members especially invited. Reports ready.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be available. All visitors are welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Craven, M.A., Rector of Sandhurst. Tea in Church House 4.45, followed by business meeting. Towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's open for ringing before service and after meeting. Tea 6d. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel California, Wokingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready early. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Chapel 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing: St. John's, 3-5 p.m. Tea at Voyseys (107, Poole Road) 5.15. Ringing at St. James', Poole, from about 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech Branches, will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 14th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron and H. W. Giddings, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 14th (Hinckley bells not being available). Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. A good representative meeting is hoped for. Business includes election of district officers, etc. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all district members please endeavour to attend? All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Road, Burton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Particulars later. All ringers welcome at both meetings.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., East Grinstead.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. Edwards, Madley, Hereford.

DEVON GUILD.—There will be a Cinques practice at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 6.30 p.m.—T. Layer, Gen. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD (Central and Southern Districts combined).—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, W.C., will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting. All requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Elsie L. Hairs, Dis. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special bus service from Plymouth. All requiring seats please communicate with E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service at St. Nicolas' Church 5 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Sir John Herschel). Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Woodbridge Road, 5.45. Meeting at 6.30. Bells of St. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as some important business has to be discussed. It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Hodgson). Tea provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by general meeting. Those intending to take tea (reasonable charge) must notify Mr. E. F. Payne, 30, Upper Church Street, Syston, not later than the 18th inst. A good attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing at St. James' from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by the Bishop of Taunton. Tea and meeting after service at St. Mary's Church Room. Visitors welcome. Will those who require tea please advise me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Jan. 18th.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m., tea and meeting at Denbigh Arms 5 p.m. It was intended to hold this meeting at Leamington, but the Parish Church bells are under repair.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, from 4 to 5, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Cosy Corner Café, opposite Putney Church. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 18th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East 3-4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's, Whitechapel, 5-5.30 p.m. Service in church, followed by tea, kindly provided by the Rector. Business meeting after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—James A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilford Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me before the 19th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Swan Hotel, to be followed by social. All ringers and friends welcome.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner.—The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6

p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be provided only for those who notify me before last post on Monday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Please notify by Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Potato pie supper at 5 o'clock for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th, to William Ashworth, 15, Wardle Street, Stacksteads. Meeting after supper. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service will be held and a peal tablet recording the record of Superlative Surprise Major dedicated by the Vicar of Bolton (Canon Carpenter, M.A., B.D.). In the evening a social will be held at the Bolton Police Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises, please forward names to the Hon. Sec., Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. Those requiring tea (price 1s.) please notify Miss Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, by Jan. 25th. The secretary is particularly anxious for a good attendance at this meeting, at which important business is to be discussed.—Molly Davenport, Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12). Service in St. Chad's 5 p.m., address by Rev. B. S. Lombard, O.B.E. (Vicar). Tea 5.45 in St. Chad's Institute, 1s. each. Meeting at 6.30. Please send number requiring tea before Jan. 24th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, who will also give the address. Tea and meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Monday nights at 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Learners invited. The next opportunity for a peal attempt, Cambridge Surprise Royal, at the Cathedral, will be Easter Monday. Mid-week peal attempt (any Wednesday). Stedman Caters can be arranged. If you wish to take part, please write James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

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At Portishead, Somerset, on New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss G. Stadden 4, J. Nisbet 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Thomas 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Previous to the holding of a watchnight service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. E. Carr 1, J. Brunt 2, C. H. Webb 3, A. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On December 31st, before midnight service, with bells half-muffled, 720 Double Oxford and 120 Woodbine Treble Bob. After service, with bells open, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BLETCHLEY.—At St. Mary's, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, F. Stanton 2, J. Marks 3, W. Mead 4, H. V. Sear (first quarter-peal) 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, S. Foskett 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.—On Saturday, December 31st, to ring out the old year, 720 Single Court: S. A. Martin (first 720) 1, A. E. Clayfield 2, E. Pullen 3, K. R. Gilliver 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. C. Rowley (conductor) 6.—After ringing in the new year, 720 Oxford Bob by the same band.

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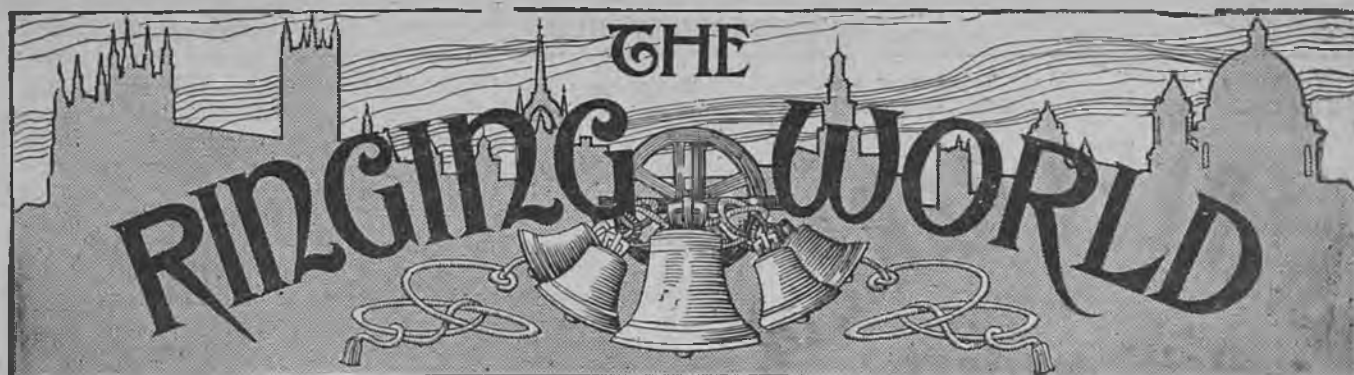
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In the same way a practical spirit of 'brotherhood' is readily evinced when it comes to helping a comrade in distress. In the last few weeks we have had a very fine example of this—another to be added to the many instances which, from time to time, have shown that the comradeship of the belfry extends to something more than formalities in the tower. Ringers throughout the country have rallied to our appeal for help for 'Irenæus Pistor' in the affliction which has overtaken him and placed him in distressed circumstances. The useful sum which we have received on his behalf has been the means of tiding him over his pressing needs, and will, we hope, assist in keeping the wolf from the door for a further period. How timely was the help given to the family, few will ever know, and no words can ever express the gratitude for that first gift or the appreciation of the kindness shown to Mr. Baker and his family. But for a man condemned to a lifetime of blindness, robbed of his power to follow his means of livelihood, with loved ones still dependent upon him, the sum which has been contributed—generously contributed—up to the present cannot for long lift the load that presses so heavily when the breadwinner falls stricken on the field. The £90 which we have now received will, we feel sure, grow into a greater sum yet, and we hope that every company of ringers will contribute their mite to so good a cause. Our columns remain open to acknowledge donations, and contributions, in accordance with the means of the givers, will, we trust, continue to reach us.

A correspondent, the other day, alluded to the fact that the present case once more illustrated the desirability for a relief fund in the Exercise. This is a matter that has in the past been advocated in these pages, and in some few instances associations have established such funds.

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But these 'local' funds obviously have their limitations. They serve admirably the purpose of assisting in some degree ringers temporarily distressed, but a case such as that of 'Irenæus Pistor' comes in a different category and nothing but a big general fund could hope to provide the help which long-continued disability would require. There are great difficulties in the way of establishing such a source of relief, but it is a matter to which ringers might direct their attention in the hope of evolving a scheme. For instance, something might be possible on the basis of each association contributing one penny per annum for each member. Assuming there are 18,000 affiliated members (we have no means of knowing if this is even an approximate figure) that would provide an income of £75 a year. Little enough, but it might become the foundation of greater things, and the fund used to supplement whatever else was done by the association whose member made a claim upon it. It is a subject worth considering, and it might enable substantial help to be given to many a distressed brother ringer in the years to come.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

*CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	*WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	*JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
*ALBERT W. COLES 4	*REUBEN SANDERS 10
*WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method; also the first rung in London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Reuben Sanders.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	*GEORGE DAVSON 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	†LESTER L. GRAY 9
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal. Rung to celebrate the 65th birthday of Mr. A. J. Neale, which took place on January 6th.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY BENNETT... .. Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	FRED LAMBETH 7
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Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

The ringer of the 4th hails from Devizes, and was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. Ringer of the 7th is from Chippenham.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Sidwell,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	ALFRED G. BETTS 6
*REGINALD DAVEY 2	WILLIAM HOWE 7
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	JOHN HAYMAN 8
WILLIAM DRAKE 4	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 9
TOM G. BARTLETT 5	JOHN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	*ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 3	†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* Elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal on ten bells for the Guild. The band consisted of five College Youths and five Cumberlands.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS SEYMOUR Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
THOMAS J. HULL 3	*FRANK KIRK 8
FREDERICK J. SPICER 4	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH 9
JOHN MALYAN 5	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal on ten bells, and first attempt. First peal in the method and as conductor. The ringer of 8th was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*THOMAS E. WASE Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 6
JOSEPH L. STANIER 2	WILLIAM D. WASE 7
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
ROBERT EVANS 4	JOHN H. RIXON 9
GEORGE L. HEWITT 5	BERTRAM L. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

* First peal. This composition contains all the possible 6.9.7.3.'s in the first part, and 7.6.9.8.'s in the last. First peal as conductor on 10 bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters for all except the conductor. First peal of Caters to be rung in the Hereford diocese by a local band. The above peal was rung on the day of the annual dinner, all the ringers being local Sunday service ringers. Also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, Mr. Jones having been a member of the Coalbrookdale band for nearly 40 years, and still holds the position of hon. treasurer.

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GEORGE PINCOTT 2	PETER CROOK 6
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Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the association, which was rung at the above church. Mr. Henry W. Jackson, the captain at that church, is the only survivor of the band, and is still a regular ringer. The peal was also a birthday compliment to a former church officer, Mr. J. W. Sharples, who has generously given a four-dial electric clock for the tower of this church.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JAMES A. HALES Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	RONALD BULLEN 6
*JACK WAUGH 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
WILLIAM BERRY 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN ... Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFOLL 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	FREDERICK G. COLE 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal under the joint heading of the two dioceses.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
*ARTHUR BEVINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANDES 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Surprise. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Frodsham. First peal of Surprise on the bells by a band resident in the parish. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. M. Bibby.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ROBERT G. BLACK ... Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	HARRY BAXTER 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN KING 4	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* One hundredth peal.

JUBILEE PEAL.

CORSTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Founded January 8th, 1878.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL 5	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
HENRY PRING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE
 Rung on the eve of the jubilee of the founding (at Gloucester) of the above association. The composer rang in two of the most notable peals in its history, i.e., the 15,000's of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. It was rung on the conductor's birthday.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 5	JAMES GROUNDS 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JAMES BOLTON 6
PETER CROOK 3	JOHN POTTER 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

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

* 250th peal. Arranged for J. Bolton, who is on a visit from U.S.A.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY A. GWILLIAM 5	PERCY JONES 5
*ARTHUR G. SPARKES 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	AMOS JAS. HURFORD Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding peal for Stanley White, one of the Caerleon band, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's eldest daughter.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Belgrave,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 23 lb. in F.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5	*ALFRED G. GRANT 5
THOMAS K. DEACON 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	ROWLAND BARROW 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD
 * First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 5th and 7th. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This is only the second peal of Treble Bob on the bells, the first having been rung in 1888, being the first peal on the bells. The composition is now rung for the first time.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLIER 5	FRANK CORKE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
CHARLES I. EDWARDS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LEONARD MANNERING 4	WILLIAM T. GODFREY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armiger Trollope and Henry C. Chaudler (Euston). The band were entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. Arthur Lewis, captain of the local band, and Mrs. Lewis, and their hospitality was greatly appreciated.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
JOHN DENNER 2	JAMES BOLTON 6
*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ROBERT DENNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* 50th peal. Rung as a memorial peal to Mr. Frank Potter, son of the conductor, on the anniversary of his funeral.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BLONDELL 5	GEORGE PULLINGER 5
HARRY BADGER 2	FREDERICK G. COLE 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This and the peal on January 5th were arranged as a farewell to Messrs. F. Blondell and H. Badger, who have been attached to the North Stoneham band during their residence in the county.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY HARRIS 5	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	CHARLES E. RAYSON 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7
ABRAHAM WILKINSON 4	JOHN E. S. MORETON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

Rung with fully muffled clappers as a token of deepest sympathy and respect to the memory of Canon M. A. Dodds, M.A., R.D., Vicar of the parish, and an honorary member of the above Guild, who was interred at Nottingham earlier in the day.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 5	HERBERT AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	JOHN KENTISH 6
RONALD BULLEN 3	JOHN CHEESMAN 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BRKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 5	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOHN EVANS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and a welcome to the Hughendon veteran, Mr. John Evans, who had not attempted a peal since his serious illness of two years ago.

EXETER.—On Wednesday, Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: J. Hosgood 1, S. Shopherd (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, E. W. Biffin 4, A. Monkley 5, W. Howe 6, T. J. Stokes 7, A. H. Goad 8.

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

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
BENJAMIN GOUGH	Treble	CHARLES E. PERKINS	5
JAMES GEORGE	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
ALFRED ROWLEY	3	CYRIL WINWOOD	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Jas. George has now completed the circuit in the above tower.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES R. LILLEY	Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK	5
G. HARRY MYERS	2	JOSEPH WOODLEY	6
JAMES E. LILLEY	3	FRANK HACKADAY	7
WILLIAM B. RICHARDS	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY

First peal in the method on the bells for 18 years, the ringers of 2nd and 7th having taken part of the former peal. The above was specially arranged for Mr. Woodley, the towerkeeper, to enable him to complete the 'circle' and so score his first peal of Treble Bob.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON	Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY	2	GEORGE W. STEEL	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH	Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Stanley Walker. J. Broadley has rung peals on every bell in this tower.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY	5
ALPHEDUS J. BERRY	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
WILLIAM J. GROOM	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM E. BANKS	Treble	WILLIAM GREEN	5
GILBERT GUEST	2	HERBERT SHEPPARD	6
JOHN PRICE	3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	7
WILLIAM GOODMAN	4	WILLIAM MERK	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung for the 74th birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, sen., who has been a Sunday service ringer at the above church for 45 years.

ACCRINGTON.—At St. James' Church, on December 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first 720 of Treble Bob on bells after rehanging: J. Beattie 1, A. Brown 2, C. Bowen 3, A. Ingham 4, S. Brown 5, L. J. Williams 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. Bowen, of Bucknall, Staffs. on his leaving Accrington for home again.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten 240's, L. W. C. Morris' arrangement, ten 120's, and six 240's, A. J. Pitman's arrangement, all called differently.
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FRED LIPSCOMBE	Treble	PERCY BALDOCK	4
JOHN R. NICHOLS	2	JAMES BLOFF	5
JOHN H. BLOFF	3	SAMUEL BRITAIN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLOFF.

First peal on the bells. Also first peal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. O. Clapton, for the use of the bells.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CARTER	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
WILLIAM RIMELL	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
CHARLES TRAPP	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

The ringers all belong to the Bredons Norton band.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR CARTER	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
WILLIAM RIMELL	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
CHARLES TRAPP	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, except the conductor. Rung entirely by the local band.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THAMES DITTON GUILD.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

REUBEN COLES	Treble	GEORGE F. ADLEY	4
GEORGE HIGGS	2	WILKINS MASSEY	5
HARRY BARBER	3	ALBERT WEST	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ADLEY.

* First peal. This peal was rung in commemoration of a peal rung in the tower exactly a hundred years ago.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.	Treble	FREDERICK FOREMAN	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	FRANK PATTENDEN	5
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN.	3	GEORGE WAGHORN	Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

A 'silver wedding' peal for Frederick Foreman.

HELD OVER.

Among the numerous items which pressure on our space has compelled us to hold over is an article on Lincolnshire Surprise by Mr. W. Taylor, letters on the subject of 'Theory and Practice' from Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. George Baker and Mr. G. L. Joyce, another on Surprise Major methods by Mr. E. W. Tipler, and other paragraphs.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 gr. 13 lb. in B.
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4
*DAVID S. COLLINS ... 2	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHEY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method 'inside,' and first peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. MARSLAND ... 4
*JAMES INGHAM ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
*WILLIAM HORAN ... 3	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Major.

HOLBETON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(SOUTH-WEST DEVON BRANCH, HOLBETON PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 12, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

OWEN MILLER ... Treble	FREDERICK LAPHORN ... 4
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 2	A. CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWN ... 5
*MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... 3	BENJAMIN MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BRO. F. A. TURNER, P.C.R. ...	...	...	...	...	1-2
BRO. W. R. J. POULSON, P.C.R. ...	...	...	...	...	3-4
BRO. S. H. SYMONDS, P.C.R. ...	...	...	...	...	5-6
BRO. F. A. POULSON, P.S.B. ...	...	...	...	...	7-8

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRO. S. H. SYMONDS.

Specially arranged as a Foresters' peal. The above four ringers are all past officers of Court 'British Lion,' No. 5848, Ancient Order of Foresters.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, January 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.) ...	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ...	7-8
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's.) ...	3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ...	9-10
F. G. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) ...	5-6	J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn) ...	11-12

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all. Is this the quickest peal of Maximus yet rung?

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over until next week.)

DERBY CATHEDRAL PRACTICES.

The Monday nights' success of the Derby Cathedral ringing practice was somewhat marred on Jan. 2nd, when ringers from near and far had their first disappointment at this tower. The cathedral bells could not be rung owing to workmen being engaged in getting a huge flag pole through the ringing chamber and bell chamber to the top of the tower. Ringing of the bells was stopped at the last moment, and the postponement of practice could not be notified. Mr. James Pagett expresses his apologies, and hopes this singular occurrence will not create any doubt as to the future regularity of ringing practice at the cathedral, which will be as before.

HATFIELD CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

BY HAROLD WALKER.

After having been silent for over two years, during which time they had been recast and rehung, the bells of Hatfield Parish Church, Yorks, again pealed forth their music on January 7th, after having been rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows).

Hatfield Church, which ranks as one of the most important of the village churches of South Yorkshire, is built in the Perpendicular style of architecture. Its proportions are splendid, it being more like an abbey church than the parish church of a village. The building consists of a chancel, with chantry chapels, clerestoried nave, transepts, north and south aisles, and a central lantern tower. Parts of a much older church of Early Norman origin have been incorporated in the present building, the western doorway being the chief of these.

The church contains many interesting relics of the past, foremost among them being a Norman font, a rood screen of great interest, a chained book dated 1569, and an old oak chest known as a Peter's pence box. Hung up in the south chapel is part of a suit of armour reputed to have been worn by the Black Prince at the Battle of Crecy.

The crowning glory of this beautiful church is its noble tower and the magnificent ring of eight bells which enrich it. The recast bells, which are now in tune with themselves and with each other, set a standard far above similar peals in the district, and are similar to the recently recast Thorne bells, with the exception that they are heavier and deeper in tone.

Before being recast, the bells were a very poor ring, indeed, the individual bells, especially the tenors, being out of tune with themselves and with each other. The old bells bore the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'DEO DICAT THOMAS JOHNSON FOX NUPER DE HATFIELD. A.D. MDCCCLXXIV. J. TAYLOR AND CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, 1874.'

2nd.—'HANC CAMPANAM DONO DEDIT GEORGIUS WRIGHT DE LINDHOLME. A.D. MDCCCLXXIV. J. TAYLOR AND CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, 1874.'

3rd.—'A BEQUEST OF ROBERT FORSTER, A NATIVE OF HATFIELD AND ULTIMATELY A CITIZEN OF LONDON. A.D. 1619. HENRY HOGARTH, M.A., INCUMBENT. THOMAS CHATTERTON, ROBERT HAGGITT, WILLIAM OLIVER, CHURCHWARDENS, 1864. J. TAYLOR AND CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.'

4th.—'J. GOODWORTH, T. CHESTER AND W. SMITH, CHURCHWARDENS, 1815.'

5th.—'OMNIS SPIRITVS LAVDET DOMINVM HALLELVIA. HEN. MOORE, CHURCHWARDEN, 1884. S. S. EBOR.'

6th.—'GLORIA IN ALTISSIMIS DEO. HEN. MOORE, CHURCHWARDEN, 1884. S. S. EBOR.'

7th.—'THO. LEE, ESQ., JOHN HATFIELD, ESQ., CORN. LEE, GENT., SIMON SIMSON, MIN., HENRY MOORE, CHURCHWARDEN, 1884. S. S. EBOR.'

Tenor.—'SOLI DEO GLORIA PAX HOMINIBUS. 1649.'

There was no founder's mark on the tenor bell, but it may have been the work of William Oldfield, who had the York foundry between 1601 and 1642, his favourite inscription being 'SOLI DEO GLORIA.'

The 5th, 6th and 7th bells were cast at the York foundry by Samuel Smith, whose bells are fairly common in the Doncaster district, there being two at Arksey, two at Wadworth, three at Fishlake, and one each at Rossington and Finningley. Although the 4th bell bore no founder's mark, its characteristics led one to assume that it was the work of James Harrison, who had a foundry at Barton-on-Humber. The 3rd bell was added in 1864 to complete the ring of six, and it is rather curious to learn that the money for this bell was left to the church nearly 250 years before the bell was cast. The two trebles were added and the octave completed in 1874, when the existing bells were taken down and rehung in a new oak frame.

COMPLETE RESTORATION.

The work of recasting and rehanging the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and it is interesting to learn that they were in the foundry at the same time as the famous Great Peter of York.

The bells have been recast and tuned on Taylor's harmonical system of tuning, which ensures absolute sweetness and purity of tone, all harshness and dissonance being eliminated thereby. The peal has been rehung with entirely new fittings of the most modern type, Messrs. Taylor having introduced many improvements in bell hanging recently which are designed not only with a view of reducing the labour required to ring the bells, but also that the bells should remain in perfect ringing order with the minimum amount of attention required to the fittings. For instance, the old-fashioned type of bearings required to be lubricated almost every time the bells were rung, whereas the patent ball bearings now fitted to the Hatfield bells do not require lubrication except once in every ten years or so. Then, again, the iron headstocks now fitted do not require screwing up and adjusting as did the old wooden headstocks. The clappers are also of a vastly superior type, the joints being fitted with lubricators, so that wear is reduced to a minimum. The whole of the hangings are so designed as to reduce to a minimum the forces exerted by the swinging of the bells and the stresses thrust on the tower structure. The weight of the new tenor bell is 18 cwt. 2 gr. 18 lb., and its note is E natural. The old inscriptions have been faithfully reproduced on the new bells with the following additions:—

On all the bells, 'RECAST 1927,' and Taylor's foundry mark.

On the tenor bell: 'THIS PEAL WAS RECAST BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION. F. MERIDYTH BROOKES, VICAR. GEORGE H. HUDSON, SYDNEY ALLEN, CHURCHWARDENS, 1927.'

In addition to the work carried out on the bells themselves, the old timber framework and its supports, which were designed according to the ideas of the late Lord Grimthorpe, have been thoroughly stiffened and tied together. For the comfort of the ringers a new ceiling made of sound-deadening material has been put in the ringing chamber. The belfry steps, which were very much worn down by countless generations of ringers, have been retreaded.

The whole scheme has cost something like £520. Of this sum £460 was raised prior to the rededication. A further £12 was collected on Saturday week. The credit of raising the money belongs in the main to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Allen, of Dunscoft Abbey, who have been untiring in their efforts for the bells restoration fund. They have, of course, been ably backed up by the Church Council. Mr. Allen has 'overscored' the work from a professional point of view, so the people of Hatfield can be assured that they have got the very best value for their money.

THE REDEDICATION.

There was a large congregation at the rededication service, among those present being Messrs. J. Oldham and J. F. Fidler (J. Taylor and Co.), Mr. F. Clarke (divisional secretary, Yorks Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary, Barnsley and District Society), Messrs. G. Clarke and H. Walker (Ringing Master and hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society), and a good gathering of ringers, the towers represented being Doncaster, Arksey, Ardwick-le-Street, Conisborough, Tickhill, Thorne, Sprotborough, Fishlake, Barnsley and York Minster. Mr. G. H. Hudson, churchwarden, was unable to be present, but his duties were carried out by Mr. Barnett, one of the sidesmen.

The service commenced by the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' Evensong was then sung, the Vicar of Hatfield (the Rev. J. Haythornthwaite) reading the prayers. After the third collect the Bishop, standing under the tower, read several prayers suitable to the occasion and rededicated the bells with the words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ and in the name of Almighty God, we rededicate these bells to the use of the church and people of Hatfield.' The Bishop then tolled a bell eight times, and afterwards prayed that the bells 'be solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses.' The hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was then sung. For his sermon the Bishop took as his text, 'Come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord' (Isaiah ii. 5). He said that the fundamental principles of the bells were always the same, but periodically the bells required recasting to improve the tone and bring them up to modern standards. After recasting, the principles of the bells were still the same as before.

So it was with the other things of life. The principles of law, of government, trade, industry and the Church were always the same, but all these things required recasting to conform with modern ideas and conditions. The Reformation was only a recasting of the Church. The principles of worship as contained in the Prayer Book were always the same and always would be the same, but still the Prayer Book needed recasting to improve its tone and make it consistent with present-day knowledge.

After the Blessing had been pronounced, Mrs. Sydney Allen tolled a bell eight times. Then as the recessional hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was being sung, the bells began to peal out. First one, then another joined in until finally the whole ring was pealing forth in one joyous crescendo of sound.

The Hatfield ringers rang the bells for the first time after rededication. Subsequent ringing was done by the visiting ringers. The bells were rung at intervals until nine o'clock, the methods being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. S. Allen, over thirty sitting down. A vote of thanks to Mr. Allen was proposed by Mr. H. Walker, who congratulated the people of Hatfield on having the best-toned peal of bells in the district. He also congratulated Messrs. Taylor and Co. on their excellent workmanship, and said the bells left nothing to be desired, the tone and 'go' being splendid. Mr. C. D. Potter seconded the vote, and said he remembered being present at the dedication of the old bells over fifty years ago. Mr. Allen suitably replied, and said it was quite a pleasure to have the members of the Doncaster and District Society at Hatfield, and hoped it would not be long before they came again. The Vicar in a few words welcomed the ringers, and then read a telegram from the Rev. Meridyth Brookes, who regretted his absence, and sent greetings to the ringers. After tea, the ringers returned to the belfry and kept the bells going until a late hour.

BICESTER RINGERS' DINNER.

The Bicester bellringers held their third annual dinner on Thursday evening, January 5th, at the Rose and Crown, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. O'Reilly. The loyal toast was honoured, as also was that of 'The Vicar,' and the remainder of the evening was spent in a musical entertainment. Songs were given by members of the band, and there were a few touches on the handbells.

EDWARD F. MITCHELL'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, tower bells 1, handbells 1, Triples 28, Caters 5, Cinques 4; Stedman Doubles 1, Triples 34, Caters 10, handbells 1, Cinques 7; Bob Major 6, Royal 1, Maximus 1; tower bells 98, handbells 2; total 100.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Instead of dividing an annual collection of £6 11s. among themselves, Stanbridge, Beds, bellringers gave it to one of their members who is ill.

Mr. Alfred C. Russell, of Slough, passed away on January 3th in his 74th year, and was buried in the family grave at St. Mary's Church, on Monday last. The local ringers met in the evening and gave a muffled peal in memoriam.

It has been suggested that a fully qualified M.D. be invited to give the Exercise 'hints on health' in the belfry, and to advise the parochial authorities if the belfry and bell ropes ought not to be disinfectant as a precaution against stoney cramp, bellitis, Minor mania, Stedman microbe, Cambridge miopia, etc., etc.

The peal of Superlative Maximus at Southwark Cathedral was rung at the first attempt after four practices. The band much regret that Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs were prevented from ringing in the peal owing to the sad death of Mrs. Frank Bennett, mother of Mrs. Hairs. Acknowledgment is made of the experience gained on a visit by some of the band to Ipswich in July last.

A peal has been rung at Thames Ditton, Surrey, to commemorate the centenary of a peal rung on the same bells. What the method was a hundred years ago no one seems to know, for the board hanging in the belfry only records 'a peal of 5,040 changes without the aid of plain bob.' Has anyone any other record of this peal, or can they elucidate the mystery?

At the annual meeting of the Surrey County Association at Guildford on Saturday, amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild is to be discussed.

Thirty years ago to-morrow a new rogue in ringing was set up. What was believed at the time to be the first peal of Surprise Royal was rung at Cheltenham, when a peal of Cambridge-Fen was scored. It was only a few years ago that the present generation discovered that both Cambridge and Superlative Royal had been rung more than 70 years before at Wakefield.

A peal of 5,600 Bob-Maximus was rung at Cambridge on January 21st, 1788.

The Sussex County Association was established on January 24th, 1885, and rang its first peal two days later at Cuckfield.

January 25th, 1842, was an unlucky day, for a peal of 8,105 Stedman Caters at Painswick and 8,081 Grandsire Caters at Stroud then rung turned out to be false.

Can any of our readers say whether a peal of Double Norwich Major has been rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate? Mr. James E. Davis, the tower custodian, seeks the information.

'The Ringing World' penetrates to distant places, and the December 17th issue of the 'Regina Daily Post' (Saskatchewan) devoted half a column to quoting a letter which had appeared in this journal relating to the Regina chime of twelve bells, and giving its readers other points of interest, including particulars of the Freemasons' peal at Solihull.

Canon Coleridge has been re-elected chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. W. J. Price hon. secretary and treasurer.

A Surrey paper advertised last Friday: 'For sale, ringers, 20-inch rollers.' A mechanical bell-puller, we presume.

CHELTENHAM BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I visited Cheltenham for the unveiling of the memorial to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott I went up into the belfry as soon as I found that the door had been opened, and I had time to look round at my leisure, and I was well repaid. In no belfry that I have been in up to now is there so much to interest and instruct the conductor or would-be conductor. I saw in a frame the photographs of those men who rang in the long peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters (some of whom are still with us), and also the compositions, both of them by the late Henry Johnson. On another board, recording the first peal on the twelve bells, is the composition, Grandsire Cinques. Then there was a framed tablet showing hundreds of courses of Stedman on all numbers produced by singles. Also one showing the extent of Doubles without bobs or singles—at least, that is what last caught my eye before more arrivals prevented a closer inspection. I hope to pay another visit and have a chat about them with their author, Mr. W. T. Pates. I am certain, from the evidence in the tower, that all he knows in connection with ringing he is ready and willing to hand on to his fellow-ringers.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

HALF-PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

On Saturday, January 14th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was made at Aberavon, but owing to a very bad light in the tower the bells were brought home at half-peal end: *G. W. Hollis 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, *C. Lake 3, H. Boyce 4, *F. Phillips 5, *G. I. Lewis 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, E. Stinch 8. * Longest length in the method and first attempt.

BELL TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Laffin's letter with much interest. He does not mince his words. I do not therefore intend to mince mine. I cannot say myself that I am in love with either Lord Grimthorpe's system of casting or Canon Simpson's tuning, but there are exceptional peals in both classes.

I consider St. Paul's Cathedral bells one of the exceptions, and if their weight is taken into consideration they are certainly not a failure. What grounds has Mr. Laffin for describing them as such? They sound their weight. The 62 cwt. tenor is B flat, old pitch, which is near enough A concert pitch. The small bells are also cast in proportion to the large ones. Can this be said of the Simpson-tuned bells at Exeter?

Mr. Laffin states that if St. Paul's bells were in another tower they would have been scrapped years ago, but I am afraid his opinion will not carry very much weight in that direction. If those bells hung in a tower outside of London (preferably in Beddington Park) they would be heard to their proper advantage.

I understand York Minster bells are very voluminous. What would they sound like in St. Paul's tower? Would they want scrapping, too?

Now we come to Bow bells. I might say I have never heard such a degrading description given before of any bells as Mr. Laffin describes Bow trebles, and it must be pretty obvious to all who know Bow bells that Mr. Laffin must have paid a prolonged visit to the Gog and Magog before hearing the bells. This would also account for the glasses having a touch of St. Vitus' dance.

His description of the tenor is rather alarming, but for the benefit of Mr. Laffin's blissful ignorance I would tell him that the bell hangs on a cast-iron stock, the shape of a bridge, and, in my opinion, tucked up far too much, but the other eleven hang out on the old wooden stocks. Goodness knows what a modern Simpson-tuned tenor would sound like hung under the same conditions;

There is one thing Mr. Laffin admits, and that is he heard the trebles. I have never been fortunate (P) enough to hear the trebles of a Simpson-tuned peal of 10 or 12 when ringing. This, perhaps, may be an advantage, as when heard singly the bells would certainly fit the description that Mr. Laffin applies to Bow trebles.

The only point upon which I agree with Mr. Laffin is 'to improve Simpson tuning,' and there is certainly room for improvement. When they sound as though they have body in them, yet mellow and no howls and mysterious overtones, I shall be the first person to support Simpson tuning, and I really think that the tuning machine will have to do a little work, and the strikes play a more important part.

The next time Mr. Laffin comes up to London I shall be only too pleased to meet him and show him round to some of the most magnificent peals in the locality, not Simpson tuned; but he must not get an opinion that there are not any Simpson-tuned peals round here, especially as I happen to live within a quarter-of-an-hour's ride of Gillett and Johnston's.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPEN.

Beddington, Surrey.

GOOD AND BAD.

Dear Sir,—It seems that my worthy cousin of King's Norton would be more convincing if he were a little less one-sided. He might help the discussion on bell tuning if he would take particular notice of that Arab proverb so opportunely quoted by Mr. Jenkins this week. If Percy would give credit to Mr. Young for a point here and there in his argument, remembering that Mr. Young by no means discredits entirely the Simpson tuning, it would be different. But no. Percy O. seems bent on having every old standard peal recast into a beautiful but characterless lot of Simpson peals, so much alike that there will soon be no pleasurable anticipation in going to hear a new peal. It will be like attending a flower show consisting of all geraniums. Surely, Bow bells are entitled to 50 per cent. of their alleged fame; and have not St. Paul's been described as 'like a big band'?

There are good and bad peals, both Simpson and old standard. I know some of both. There are old peals in which you can find a minor fault in every bell if you want to, yet they give great pleasure when running in peal.

Simpson peals there are that are more perfectly in tune, maybe, but with an 'edge' on their voices like a nasal baritone singing, that you could shave with; and some not so. I notice that Percy O. seems to discredit what Mr. Carter told Mr. Young, yet accepts his opinion as regards Erdington bells; but in general I quite agree that Mr. Carter's hearing probably did not enable him to give an opinion on tuning with any weight, even had he so desired.

Further, why give free advertisements to bellfounders. This is common to debaters on bell tuning, especially Simpsonians. Do they reflect that these same well-advised knights of the melting pot are perfectly willing and even anxious, being business firms, to melt their own products up as often as the church authorities can find the money? I suspect they would recast the tower, too, if it would melt. Let them do their own advertising. Some of them, at all events, have been talked into fame, perhaps against their desire. Who can tell?

If correspondents pointed out some of the less successful jobs, would the same feeling prevail between founders and ringers as at present exists?

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STEDMAN.

STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION.

So far we have dealt with the structure and extension of plain methods, and we have been able to see a theoretical system of extension which is common to them all, but we now come to something which is quite different. Stedman Doubles consists of a plain hunting course of three bells combined with a plain hunting course on two bells twice repeated, then one of those two bells goes into the three-bell work, and one of the bells in the three-bell work comes out; the next plain hunt in front is reversed, and the two bells behind do the same work as in the previous six. These twelve rows four times repeated make what is called the plain course, but it must be clearly understood that it is a totally different kind of plain course from any that we have seen in the plain methods.

21435
12345
21354
23145
32154
31245
13254
31524
35142
53124
51342
15324
13542

The extension, unlike any extension we have seen before, leaves the three-bell work alone and the two-bell work alone, and adds more two-bell work of exactly the same kind in 6-7, 8-9, and 10-11.

This disposes once for all of any attempt to find a theory covering all extension, because we cannot, after all these years, alter the system of extension, which I proved years ago can only be done by treating the slow six as plain and the quick six as a bob—a system of extension which is very interesting on paper, but would be very dull in the belfry.

H. L. JAMES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
LEICESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday. The bells were raised in peal about 3.45 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were then rung. Only eight members partook of tea, provided at the Black Boy Hotel. The belfry was then again visited, and by this time there were 16 or 17 members present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were then rung.

After the bells had been lowered in peal about 7.30, a move was made to the Black Boy Hotel, where the business meeting was held. The local vice-president (Mr. A. J. Harris) took the chair, and asked the meeting to stand for a moment in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Alfred Ballard, a member of St. Margaret's band, and for many years a member of the M.C.A., who died under very sad circumstances two days previously.

The general officers of the association were renominated 'en bloc,' except that Mr. Frederick H. Dexter was nominated to take the place of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor on the Central Council.

On the proposition of Mr. W. H. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. H. Humberstone, the local officers were re-elected 'en bloc.'

One new ringing member, Mr. Frank Haslam, of St. Saviour's band, was elected.

It was next decided to include Belgrave in the cycle of towers at which the annual meeting of the Leicester District is held. The order now is: St. Martin's, St. Margaret's, St. John-the-Divine, St. Saviour's, St. Peter's, Belgrave. It was resolved to hold the annual meeting next year at Belgrave; it was also decided to have it on a Saturday afternoon and not on the practice night, as is often done at district annual meetings.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Pole, seconded by Mr. A. Cuffin, it was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Ballard. This was left in the hands of the secretary and vice-president.

The question of placing certain of the older and respected members of the Leicester District on the list of hon. life members was discussed, and it was left to the committee to complete these arrangements.

Two places were then proposed for the next quarterly meeting—Humberstone and Countesthorpe, and on being put to the meeting the latter place was selected by one vote.

Mr. A. J. Harris then proposed, and Mr. J. Clarke seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, to Mr. Needham for having everything in readiness, and Mr. N. S. Bagworth for making the necessary arrangements for the tea and meeting.—Mr. Needham suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the vice-president and hon. secretary, which was seconded by Mr. J. Clarke.

This brought the meeting to a conclusion. It might be mentioned that during this rather lengthy meeting members were helped along by some good bread and cheese, and also by some less solid refreshment. During the remainder of the time, Mr. Needham's famous cup handbells were brought into use.

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Finally, remember this, owing to the 5th above the tonic present in every bell, new or old, the running of a number of bells in peal is a bad progression in music anyway, taking a bell and its tones, as representing a chord; therefore, where both styles carry a fault at present unavoidable, it is not wise to sentence a peal like Bow until you really know more.—Yours, etc.,

PETER LAFFIN.

Manchester.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I will now give one or two illustrations of the cyclical movements which make up various methods. The first will be Plain Bob, and that not only because it is the simplest of methods, but it is really the foundation and typical method. The first cycle is the hunting course—the Plain Principle—in which all the bells are equally involved.

This will only give you twice as many rows as there are bells. To get more rows, a secondary cycle is made on part only of the bells, and this is done in the simplest and most obvious position, viz., when the treble (the bell not affected by this secondary cycle) is leading. Here it is.

You can easily see that is a complete cycle on the three working bells, and it moves in the opposite direction to that of the primary cycle.

And these two cycles together involve a third cycle, which is that of the treble or hunt through the coursing order of the extreme or working bells. The coursing order of the first lead of Minor is 653124. Throughout the course the extreme bells keep this coursing order, but the treble in successive leads passes from between 2 and 3 to between 3 and 5, then between 5 and 6, then 6 and 4, then 4 and 2, and, lastly, between 2 and 3, when the cycle is complete and the bells come round. This construction of hunt and extreme bells with the hunt's cyclical path in coursing order always occurs in every bit of work in every method.

You get not only the main hunt of a method, which is usually the treble, but often the work in the interior of the lead contains hunts and extreme bells.

The second example is Kent Treble Bob Minor. First you have a hunting course on six bells—twelve changes.

Second, after every second change a dodging movement is inserted one step backward followed by one step forward:—

123456
214365
123456
214365
241635
etc.

Thirdly, in each lead the slow bell is a hunt; the treble and the rest of the working bells make a cycle among themselves:—

214365
241635
246153
264513
265431
256341
253614
235164
231546
213456

Fourthly, the places in 3-4. These are a complete hunting course on two bells, the movement being in the opposite direction to that of the principle:—

34
34
43
43

Fifthly, the cycle on the working bell:—

123456
124365
142635
146253
164523
165432
156342
153624
135264
132546
123456

In all these illustrations we must write out hand strokes as well as back strokes, or we miss the true construction.

As a third illustration take Double Court Minor. Here you will find that the two places—4th's and 3rd's—together have the same effect and give similar cycles as the second's place in Bob Minor.

Or again, to take a different illustration altogether, examine Holt's Original. Resolve it into its P. blocks, its B. blocks, and its Q. sets. Write down back and hand stroke rows as we have done above, and you will find they are all cycles of movement.

These are all fairly simple illustrations. The more complex methods differ only because there are more cycles. If my reader is interested in this matter, let him turn to Double Coslany Court Major in the new 'Central Council Collection of Methods.' Let him study the construction of it as there given and see how it is made up of a combination of simpler methods. Then let him turn it into a Treble Bob method by repeating every two changes. He will then get:—

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DEATH OF MR. A. M. HALL, GATESHEAD.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

It was a great shock to the members of the above association and to all his friends when a newspaper announced on Thursday, January 12th, that Mr. Albert Martin Hall had been suddenly called to his long rest. He had just retired—on December 31st, to be exact—from the bank on reaching the age limit, and was looking forward to many years of service with the Church of St. John, Newcastle, and with the cathedral belfry. He joined the National Provincial Bank in 1882 at Chester-le-Street, Durham, and from thence was drafted to Barnard Castle, Norwich, Bristol and, eventually, to Gateshead and Newcastle, serving as cashier and manager in each of these important centres.

He learnt his ringing when the bells were installed at St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, in 1883, on the occasion of the 1,000th anniversary of the building of a church on the present site of that church. On returning to Tyneside some ten years ago he took up a more active interest in the Exercise, and acted for some years as treasurer for the Durham and Newcastle Association, and rang several peals, about a dozen in all, mostly taking the treble or tenor. He also took an active part in the restoration of St. John's bells, Newcastle, and rang in the first peal after their consecration.

The funeral took place at Gateshead Cemetery on Saturday last, and was attended by a large concourse of friends, professional brethren and colleagues in ringing.

The deceased lay in St. John's Church overnight, guarded by loving watchers, clerical and laymen alike, and a Communion (Eucharist) for the family and friends was celebrated at 8 a.m. A memorial service followed at 10.45, when the bells were rung muffled in the 'whole pull and stand.' Following the committal at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. E. Ferry, W. H. Barber, J. E. Keen and C. L. Routledge.

And so we laid to rest one of the most earnest and dearest souls ever connected with our association, keen and enthusiastic to a degree, and one who did much to further the interests of our beloved association. And no one loved it and its prosperity more than he, and, as Vicar Noel Hudson said in his 'eulogy' after the memorial service at St. John's, 'Let us not mourn or be gloomy over his death; let us rather rejoice in the life spent in good to others, and in setting an example of constancy and labour for the glory of our Lord.'

The bells of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, were rung muffled on Sunday morning, also as a tribute to his memory.

C. L. R.

OXFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

As a tribute of respect to their late colleague, and one-time Master, Mr. W. Harris, members of the Oxford Society rang half-muffled at Christ Church, on January 2nd, 838 Stedman Caters: A. Dubber 1, F. Exon 2, W. Brigham 3, S. Hounslow 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, H. Tolley 6, W. Wilkins 7, V. Bennett 8, W. Finch 9, G. Horwood 10.

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12345678
21436587
12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
24135678
42315768
and so on.

The four back bells are dodging three times. Instead of doing that, let them make one extended dodge—three steps forward, followed by three steps backward:—

5678	5678
6587	6587
6857	5678
8675	instead of 6587
6857	5678
6587	6587
5678	5678

When you have done a similar thing below the treble you have got Bristol Surprise. And you will have got all the cyclical movements of that method. The key to the construction of Superlative lies in the fact that the 4th and 5th are hunts, as in Kent. Leave out second's and seventh's, and the first lead is a round block. Now examine the work and path of the fourth and fifth and compare them with the second in the first lead of Kent. The comparison will be clearer if we give this first lead in its simplest form thus:—

12345678
21436587
12463578
21645387
26145837

Four times repeated.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT INAUGURATED.

The inaugural meeting of the new Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on Sat., Jan. 7th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells were available during the afternoon and evening; service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. A. R. Sprad), after which tea and meeting took place in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Mr. Geo. Williams (Master) presided, supported by the Vicar of Dibden (Rev. G. T. Tritton). The officers for the new district were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. G. T. Tritton; secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; Ringing Master, Mr. Geo. Williams; representative on the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Faithfull; auditor, Mr. Summerfield.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, January 12th, 1929, and quarterly meetings at Eling on April 14th, Romsey July 14th, and North Stoneham October 13th. Notice of these will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Members attended from St. Mary's and St. Michael's, Southampton, North Stoneham, Netley, Dibden, Romsey, Winchester, King's Somborne, Ringwood, Fareham, Brockenhurst and Portsmouth.

Votes of thanks were passed to Archdeacon Daldy (St. Mary's) and Rev. R. A. R. Spread (St. Michael's) for the use of both peals of bells, and to Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., for presiding at the organ at the service.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The inaugural meeting of the new Winchester District was held at Winchester on Saturday, January 14th, and was a great success, over 50 ringers attending from the following towers: Alresford, Basingstoke, Brown Candover, Hursley, Micheldever, North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Portsmouth, Stockbridge, Twyford, Woolton Hill, Winchester, and visitors from Bedford and Bromley.

Mr. G. Williams presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicars of King's Somborne, Brown Candover and Basingstoke, and in opening he stated that the following towers had been placed in the new Winchester District: Cathedral, College, St. Maurice, Alresford, Hursley, Twyford, Avington, Owslebury, Old Alresford, King's Somborne, Stockbridge, Micheldever, Fitchbourne, Choriton, Brown Candover, Barton Stacey, Bishop's Sutton, Crawley, Longstock, Sparsholt and Wotton.

Canon Braithwaite was elected district chairman, Mr. C. Smith (King's Somborne) district secretary, Mr. W. Andrews (cathedral) representative on Central Council, and Mr. G. Smith (Twyford) district auditor.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Winchester on January 19th, 1929.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: King's Somborne on April 21st, Wotton and Micheldever on July 21st, and Brown Candover and Old Alresford on September 29th.

The bands at Micheldever and Brown Candover joined the Guild, also two new members from King's Somborne.

Mr. C. B. Scott (King's Somborne) was elected a life member, and the Vicar of Brown Candover an honorary member.

The bells of the cathedral and St. Maurice's Church were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and various methods practised, ranging from Doubles to Cinques. Several present had their first pull on 12 bells.

BY-MEETINGS IN THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14th, the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held the third of its monthly by-meetings at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, and it was attended by 23 members. Some very useful practice was put in. Tea was provided by Miss Allen and a party of lady helpers, and was partaken of in the Parish Hall.

Following tea, a short meeting was held, when it was decided to hold these by-meetings on the last Saturday of each month, except when they would clash with any other meeting being held in the district, and Speldhurst was chosen as the tower for the February meeting.

It was decided also to keep a minute book embracing a resume of the practice at each of these meetings, so that the progress made could be recorded.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Richardson, who undertook to arrange these meetings, for the amount of work he had done in order to ensure the success of this new venture.

During the afternoon and evening, the methods practised included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The towers represented at the meeting included Speldhurst, Lamberhurst, Mayfield, Sevenoaks, Eversmonden, Tonbridge and the local band.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on Saturday, January 14th, in one hour, a date touch, consisting of 360 College Exercise, 128 Plain Bob and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Lewis (longest length) 1, J. H. Waldock 2, B. C. Mann 3, J. O. Buckingham (conductor) 4, H. J. Mansfield 5, F. Chalk 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. LINCOLN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Metheringham was the venue of the annual meeting of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held on Saturday, January 7th. The attendance of about 40 ringers represented the following towers: Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Peter-at-Arches, Gainsborough, Blankney, Branston, Wragby, Timberland, Basingham, Eagle, Noclton, Metheringham, and Folkingham. Ringing on the very light peal of eight commenced early in the afternoon, and the new ropes, together with the lightness of the bells, presented difficulty in management on several occasions, with the result that prior to the service the stays of two bells were broken. New stays were fitted, and following the meeting the bells were once again in going order, but a little later similar disaster befell the same two bells. The ropes being new had not yet got to the stage of flexibility, with the result that they frequently ignored their guide, the bell then becoming unmanageable, and the consequent momentum of the bell being far too much of an irresistible force for the stay to resist.

There was the usual ringers' service during the afternoon, which was conducted by the Vicar of Metheringham, the Rev. Smith, whilst the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. H. Sibthorpe, of Blankney.

Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Room. A business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. R. Bond, of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, who wished the ringers a happy and successful year.

In the re-election of the Rev. R. Bond as president, tribute was paid to the chairman for his untiring support and attendance at meetings. Mr. H. Marcon was re-elected hon. secretary, and those present signified in a most unanimous way their appreciation of the manner their energetic secretary had carried out his duties during his first year in that capacity. Mr. Marcon, during this period of office, has been a valuable asset to the Lincoln District, particularly in the way in which he has been instrumental in increasing the membership, both in honorary and ringing. He has devoted much of his time in efforts to brighten up the services held at meetings, and on more than one occasion his work in this respect has been much appreciated.

Mr. J. Walden, who had carried out the duties of Ringing Master, was again re-elected. He was also elected as the district representative to serve on the Northern Branch Committee.

The meetings for 1929 were chosen as follows, and are subject to the approval of the incumbents: Wragby February 18th, Eagle June 30th, Wellingore September 1st, and Branston November 17th.

Two new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. Bond, Rev. Smith, Rev. C. H. Sibthorpe, to the organist (Mr. Simpson, of Lincoln), and the caterers.

The Chairman, in closing the meeting, asked to be allowed to give two words as a motto to the ringers by requesting them to 'Go forward.'

Following the ringing of a course each of Grandsire Caters and Cinques on handbells, a move to the tower was made for further ringing.

60 YEARS A RINGER.

On Thursday evening, January 12th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, Gloucester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Hawkes 1, F. T. Waite 2, A. T. Waite 3, W. H. Harris 4, G. L. Brundon 5, A. A. Waite (conductor) 6, H. Beckett 7, C. Hodges 8. Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Mr. A. A. Waite as a ringer at Barnwood Church, and for his 71st birthday. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Waite, and selections on the handbells were given.

MUFFLED BELLS.

WELL-KNOWN RINGERS BEREAVED.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to two prominent members who have just suffered bereavement.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has lost his mother, whose death occurred early in the new year; and on Wednesday of last week there passed away at 21, Warleigh Road, Brighton, Mrs. K. H. Bennett, wife of Mr. Frank Bennett, and mother of Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

Mrs. Jenkyn was interred at Witney on Saturday, January 7th, and on Sunday evening, January 8th, for divine service at Caversham. 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, with half-muffled clappers, as a token of sympathy with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: H. Simmonds 1, A. D. Cullum 2, J. Hands 3, W. Lewington 4, A. Wiggins 5, E. J. Menday 6, G. Essex 7, E. W. Monday (conductor) 8. Two courses of Stedman were also rung.

On Tuesday evening, January 10th, at the Church of St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. F. W. Jones, former Vicar of the church: Thomas Baldwyn 1, E. E. Davis 2, G. L. Brunsdon 3, J. Gillett 4, H. Beckett 5, J. Austin (conductor) 6, G. Condict 7, A. Martin 8.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Tuesday, January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Hollamby 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, W. Rawlings 4, F. Terry 5, F. King 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Dennis, late sexton and parish clerk, who was interred in the churchyard that day.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

Below is given the list of subscriptions received since our last issue towards the fund for the assistance of Mr. A. T. Baker, of 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, who, until this appeal was opened to help him in his hour of need, was known to our readers as 'Irenæus Pistor,' a contributor who added to the gaiety of the Exercise by his amusing and sometimes caustic comments on the topics of the moment.

To all those who have contributed we tender grateful thanks. We hope to see the fund continue to grow, for Mr. Baker's affliction is not one which time will remove. He is permanently blind, and will need all the assistance that can be given.

The sum of £30 in all has been sent to Mr. Baker to relieve his pressing necessities, and the balance has been deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank to be at the disposal of Mr. Baker as occasion requires. Further reference to the appeal is made in our leading article, and we shall be happy to acknowledge in these columns further contributions from bands and individuals.

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Belfry collections:	79	4	6
St. Andrew's company, Grimsby	11	0	
Middleton Parish Church bellringers	10	0	
St. Thomas' company, Pendleton	1	3	0
St. Mary's company, Rawmarsh	7	6	
St. Michael's ringers, Headingley, Leeds	10	0	
Ringers of St. Luke's Church, Derby	5	0	
All Saints', Frindsbury, ringers	8	0	
Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham	10	6	
Leicester Cathedral ringers	17	8	
St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex	1	10	
Ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich	5	0	
Ringers of St. John's Church, Kirdford, Sussex	8	0	
St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Amateur Change Ringers, Dublin	10	0	
Ringers of St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield	10	0	
Some of the ringers of Christ Church, Dore	1	2	0
St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, Essex	7	6	
Collected at the annual meeting of the Nottingham District, at St. Mary's Church, per F. W. Bailey	14	6	
Collected at the annual meeting of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, per H. Marcon	10	0	
H.I.	1	0	
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Cambridge	5	0	
E. Leggett, Wokingford	3	0	
R. B. Chambers, Littleover, Derby	1	10	
F. B.	5	0	
Misses G. and K. Birschmull	2	6	
A.J.C., Southwell	2	0	
T.M.	10	0	
	£92	4	2

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at St. Michael's Church, Workington, on Saturday, January 7th. Members were present from Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Keswick, Egremont, Carlisle and the local band. The meeting was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. S. P. L. Curwen), supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Holmes (Cockermouth).

The accounts, which had been audited by Mr. Brandwood, showed the satisfactory balance in hand of £9 1s. 9d.

It was decided to hold the annual ringing contest at Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday, and, if possible, to get Mr. G. Newton, of Liverpool, to act as judge.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of bells and room, and for presiding.

The belfry was afterwards visited, and practice was had in Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea. Those who intend to be present are kindly asked to send in their names by Tuesday, January 24th. Other details next week.—John Phillip, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Nr. Boston, Lincs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East and West quarterly meeting at Hadleigh on January 28th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea 1/-, at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NOTICES.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Seventh Annual Dinner.—Ringing at St. Stephen's at 2.15 p.m. (other bells available at 3 p.m.). Reception, tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, at 4.15 p.m. Meet Grand Hotel at 5.45 to start dinner punctual at 6 p.m. Tickets (few left) 5s. 6d. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be rung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. Both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD (Central and Southern Districts combined). — A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, W.C., will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—Elsie L. Hairs, Dis. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West District Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special bus service from Plymouth. All requiring seats please communicate with E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service at S. Nicolas' Church 5 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Sir John Herschel). Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Woodbridge Road, 5.45. Meeting at 6.30. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as some important business has to be discussed.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, by kind invitation of the Rector.—Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Hodgson). Tea provided at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by general meeting. A good attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing at St. James' from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by the Bishop of Taunton. Tea and meeting after service at St. Mary's Church Room. Visitors welcome.—P. Mereson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m., tea and meeting at Denbigh Arms 5 p.m. It was intended to hold this meeting at Leamington, but the Parish Church bells are under repair.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East 3-4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's, Whitechapel, 5-5.30 p.m. Service in church, followed by tea, kindly provided by the Rector. Business meeting after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—James A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on Jan. 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Potato pie supper at 5 o'clock for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th, to William Ashworth, 15, Wardle Street, Stacksteads. Meeting after supper. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be

provided only for those who notify me before last post on Monday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner.—The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Please notify by Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service will be held and a peal tablet recording the record of Superlative Surprise Major dedicated by the Vicar of Bolton (Canon Carpenter, M.A., B.D.). In the evening a social will be held at the Bolton Police Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises, please forward names to the Hon. Sec., Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. Those requiring tea (price 1s.) please notify Miss Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, by Jan. 25th. The secretary is particularly anxious for a good attendance at this meeting, at which important business is to be discussed.—Molly Davenport, Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12). Service in St. Chad's 5 p.m., address by Rev. B. S. Lombard, O.B.E. (Vicar). Tea 5.45 in St. Chad's Institute, 1s. each. Meeting at 6.30. Please send number requiring tea before Jan. 24th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, who will also give the address. Tea and meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, Vicar of Rainham. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Jan. 28th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. A ringers' service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Jan. 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 by Rev. M. E. Thorold, M.A. (Vice-President). Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Jan. 24th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. pro tem., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. A. Barnes, 3, Longford Road, Reddish, Stockport, by Tuesday, Jan. 24th, number requiring tea.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The Swindon Branch annual meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. A tea will be arranged at 1s. per head for those who notify me by Jan. 24th, followed by the business meeting. Important business to be done. Come and support the branch. Visitors heartily invited. The Rev. Clark Kennedy (Vicar) has promised to take the chair. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon. P.S.—Good bus service to and from Swindon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The inaugural meeting of this district will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth, at 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Institute. A good attendance is hoped for and all ringers are welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me on Tuesday, the 24th?—F. W. Rogers, Sec. pro tem., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Watermoor bells open at 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells (12) open for ringing after the service. Will those who require tea please let me know by the 24th?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Totnes on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those who intend to be present please notify me by the previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cookham on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Bells (6) will be available for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Jan. 28th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Laurence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All for tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 24th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater, Somerset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. One shilling will be charged for tea, and it is essential that I should know by Feb. 1st how many to provide for. Please advise me if you are coming. Other ringing arrangements: St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Wells Street, 7.45 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec. pro tem., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will take place at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.45. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Will members requiring tea kindly notify me by the 1st inst.? —Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 4.45. Tea arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Church Kirk, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEATH.

BENNETT.—On Jan. 11th, at 21, Warleigh Road, Brighton, Katharine Helen, the devoted wife of Frank Bennett, and mother of Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

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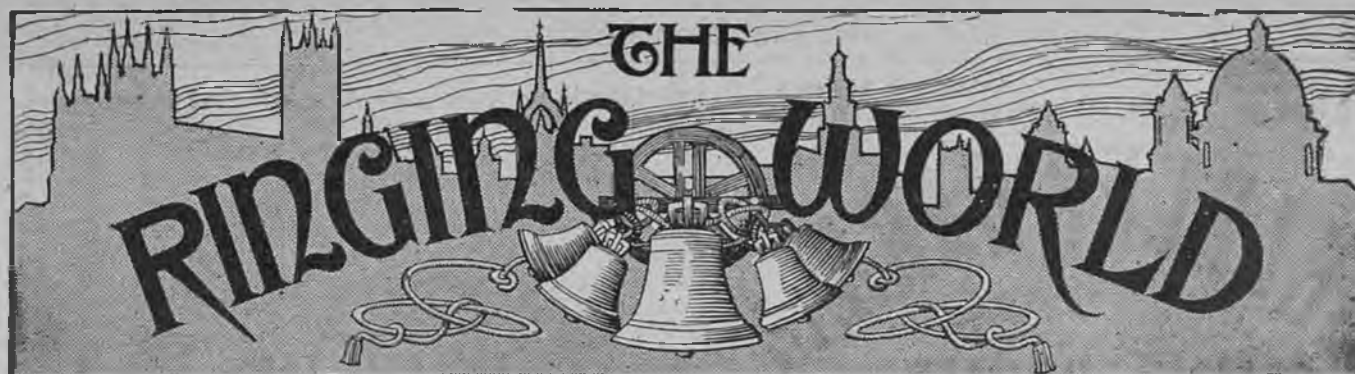
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Some few of the then new societies adopted diocesan titles, but many of them took on county status, and Surrey was one of them, and its reason for doing so is fairly obvious. We are not aware whether it was the intention of the founders that its operations should extend over the whole of the county and thus overlap a portion of the Winchester Guild's area; but there was a considerable slice of ground left uncovered at that time in the north and east of the county, as well as a portion, inside the diocese of Winchester, which never took very kindly to the Diocesan Guild, whose centre was so far removed from them. The question of a Diocesan Guild for that portion of Surrey was at that time out of the question. The bulk of the area was in the Diocese of Canterbury; the Diocese of Southwark was not formed. Kent, which is in the two dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, had, or was about to have, a county organisation, and Surrey, therefore, had no choice. Since then they have worked successfully in a portion of the area, but have been faced with tremendous difficulties in the South London district, where little headway has been made outside one or two parishes.

The formation of the Diocese of Guildford with its new Guild, which, while not extending its territory beyond that of the old Winchester Diocese, has, nevertheless, brought a new force into play, has accentuated the problem of the Surrey Association as to how best to promote its own well-being and further the interests of the art. At the annual meeting on Saturday the members discussed the question of amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the alternative suggestion was put forward that the Association should become diocesan in character and take the Southwark title. One of the

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difficulties in the latter proposal is that part of the Southwark diocese is in Kent, and another that Croydon is still in Canterbury diocese. So far as amalgamation is concerned—assuming the referendum which it was decided to take among the Surrey members, gives approval to a scheme—the Guildford Diocesan Guild has still to consider what attitude they will take up towards it. Surrey's problems are truly numerous and difficult, but there is a good spirit abroad, and that goes a long way.

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On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 8
THOMAS LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
HERBERT LANGDON 5	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

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On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ARTHUR RADLEY Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

THORNBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*VICTOR WILLS Treble	STANLEY POOLE 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
ERNEST PALMER 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 7
GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 4	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 17 years.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

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On Friday, January 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5924 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn)... Treble	J. BUTLER (Fitz. House) ... 5
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 2	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 3	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. (TRIN.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
RICHARD BOLDERSTON ... 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
SYDNEY BROWN 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a mark of esteem for Mr. John Watson, who has retired from the Exercise through ill-health after 21 years' service as secretary to the Blackburn Branch.

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On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	THOMAS V. GOFTON 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 3	ADAM DEAS 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Reginald D. Marshall, of Eastbourne (late Deptford, London) and Miss Irene V. Ovenden, of Padbury, Bucks, who were married the same day at St. Mary's, Padbury, Bucks.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED SLEATH Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	LEONARD W. JOHNSON ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
ARTHUR CATTELL 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Alfred Ballard, many years a ringer and sidesman of this church, who died January 12th, aged 61. This composition was specially chosen as being the same as that in which deceased took part on his silver wedding day, August 9th, 1919.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES A. BINES Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5
FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON 2	JIM HURRELL 6
ALBERT BRADLEY 3	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES ... 7
HENRY NORGATE 4	ARCHIBALD BENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung, at the request of the Vicar, to commemorate the rejection of the revised Prayer Book by the House of Commons.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHINSON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	CHARLES H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

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PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
JOHN JAGGAR 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
JESSE SCREEN 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell to the Vicariate of Sedgley.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
WILLIAM R. BOND 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

This composition contains 90 6-7's at backstroke, and it is believed that it has now been rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Hadlow for kindly standing in after meeting short.

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THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
*WILLIAM HURFORD 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
†CHARLES GREEDY 4	GEORGE POPPELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. † 90th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNETT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	WALTER AYRE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Shuker, Mrs. W. Crabtree and Mr. W. Horan.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday, January 11th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Busby 1, G. W. Park (conductor) 2, W. N. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, J. T. Titt 5, T. Clark 6. This was the first 720 for R. Busby.—Also on January 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, G. W. Park (conductor) 2, J. T. Titt 3, W. H. Porter 4, T. T. Allan 5, R. Park 6. This was the first 720 for the Rev. G. H. Sharpe.

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On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
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Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Treble	*RICHARD BUCKLAND 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KERBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES G. ROMSEY 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	JACK BRANCH 5
*THOMAS ADAMS 2	JOHN COOK 6
WILLIAM HOOKER 3	ALBERT FRIST 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	WALTER CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. COOK.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.
WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVIES Treble	JOHN BOURNE 4
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 5
*ALFRED MORRIS 3	SIDNEY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

EAST CARLTON, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

FREDERICK H. PEARCY Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
A. NORMAN GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells by the M.C.A.

KING'S CAPEL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris', and ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL GODWIN Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 4
FRANK EVANS 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
HENRY E. COX 3	*HERBERT J. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LYMNSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIS AYLMOORE Treble	THOMAS SEARLE 4
ARCHIE LEE 2	JAMES STANDING 5
PERCY H. DOICK 3	JOHN NETLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES STANDING.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Messrs. Lee and Searle were elected members of the association prior to the peal.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*JACK WM. TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4
KENNETH C. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
HERBERT T. PIPER 3	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS BROTHERTON.

* Proposed a member before starting. First peal for all except conductor, and first as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all. First peal on the bells. Birthday compliment to H. T. Piper and H. Boswell.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARTIN BROOMFIELD Treble	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN 4
JAMES W. WHITE 2	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER 5
GEORGE A. STEELE 3	ARTHUR H. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WHITE.

First peal as conductor, and first peal in the method by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the church. This is believed to be the first peal of London Surprise Minor rung in Sussex.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE ABERY Treble

*ARTHUR T. CLAYDON 4

*EDWARD RICHARDSON 2

JAMES ABERY 5

JAMES SMITH 3

FREDERICK WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

* First peal.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Pitman's and the remainder with ten different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	HORACE W. ANSTEE 4
JOE HOBBS 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
GEORGE DANIELLS 3	JOHN H. P. CONQUEST Tenor

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Major Harrison.

KING'S CAPEL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob, and twenty-two of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*C. LEWIS Treble	A. J. TAYLOR 4
W. TAYLOR 2	F. ARROWSMITH 5
G. TAYSON 3	A. HARRISS Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

GAULBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
A. NORMAN GEARY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Minor accomplished on these bells. Specially rung to mark the birthday of Miss Rene Norton, daughter of treble ringer, and her engagement to the 3rd ringer. It was also the conductor's 500th peal.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD F. BECK Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor, and in Bath.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCIS LAWRENCE Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
CYRIL TANSSELL 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES TOTT Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	TOM BARTRAM 5
†STANLEY WALLIS 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

TREDUNNOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, in ten callings.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WINDSOR LEWIS 4
LIONEL JONES 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
ALBERT PROBERT 3	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

One half the peal Conducted by A. HAWKINS, the other half by D. G. CLIFT.

First peal for all. First peal on the bells. The ringers of 3rd and 4th elected members before starting.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*RICHARD WARNETT Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4
*JAMES H. LUCAS 2	PERCY E. JONES 5
*WILLIAM A. LEWIS 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Birthday compliment to W. E. Taylor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*ALBERT HUCKELL Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association by a resident band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 2	*WILLIAM EDGE 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	HARRY CHAPMAN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILD'S DINNER.

Ringers from all parts of the country gathered at Bristol on Saturday for the seventh annual dinner of the United Ringing Guilds, and the event was a greater success than ever. The chairman was Mr. John G. Jefferies, and the principal guest was the Lord Bishop of Malmesbury, who responded to the toast of 'The Church,' which was given from the chair. The Master of the College Youths (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' which is this year celebrating its jubilee, and the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) responded. 'Kindred Guilds and Associations' was submitted by the Vice-chairman (Rev. R. H. Whitford), and replied to by Mr. J. P. Fidler (Midland Counties Association) and Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth).

As usual, a most delightful musical programme had been arranged, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest cordiality and enjoyment.

A full report will appear in our next issue.

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THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With many others I am following with interest the controversy on method extension, and I sincerely trust that some good may result. The views of those who have the courage of their convictions are always good reading, although not of necessity acceptable, but, as Mr. Jenkins says, we must give some credit to the 'other fellow.'

My reading of Mr. Trollope's article differs from that of 'A Plain Ringer,' and this does not determine which of us is correct; but I should like to fasten upon two of his statements, and carry them, if I may, to an illogical conclusion.

There is 'nothing' between the rows. An extent of Bob Minor contains every one of the 720 possible rows obtainable upon six bells, and an extent of London Surprise Minor likewise. Then the rows in the 720 of one are identical with those in the 720 of the other. Nothing between the rows means that Plain Bob is London Surprise!

'Go Plain Bob' produces 214365 as the row immediately next following rounds (no ambiguity here), and 'go London' produces 213546 as the corresponding row. Why? His course-end of Stedman Caters, with nothing between it and the next row, is thus:—

214365879
214365879

and no amount of shouting 'Rounds next change' can alter it.

No, Sir! There is nothing amusing in the work, places, or changes between the rows, nor anything ridiculous in the lead 'ends' being also the lead 'heads.' It is the difference between theory and practice which Mr. Trollope emphasises, and which cuts all of the ice in the world, when the practical ringers turn attention to matters other than rope pulling.

I am afraid the belogging lies in our own understanding, and is no fault of the modern theorist. Read Snowdon's proof of Treble Bob, and see explained there that the false rows 'follow' the course 'end' next preceding. This same 'end' is the 'head' of the course in which the false rows appear, and yet we must call it the 'end' of the previous course instead of the 'head' of that course with which we are dealing. Read 'Method Spicing' and compare Mr. Parker's 720's by the lead-heads and Mr. Fidler's by the lead-ends, and decide which is the more straightforward way. Prove a method, arriving at certain false lead 'ends,' and search for the false rows in the lead of which your 'end' is; see if they can be found.

I am afraid that the modern theorist knows what he is talking about, and we must do what we can to follow him; but I could wish that he would always take the trouble to offer the explanation that is contained in Mr. Trollope's restrained and instructive articles.

If 'A Plain Ringer' could meet the band with whom I have the honour to ring, he would be introduced to practical ringing where lead 'heads' and action between the rows cut all of the ice that he would care to freeze.—Yours sincerely,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

LEAD-HEADS AND LEAD-ENDS.

Dear Sir,—Anyone who knows how to prove methods—Plain, Treble Bob, or Surprise, by transpositions, as they can and should be proved, i.e., by the path of the treble—will not be in any doubt about which are lead-heads or lead-ends.

Except for the fundamental row (rounds), all lead-heads of properly-constructed methods are complex transposition rows; all lead-ends, without exception, of properly-constructed methods are simple transposition rows.

In a complex transposition row the face value and the proving value are not the same.

In a simple transposition row the face value and the proving value are both the same.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

A DIFFERENCE DEFINED.

Dear Sir,—My article does not bear the meaning your correspondent, 'A Plain Ringer,' puts on it, and I cannot be responsible for his mistakes in reading it.

He is amused because I said that there is a difference between a row and a change—a little thing he calls it. Perhaps; but it is in the differences between such little things that all these questions like extension lie. He wants to know 'where, except in the writings of modern theorists like Mr. Trollope' (who presumably doesn't count) 'has the word "change" received the definition' I gave it. I will tell him. The very earliest written sentence explaining anything connected with ringing which has come down to us is Fabian Stedman's definition of a change. It strikes, as it were, the keynote of his book. It supplies his reader with the foundation idea on which ringing is based. Here it is: 'A change is made between two bells that strike next to each other by removing into each other's places, as in these two figures. 1.2. Make a change between them and they will stand 2.1, which is called a change. Make another change between them and they will stand in their right places.'

I should have thought that the very word 'change' itself would have told anyone who stopped to think for a moment that what is primarily meant is not so much a particular order of bells as the

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WATH RINGERS' REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

184 METHODS IN A YEAR.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, the 13 members of the local company, with the exception of two visitors (who took part in three methods), have rung during the year 1927 197 Minor extents in 184 different methods, the only methods rung more than once being Oxford three times and Kent twice, chiefly to oblige visitors. Of these extents, 121 were rung for Sunday services and 76 for special service, practice and peal attempts. The methods rung were all Treble Bob, 3rd and 4th's-place Delights, and Surprise methods in the Central Council Collection, with the exception of Superlative, totalling 132, and 62 other methods, namely: Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, Snowdrop, York Minster, Arnold's Victory, York Delight, Morning Pleasure, Ebor, Woodbine, Woodcock's Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, South Kirkby, King Edward, Raymarsh, London Delight, Hailamshire, Dearne Valley, Lyndale, Dunford, Duke of Leeds, Royal Sovereign, Gladstone Delight, Morning Exercise, Royston Delight, New London Pleasure, Penistone, Nelson's Victory, Ecclesfield, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Queen Bess, New College Treble, Oxford Delight, Barnsley, Felkirk, Campanula, Bristol, Worcester, Overton, Darfield Pleasure, Royal Bob, Coverleigh, White Rose, Trowel, Teesdale, Lichfield, Cluchester, Strathmore, College Bob I., Poynton, Grove Delight, Nostell, Sutton, Blythe, Cawthorne, Shelley, Markham, Bolton Abbey and Fountain Abbey, with Oxford rung twice more and Kent once more, making a grand total of 197.

The following ringers took part: W. Bramham 128, H. Chamberlin 102 (conducted 2), R. J. Ricketts 144, A. Nash 69 (conducted 56), A. Gill 174 (conducted 31), W. Ashworth 130, A. Panther 171 (conducted 105), C. Walsh 83 (conducted 2), J. W. Champion 36, G. Lord 28, W. Green 106, A. Nicholls 5, E. G. Nicholls 3, C. D. Potter (visitor) 2, J. Lawson (visitor) 1 (conducted 1).

BUCKNALL RINGERS' 70 METHODS.

During the year 1927 the ringers at Bucknall, Staffs, rang 161 720's in 70 different methods. The ringers taking part were: William Wheelodon (leader), 115 720's (conducted 24); Charles Preston, 127 (10); William Fradley, 138 (16); Miss Alice Preston, 144 (22); Charles Bowen, 129 (35); Harry Billings, 138 (38); Reg. Preston, 149 (16); Master Jack Wheelodon, 23.

The following were the methods: York, Duke of Clarence, Bucknall, Westminster, Ipswich, Richborough, Crowlands, Beverley, Oxford Bob, Wells, Plain, Allendale, Southwark, Lincoln, Kent, Annabel's London Surprise, Combermere, Canterbury, College Single, St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Duke of York, Durham, Chester, College Pleasure, Cambridge, College Exercise, Castleton, Double Court, Chelsea, Knutsford, Rotherham, Ely, Dunedin, Coldstream, London, Double Oxford, Sandiacre, Kelso, Burslem, Beswick, Munden, Violet, Alawick, Morpeth, Whitby, Newcastle, Canterbury Pleasure, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, Burton, Rochester, Morning Star, Denton, Evesham, Tewkesbury, Chadkirk, Abbeville, Marple, Woodcock's Victory, Carisbrooke Castle, Donatta Castle, Sandiacre Pleasure, Wooler, Warkworth, Wilmslow, Cambridge Delight, Queen Victoria, Pevensey Castle, Belvoir Castle.

The band's records in previous years were: 1924, 108; 1925, 114; 1926, 131.

LITTLE MUNDEN.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1927, was 98 in 15 methods.

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alteration from one order to another. And practically every term that is used in actual ringing—hunting, dodging, snapping, leading, lying, place making, bob, course, lead, and the rest—has reference to the movement of the bells, which produces row from row, and not to the row itself. I am quite aware that from very early times, probably even from Stedman's time, the term included the resulting row as well as the movement which produced it. I am also quite aware that since peal composers are interested exclusively in the rows, for a long time the term 'change' was used as synonymous with 'row' as well as in its original meaning. Forty years ago, in the generation just before my time, the term 'row' was introduced as a better one to describe the actual arrangement of the bells. I do not remember who first used it. It was one of the group—Bulwer, Heywood, Thompson, Davies and the rest—who were the leading intellectual members of the Exercise during the eighties and nineties of the last century. When you use terms in an exact thing like the science of ringing you cannot be too accurate, you cannot be too careful in knowing exactly what the terms mean. I should not find fault with a man who spoke of a change when he meant a row, provided he was not confusing the two things. I should certainly advise one who is writing to use them carefully. But that is not the point. The point is that an anonymous writer has (as I think, unnecessarily) gone out of his way to find fault with me because I use the term 'change' with a meaning which was not only its original but which it has never lost. When your correspondent has recovered from his amusement he may with profit consider the fact that while rounds is certainly the first row of a plain course, the instinct of the Exercise is quite sound which treats rounds as the result and included in the last change.—Your truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

PRESENTATION AT STANMORE.**RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.**

The Stanmore (Middlesex) ringers held their annual dinner on Saturday, January 7th. In the regrettable absence of the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett), through illness, the chair was taken by the vice-president of the society, Mr. E. Heading, who was supported by a company of 24, which included Mr. G. Hughes (Master), Mr. F. Hill (secretary), Mr. F. Edwards (instructor), and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association).

After a very nice dinner had been put 'out of course,' the loyal toast was honoured.

Mr. G. Hughes proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens,' expressing regret at the absence of the former, who was to have taken the chair, and wishing him a quick recovery.—The toast of 'The Visitors,' coupled with the names of Messrs. Coles and Edwards, was proposed by Mr. Hill, who thanked Mr. Edwards for the great amount of interest he had taken in instructing the Stanmore ringers.—The Chairman then presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome timepiece as a token of their gratitude to him.

In replying to the toast, Mr. Coles referred to the progress made by the Stanmore ringers, and congratulated them on the improvement made in their ringing since Mr. Edwards had given them such valuable assistance.

The latter gentleman also replied to the toast, and expressed sincere thanks for the handsome present made to him, which, he said, would remind him of many happy hours spent at Stanmore.

Interspersed between the speeches were songs by Messrs. Lawford, Bergun, Langley, and Hughes, with Mr. Springett very efficiently presiding at the piano, whilst some clever conjuring was given by Mr. Schofield.—An enjoyable evening terminated all too quickly.

GUISELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. Stanley Walker at the age of 35, after two years of sickness, has made a gap in the ranks of the Guiseley band. Deceased had been connected with the tower for over 20 years, and had rung seven peals.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, January 10th, when four members of the local company acted as bearers, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside: W. Dixon 1-2, T. M. Thompson 3-4, F. W. Dixon 5-6, J. Woodhead 7-8. Canon J. F. Howson conducted the service, and Mr. John Rhodes was at the organ.

OLD RINGER REVISITS BELFRY.

On Sunday, January 15th, at St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Holmes 1, W. Hargraves (conductor) 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, E. Ginesi 5, H. Hancock 6. This 720 was rung also in honour of a visit to the belfry of Mr. W. Hargraves, who was for 50 years a regular ringer at the church, but owing to illness had to retire about 12 months ago, and now resides in the Birmingham district.

A JOINT MEETING.

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds (Peterborough and Wisbech Branches) was held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday week, and was well attended by members of both societies. The service was taken by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Chatteris. Referring to the holding of a joint meeting, he said he thought it was a good idea, and showed the friendship that existed among bellringers. He hoped it was only the beginning of many more such meetings.

The ringing during the afternoon was of a high standard, and touches of Cambridge, London, York and Norwich Surprise were brought round, as well as of plain methods.

BELL LECTURE AT COTGRAVE.

A very interesting lecture, organised by Mr. Walter White, on bells and bell ringing, was given in the Parish Hall at Cotgrave, Notts, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, with a view to the enlightenment and instruction of the parishioners and neighbours, and to awaken interest in the art of church-bell ringing.

The lecture, which was very ably given, was illustrated by lantern slides and change ringing on handbells from 'sixes' to Caters by Messrs. Coppock, Milner, Oldham and Wilkinson, assisted by the local ringers. Five 'bob' leads of Bob Major were 'lapped' by the local band, so that the audience might see the marked treble actually hunting up and down.

The lecture, which was preceded by a pianoforte solo by Miss Wilson, of Farnsfield, was followed by a concert, at which Miss M. Knowles, of Matlock, gave some very fine excerpts on the violin, exhibiting great talent. Miss McNair, of Cropwell Bishop, and Mr. A. Coppock rendered some excellent songs, and Mr. E. Batters, of Nottingham, supplied the comic element. The accompanist on the piano was Miss K. A. White (daughter of Mr. Walter White).

Thanks are due and tendered to Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for kindly lending the lantern slides.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. C. Clark, of 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford, has been appointed secretary of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association in place of Mr. P. Timson, who has resigned.

A football cup-tie at Swindon to-morrow has necessitated the postponement of the Gloucester and Bristol (Swindon Branch) meeting at Highworth to February 11th.

The first association to pay its subscription to the Central Council this year was Guildford Diocesan Guild, followed closely by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Members of the Council are reminded of the fact that, under the resolution passed last year, notices of motion must be in the hands of the secretary three months before the meeting, which will be held on May 29th.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss, of Sutton, Surrey, fell off an omnibus in London, one day last week, and fractured an arm. We are glad to say he is progressing favourably.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, had a fall during the bad weather after Christmas, and is still confined to his house.

A College Youths band, on the evening of January 19th, visited and rang at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. The object was to observe the difference, if any, in the tone of the 'ring' cast 50 years ago by Lewis, the organ builder, and those recently cast upon modern lines. The striking at both towers was much admired by the interested listeners.

A hundred and twenty-five years ago to-day a peal of 10,386 Grand-sire Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 56 mins. at Kingston-on-Thames.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of '5,040 real Double Eight in, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7th's as 2nd's, with bobs behind and before.' This was rung at Richmond, Surrey.

This, however, was not the first peal of Double Bob. The first was rung at Whitechapel on January 29th, 1769, and is recorded in 'The Clavis.'

The anniversary of Benjamin Annable's death occurs on Wednesday next. He died in the year 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The bells of Birmingham Cathedral will be broadcast from 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday next.

Over a hundred ringers were present at Chittlehampton on Wednesday week, when the bells were reopened, after having been rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, gave a lecture on bellringing last Thursday week before a large gathering of the Midland Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The lecture was followed with keen interest, and handbell demonstrations, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and a splendid course of Stedman Cinques, were greatly appreciated. The interest taken by the gathering in the subject was illustrated by the fact that a discussion afterwards lasted three-quarters of an hour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Subscriptions to the Central Council for the year 1928 are now due. The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 29th, and notices of motion must be received by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alex. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6, not later than February 28th next.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held at St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, January 17th, and was well attended. In the absence of the Presiding Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who apologised for his inability to be present owing to the fact that he was engaged in the capacity of judge at Hereford, the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-president J. H. Shepherd.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, Mr. James George being added to the vice-presidents, and Mr. Thos. H. Reeves being made a trustee in place of the late Mr. Charles Dickens.

The following are the officers of the Guild: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents, Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent, Thos. Russam and James George; Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and T. H. Reeves; auditors, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and Jonathan Preston; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Routine business having been disposed of, the Secretary informed the meeting that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, had promised to preside at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 25th.

OVER A HUNDRED 720's AT LAMBERHURST.

During the year 1927, 104 720's were rung on the bells at St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, Kent, in 47 different methods, including the 41 Surprise methods of the Central Council Collection. Seventeen ringers took part in them.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION WITH GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Guildford on Saturday had an added importance in view of the proposals of the committee to advance a scheme for amalgamating with the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. Nearly sixty members were present, and enjoyed ringing on the ten bells at St. Nicolas' Church in the afternoon, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob and Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise Major, etc. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. M. Wheeler), the address being given by the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon).

After tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., of Mitcham).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) presented the balance sheet, which showed that there had been a loss of about £2 on the year.

The Master reviewed the work of the association during 1927. Twelve district meetings had been held, he said, and most of them were well attended, but the last meeting of the Western District was a failure, only five members being present. Forty peals were rung. This was 36 less than in the previous year, but the standard of the methods was higher, and it was gratifying that the bands ringing the lower methods in 1928 rang higher methods in 1927. They had lost four well-known members by death—Messrs. A. Otway and E. Hull, of Leatherhead, W. Shepherd, of Streatham, and H. Ewins, of Reigate. The last-named had been Southern District secretary for some years. They had also lost a former member in Mr. S. Daniels, who in 1911 was assistant hon. secretary. There had been three notable bell restorations in the county, namely, at Reigate, Horley and Wimbledon (increased to eight). There were 32 towers affiliated to the association, with 250 members. They also had 42 hon. members, 62 unattached, and 120 life and non-resident members. The Master referred with pleasure to the recovery of Mr. A. Dean and Mr. A. H. Pulling from serious accidents, and also spoke of the great rally of ringers at Croydon last year. He recalled the fact that the association had now been established for 48 years, and was thus only just a little junior to the Winchester Guild, which would celebrate its jubilee in 1929.

Four new members having been elected, the Master proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, for the work he had done in the past in entering the association's peals in the peal book. He did this work for many years, having entered 523 peals in all, and they were beautifully and expertly done.—The vote was heartily accorded.

Reigate was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The question of amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild was then considered. The following scheme was put forward by the committee of the association:—

- (1) The amalgamation shall take place on January 1st, 1929.
- (2) The Surrey Association agrees to the rules of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, except for the following minor alterations:—
 - (a) The society shall be called 'The Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild' of Church Bellringers.
 - (b) The Bishops of Southwark and Guildford shall be ex-officio joint presidents (subject to their consent).
- (3) Cash in hand on December 31st, 1928, shall be paid into the account of the joint societies.
- (3a) One report shall be published for the year 1928, recording both societies' performances, which shall be distinguished separately.
- (4) The boundaries of the districts in the Diocese of Guildford shall not be altered.

The Southern District of the Association shall be renamed 'Reigate District,' but its boundaries shall not be altered.

The remaining area of Surrey shall be called 'The Croydon and South London District.'

(5) All subscriptions due on or after January 1st, 1929, will be for the joint societies.

(6) Any person who is an honorary or ringing member of either society on December 31st, 1928, shall automatically be admitted a member of the amalgamated societies.

Any person who is a compounding member of either society on December 31st, 1928, will be automatically admitted a compounding member of the amalgamated societies without further payment.

(7) A preliminary meeting of the two societies shall be held during 1928 to approve the proposals put forward for amalgamation. The meeting shall be called by the two secretaries jointly, and the expenses of calling such meeting are to be borne by the two societies equally.

(7a) The first meeting of the amalgamated societies shall be held on January 1st, 1929, when the scheme approved of at the preliminary meeting shall be formally adopted.

At this meeting any resident member of either society may be nominated for election as one of the officers provided that the 14 days' notice has been given to the general secretary of either society, as required by the rules.

(8) After this meeting has taken place, the amalgamated societies shall continue absolutely as one society.

The Master, in introducing the proposal, said it arose from the previous annual meeting, when there was a discussion as to the possibility of amalgamating with the new Guildford Diocesan Guild then about to be formed, and the committee was deputed to approach the

representatives of the Guild. A conference was held, and the committee engaged in organising the new Guild suggested that the proper way to proceed would be for the association to consider a scheme, pass it at the annual meeting, and then forward it to the new Diocesan Guild for consideration, as the Guildford committee had no power to discuss the matter. The result was that the association's committee had met and drawn up the scheme now presented. There were 12 members of the committee present at the meeting, and 10 voted for the scheme, while two did not vote. As chairman of the committee he formally moved the adoption of the report.—Mr. J. Hoyle seconded.

In reply to a question by Mr. C. Reading, it was stated that the scheme had not been considered by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Northover (Reigate) said he could not see there was any advantage to be derived by the Surrey Association from the scheme, particularly in the Southern District. He would like to hear some good reasons given in favour of it.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD SUGGESTED.

Mr. F. W. Richardson suggested that instead of amalgamating they should strike out and keep the association going (applause). He had come there specially to say that instead of joining with the Guildford Diocesan Guild they should consider forming a Southwark Diocesan Guild. They had not yet got the Bishop of Southwark's consent to an amalgamation, and if they went to him he might say, 'No; I want a diocesan association of my own.' He knew Croydon was in the diocese of Canterbury, but they might get over that difficulty by some such name as the 'Diocese of Southwark and the Archdeaconry of Croydon.'

Mr. Kippin pointed out that the diocese of Southwark included a piece of the county of Kent.

Mr. Richardson, continuing, said this raised the question whether their associations should be diocesan or county. Some time ago an article on the subject appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and he had been very much surprised that not one single letter had been written on the subject. The thing was, were they to be diocesan or county? They would not all think alike, but he thought they should be the Southwark Diocesan Guild (hear, hear). The Surrey was a good old association, and he thought something like that would be better than joining the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Let them strike out and keep 'on their own' (applause).

Mr. Kippin said if they became a Diocesan Guild they would have to throw out lowers which had belonged to the Surrey Association for 50 years.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said, as many of them would know, there had been talk of creating another diocese, namely, the Diocese of Croydon, and he was not sure that was not actually in the offing. He thought they ought not to hurry over the question of amalgamation, when the whole situation might be drastically altered in a year or eighteen months' time. With regard to the scheme itself, it might be advantageous to both sides, but it occurred to him that if Surrey had only two districts, while Guildford had four, Surrey might find it hard work to keep pace with Guildford. They had also to remember the position of the Southern District, which had worked for some years most successfully. They had also to remember that many of the association's towers were in the Guildford diocese, and their position was, perhaps, as difficult as anybody's.

Mr. A. J. Bull (Southern District secretary) said the Southern District was all against amalgamation.

After further discussion, in the course of which it appeared that there was a considerable division of opinion, an amendment was carried that discussion of the report be adjourned until a plebiscite of the members had been taken, and it was agreed that this should not be done before March 1st, so that all might have the opportunity of thoroughly considering the question. After the vote has been taken, a special general meeting will be held.

NEW RULES DEFERRED.

As the result of a motion passed at a Southern District meeting, 'that the present rules of the association were not satisfactory or sufficient,' the committee presented a new set of rules, and the Master moved, and Mr. Trappett seconded, that they be substituted for the existing rules.

Mr. Northover objected to any decision being come to that day, as many of the members had not seen the new draft.

Mr. Kippin said the committee considered it was not necessary that every member should have a copy. A copy was sent to everyone who had intimated that they intended to be present that day.

Mr. Northover moved that the consideration of the rules be deferred until the members had had time to discuss them.—Mr. Bull seconded.

Mr. Reading said the rules had only come into his possession that day. He had read them, but had not had time to consider them carefully, and he considered it unreasonable to ask them to pass a set of rules at such short notice.

Mr. Northover's amendment was carried by 22 votes to 7, and it was understood that the rules will come up again at the special meeting.

The meeting was then asked to decide the charge to be made to members for the annual report (if one be printed), or any other means of avoiding a deficit on the 1928 balance sheet.—After discussion, it was resolved to charge each member taking part in a peal a 'booking fee' of 3d., and that a charge of 6d. per copy be made for the report.

The officers were then elected as follow: President, the Bishop of

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SURREY ASSOCIATION—continued.

Southwark; Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippen; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Deau; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Cooper; hon. members on the committee, Revs. C. A. Finch and G. E. G. Hoare, Messrs. C. Reading, R. Henderson and Kennedy; auditor, Mr. F. W. Housden.

Mr. W. Shorter raised the question of the recording of peals rung by members who had not paid their subscriptions, and referred to a peal at Thames Ditton, published as being by the association, when two of the ringers, he believed, were not members at all.

It was resolved that this peal should not be entered in the association's records, and not to publish the annual report until after March 1st. This, it was felt, would give members in arrears the opportunity of paying their subscriptions. After that date, the peals in which those who were more than a year in arrears had taken part would be excluded.

WESTERN DISTRICT FAILURE.

The Master read a letter from Miss N. E. Shorter, saying that it was useless to arrange meetings in the Western District, and resigning the office of district secretary. Mr. Drewett said they were all very sorry for the circumstances that led up to Miss Shorter having to write a letter like that, and her resignation was not to be wondered at.

Miss Shorter said at the last three meetings they had an average attendance of only five, and on one occasion she was the only member of the district present. She had had a hard struggle for about four years, and it had been most disheartening to arrange meetings when no one turned up. Without the help of outside members it would have been impossible to hold the meetings at all.

The Master appealed to Miss Shorter to continue for another year, but Miss Shorter declined, and the cordial thanks of the association was passed to her for her work.

On the suggestion of Mr. Kippen, it was decided to attach the Western District to the Central District for this year.

The question of the resting place of the association's peal books was raised by Mr. Northover, and it was resolved that they be placed in Reigate tower for the ensuing twelve months. The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, to the authorities of St. Nicolas' Church for the service and the use of the bells, and to Sir John Herschel for his address.

A collection for the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund amounted to £1 14s.

SURREY ASSOCIATION PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Guildford last Saturday, it was decided that for all peals rung for the association for the ensuing year the band are charged a fee of 3d. per rope.

The conductor is responsible for collecting the money and forwarding it with particulars of the peal to the secretary in whose district the peal is rung, or, if outside the county, to the secretary of the district nearest.

Will the Analysis Committee of the Central Council please note that the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Thames Ditton on December 28th, 1927, is not to be credited to the Surrey Association?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPEN,

Hon. Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PEALS FOR ASPIRANTS.**

The members of the Southern District held a meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, January 14th, which was well attended, there being 24 members present. The following towers were represented: Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington (St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity), Staindrop and Willington. The proceedings began with a well-struck touch of Bob Major, and, during the afternoon, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

The Rev. A. Hammond, curate of St. Andrew's, Auckland, presided at the meeting, in place of the Vicar, the Rev. Parry Evans, who was unable to attend.

A vote of sympathy on the death of Mr. A. M. Hall, a member of the Newcastle Cathedral band, was passed, the members standing in silence. A suggestion was made that in order to promote a greater interest in change ringing a quarterly peal should be organised, and, after some discussion on this subject, the following proposal was made: 'That any member desirous of taking part in a peal should send in his name and the method he would like to ring, to the district secretary, and when a band had been made up by this means the vice-president and district secretary would arrange the peal attempt.' This was agreed to.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, February 25th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in partly defraying the expenses of the tea, and for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. A. Hammond for presiding at the meeting.—The ringers then sat down to a good tea prepared by Mrs. Peverell and other ladies, and later again visited the tower, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor were rung and brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

IN MEMORIAM.

RICHARD HART HART DAVIS: PRIEST.

A FOUNDER OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14th, there passed to his rest this well-known and respected member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It occurred almost at the moment when Canon Coleridge, as chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch, was speaking about him at the annual meeting at Wokingham, and asking for the sympathy and prayers of those with whom he had been associated for so many years as founder and chairman. Though four years past the 'four score years,' there had come to him but little of the 'labour and sorrow' spoken of by the Psalmist. For it is little more than two months since he was sculling up the Thames and bringing back, as was his delight, a load of driftwood; while as recently as November 9th he was taking his morning plunge into the river. He had been, as a young man, a good, all-round athlete, excelling particularly as a wicket-keeper at cricket and as a half-back in Rugby football, and not only did he maintain his keen interest in games and athletics till the end, but also preserved in a wonderful way the body of youth.

Though never himself a bellringer, he was keenly interested in ringing, and formed one of the committee appointed by the Diocesan Conference in 1880 to carry out the formation of the Oxford Guild. From 1890-1923, he held office in the Guild, either as secretary or treasurer, and for a time as both. During these years he was also devoted to many other good works. From 1871-1904, he was working as a parish priest, first of all as assistant curate at Sonning, under Canon Pearson, and later as Vicar of Dunsden. When he gave up parochial work and went to live at the Ridge Field, Caversham, overlooking his beloved river, he threw himself heart and soul into all kinds of social and philanthropic work. When, in his eightieth year, he began to resign most of the positions of public trust that he held, it was not because he was losing his interest in things nor because he was physically failing, for, except in the matter of hearing, his faculties were unimpaired, but because he could not naturally expect to live much longer, and he desired to spare trouble to those who would have to settle his affairs after his death.

The congregation that assembled for the first part of the funeral service on Thursday at St. Peter's, Caversham, was a testimony to the affection and esteem in which he was held by 'all sorts and conditions of men.' The interment took place in the churchyard at Mapledurham, where the bodies of his wife and only son had previously been laid. Here it was that he assisted chiefly in the services of the church after leaving Dunsden, for this was really his parish church.

At the close a 720 of Bob Minor and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung in the tower, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On the Saturday following, a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Sonning by a mixed band of Guild members, but, unfortunately, it came to grief after ringing about 1½ hours.

May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

At the meeting of the South and West District on Saturday, January 14th, over 60 ringers gathered at Acton, where touches for all tastes in 'low,' 'middle' and 'highbrow' methods, and rounds for those whose enjoyment only extends at present to this height of the art, were indulged in.

The Rector (Rev. Newsham-Taylor) at the short service gave a much appreciated brief address after dedicating a magnificent peal board, mahogany and gilt lettered, recording two peals of special interest—an officers' peal of the South and West District and Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Robert Fardon.

After tea, the usual vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Belcher family entertained the company with tunes on their handbells, much to the delight of everyone present.

COMMEMORATIVE PEAL AT SEDGLEY.

The peal at Sedgley, Staffordshire, on Saturday last, January 21st, was rung in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the induction of the present Vicar (Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell) to the Vicariate of Sedgley, which took place on January 21st, 1888. The peal attempt was made by special request, and as it was also to be rung by members of the society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the ringers were thus unable to attend the society's meeting at Willenhall. A letter of apology was, however, forwarded to the secretary on behalf of the band.

After the peal, the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated by all present. The Vicar extended his best thanks to the ringers for the splendid peal they rang in honour of such an important event.

During the evening, Mr. Babb (people's warden) joined the company and made an eloquent and characteristic speech on the work of the bellringers.

The bells were 'fired' forty times, to represent the number of years the Vicar had worked in the parish.

Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. B. Fullwood for their excellent services during the evening.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 14th. Permission was given for the use of the bells from 5.45 p.m. until 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Tea was served in the St. Martin's Club as usual, but this year the management of this part of the programme was placed in the hands of Miss Wise, the new manageress of the club, who made a most promising start, and it is evident that the 'tea-party' side of the society's meetings of the future will quite equal that of the past. Miss Wise and her helpers well earned the thanks of the members—and the course of Grandsire Cinques, on handbells, they demanded.

The business meeting was preceded by a few words of welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. 'Pat' McCormick, who expressed his pleasure and surprise at seeing such a large gathering. Having had a glance at the society's peal book, he said he began to realise there must be something more in bellringing than he had ever thought, and he was going to try to find out more about it. Time would not permit him to take it up as a hobby, but he would certainly interest himself in bellringing and bellringers, and it was his great wish that the annual meetings of the society should continue to be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as in the days of his predecessor, the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard. Regretting he was unable to stay longer, he wished the society every success, and assured them of his presence at their next meeting.

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. This being accepted, the Secretary gave his report on the society's happenings and progress during the past year. In remarking on the various peals rung, special mention was made of the peal rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Benjamin Foskett, for which it was hoped a peal board would be placed in Shore-ditch Church.

The election of officers for 1928 produced little change. Mr. J. D. Matthews was re-elected Master, Mr. J. Sparrow secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford treasurer, Mr. C. J. Matthews senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan junior steward, Messrs. R. Bevan and T. Newman auditors, and Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy trustees.

The making of new members having been carried out and matters of finance decided upon, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies of St. Martin's Club for helping with the tea, and the officers for their services to the society during the past year.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, January 21st, at Putney. The hour of commencement was four o'clock, but ten minutes before that hour a dozen enthusiasts were on the steps at Putney Parish Church, and five minutes later a band was getting on with Stedman Triples. Other methods were rung between then and five o'clock, Cambridge Major being the height attained. Tea, to which 23 members sat down at the Cosy Cafe opposite, being disposed of, the meeting was held. Three new members were made, the officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mitchell, in whose stead Mr. J. Herbert, of Putney, was elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Putney for the use of the bells, and to the local Master and his men for the welcome extended to the association. The Vicar of Fulham and Mr. Driver were also included in this proposition.

The ringers then went 'over the water' to keep an appointment at All Saints', Fulham, where these beautiful bells were set going to Stedman Caters, and subsequently in various other methods till about 8.30. Members came from as far afield as Beckenham and Woolwich.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing commenced at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, after which the members went on to Whitechapel, where, after further ringing, a service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. O. Mayo) officiated.

After tea, generously provided by the Rev. G. O. Mayo, the business meeting was held. The Master, Mr. L. Gray, being absent, Mr. Alleyway was elected Master pro tem. As Mr. Gray was absent, it was decided to leave over the election of the Master until the next meeting.

The secretary (Mr. J. A. Hales) having resigned, Mr. J. A. Waugh was elected in his place. The other officers appointed were: Steward, Mr. A. Riley; treasurer, Mr. Dymont; committee men, Mr. Newman and Mr. Molton; auditor, Mr. Alleyway.

It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. O. Mayo, both for the excellent tea and the use of his bells, also to the incumbent of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East for the use of his bells. The ladies, who very kindly helped at tea were not forgotten, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them also.—The Rector, in replying, remarked, 'Come whenever you can,' and it is hoped to visit Whitechapel again soon.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

'IRENEUS PISTOR.'

Our readers, we are sure, will be as gratified as we are to see that the fund this week has passed the £100 mark. As the list shows, there have been a number of collective contributions, and we hope we may receive many more such.

The following letter from the Rev. Harry Boyes, of St. Polycarp's, Hillsborough, shows how valuable has been the help provided for Mr. A. T. Baker and his family by members of the Exercise, and we hope the amount will continue to grow until it reaches such proportions as to provide something in the nature of permanent help for 'Ireneus' in his affliction.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I say how delighted I am that you have interested yourself and your readers in the case of Mr. Baker, 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough. I know the family well, as I visit them frequently, and they are regular worshippers at my church.

He is bearing his affliction with great fortitude, and although he did not complain, I feel certain that at times his mental suffering must have been very acute. The struggle to make ends meet has been hard, and the prospect none too bright until you took it up. If the numerous subscribers could see the happiness their gifts have given they would feel amply repaid.

I trust that you will forgive me for my intrusion, but I felt that I really must express my appreciation of your kindness and interest in the family.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY BOYES (REV.).

St. Polycarp's Parsonage, Hillsborough.

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Amount already acknowledged	92	4	2
Sheffield Cathedral company	1	1	0
Ringers of Warnham, Sussex	10	0	
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich	10	0	
Ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead	10	0	
Nuneaton Parish Church ringers	10	0	
St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Society, ringing at St. John's, Wilton Road	6	8	
Ringers of St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, Kent	5	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Finedon, Northants	12	0	
St. Andrew's ringers, Chippenham	8	0	
All Saints' ringers, Ripley, Derbyshire	10	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Oldswinford, Worcs.	10	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Worplesdon, Surrey, and Mr. E. Tanner	5	6	
Collected at the meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, per H. Baxter	15	0	
Collected at the Liverpool Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, per C. I. Davies	1	10	6
Collected at the meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, per A. Walker	1	1	0
Collected at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association	1	14	0
Collected at Crewe Branch meeting of Chester Diocesan Guild, per R. D. Langford	1	6	3
Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna	2	6	
J. Swindley, Chester	5	0	
R. Lathbury, Cambridge	10	0	
E. O. G. Clapham	1	0	
G. W. Steere, Carshalton	2	6	
C. Doan, Croydon	10	0	
C. W. P.	5	0	
'Hampshire Hog'	5	0	

Total ... £106 9 11

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District, held at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14th, was well attended, upwards of thirty members and visitors being present. Most local towers were represented, whilst visitors were present from Derby, Loughborough, Crewe, Norton (Staffs), Chilcompton (Somerset), and other places.

Before the business meeting, touches in various methods from Bob Major to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

The new Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. J. Goodacre, M.C., M.A.) presided at the business meeting, at which the usual routine business was transacted.

The general officers and local committee were re-elected, and three new ringing members, one from Tufbury and two from Overseal, were made.

Overseal was selected for the next place of meeting, on March 17th, an amendment of Newhall being defeated.

Thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality on finding so many visitors present.

NOTICE

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, February 4th. Let me know by previous Wednesday for tea.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NOTICES.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner. — The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be rung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Potato pie supper at 5 o'clock. Meeting after supper. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service will be held and a peal tablet recording the record of Superlative Surprise Major dedicated by the Vicar of Bolton (Canon Carpenter, M.A., B.D.). In the evening a social will be held at the Bolton Police Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises, please forward names to the Hon. Sec., Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. The secretary is particularly anxious for a good attendance at this meeting, at which important business is to be discussed.—Molly Davenport, Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12). Service in St. Chad's 5 p.m., address by Rev. B. S. Lombard, O.B.E. (Vicar). Tea 5.45 in St. Chad's Institute, 1s. each. Meeting at 6.30.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, who will also give the address. Tea and meeting will follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East and West quarterly meeting at Hadleigh on January 28th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea 1/-, at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, Vicar of Rainham. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Jan. 28th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. A ringers' service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 by Rev. M. E. Thorold, M.A. (Vice-President). Tea and meeting to follow. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. pro tem., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The Swindon Branch annual meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Important business to be done. Come and support the branch. Visitors heartily invited. The Rev. Clark Kennedy (Vicar) has promised to take the chair. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon. P.S.—Good bus service to and from Swindon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The inaugural meeting of this district will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth, at 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Institute. A good attendance is hoped for and all ringers are welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Sec. pro tem., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting of the Clare and Sudbury Districts will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater, Somerset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cookham on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Bells (6) will be available for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Totnes on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Jan. 28th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea. The president is kindly providing tea. Buses leave Boston G.P.O. at 1.10 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.15 p.m., 3.30 p.m. for Haltoft End, and return 7.10 p.m., 7.40 p.m., 8.10 p.m., 8.35 p.m., 9.10 p.m., 9.45 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) will also be available.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — The meeting at Highworth, arranged for Jan. 28th, has been postponed until Feb. 11th, on account of the Football Cup-tie at Swindon. Other arrangements as before. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENTS' YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, at 8.15 p.m. sharp, the Rector presiding. All members asked to make a special effort to attend. Usual ringing practice at 6.30.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will take place at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.45. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Will members requiring tea kindly notify me by the 1st inst.? —Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 4.45. Tea arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 2nd and 16th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meadow Road, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. One shilling will be charged for tea, and it is essential that I should know by Feb. 1st how many to provide for. Please advise me if you are coming. Other ringing arrangements: St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Wells Street, 7.45 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec. pro tem., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3.30 to 5.30; Immanuel, Streatham Common, after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Streatham Hall. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Church Kirk, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Treeton, Feb. 4th. A committee meeting will be held, at which a full attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided in Overbury Village Hall for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea please notify on or before Feb. 1st.—F. Farrant, Martock.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea provided for those only who let me know by Feb. 2nd.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. W. Corfield, Whitfield Road, Norton-le-Moors, not later than Feb. 1st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify E. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, by Feb. 1st. Visitors heartily invited.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 at the White Lion Hotel. All are welcome. Annual subscriptions now due.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the new Andover District will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8), also Laverstoke (6), available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting follows. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome. Those ringers requiring tea please notify by Feb. 2nd. — G. Pullinger, Sec. pro tem., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex Division. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing commences at 3.30 p.m. Short ringers' service at St. Peter's at 4.30, and 5 p.m. tea and meeting in the Parish Room (1s. each). Will all those intending to be at tea notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, latest.—R. W. Stannard, Pantiles, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the new year will be held at East Markham (Tuxford, L.N.E. Station) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The peal of 8 bells is in splendid going order; two new trebles added three years ago, and will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable cost for those who notify W. Brett, Church Street, East Markham, Newark, not later than Feb. 1st. A good attendance is requested. Visitors from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Cheap and frequent buses and return railway fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify secretary by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at latest.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith (Vicar). Tea 5, at the Swan Hotel (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Will all ringers who wish to attend, and all will be welcome, please let the Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, know by Feb. 7th at the latest? Towers available: Sturminster Newton (6) and Okeford Fitzpaine (6).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—All members are earnestly invited to the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and St. Clement Danes' from 2.30 until the service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon H. Foster Pegg. Tea in the Parish Room, by ticket, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for ringing during February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 13th and the 27th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 21st, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Watford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells open from 4 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. Cheap trains from Broad Street, Euston, or Elephant and Castle. Names for tea by the 8th please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Melbourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify F. Harper, Melbourn, Cambs?—F. Warrington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 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 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30. —A. Paddon Smith, Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

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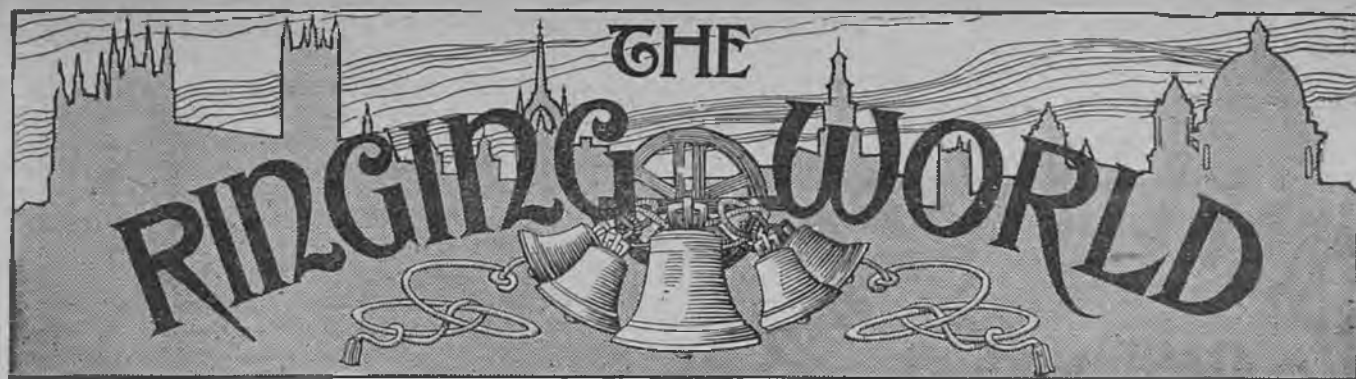
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THE FUTURE OF THE M.C.A.

The trend which ringing organisations are taking towards diocesan, as distinct from county and territorial, status has been more than once referred to in this column. It has been our conviction that in the evolution, which is ever going slowly on, the future of ringing associations lies in their being linked more closely with the Church. The time is passing when we can look upon our art merely as a secular pursuit. At one time it was considered little else, and, except that ringing took place in the church towers because there were no bells elsewhere, there was little sympathy between the church and the ringers. To-day, however, the position is totally different, and the services of the ringer are recognised as an integral part of church work. The peal ringing side of our operations is becoming very largely a concession to those who, week in and week out, give their time and talents to ringing the bells for the services. If it were to happen that ringers would no longer ring the bells on Sundays, it is quite certain they would no longer have the use of bells for peals. The first is a position that will, we imagine, never occur, so that there is no need to worry about the likelihood of the second; but we put the point forward to illustrate the argument that there has been a definite change in the attitude not only of ringers toward the Church, but of the Church towards ringers, and, if to-day our associations and guilds could make a new start together, we do not hesitate to say it would be found that they would adopt a diocesan basis.

That even county associations are seriously reconsidering the position there is now further evidence from the Midland Counties. Stretching at present over the whole or part of some four dioceses, this large and influential body has decided to test the feeling of its members on the subject; the apparent object of the committee at the moment being a sub-division of the area into four diocesan organisations. It is a thorny problem with which doubtless the members can be trusted to deal with common sense and vision, but it involves many considerations outside the purely M.C.A. area, of which the casual observer is not fully aware. The dioceses chiefly concerned are Leicester, Derby, Southwell and Lichfield, and if the Midland Counties Association's territory were simply coterminous with these the matter would be comparatively simple. Leaving out of the question, however, any small overlappings there may be into other dioceses, the M.C.A. is confronted with the fact that there are other not unimportant societies operating within the four main areas. The Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs and the North Staffordshire Society are working successfully in the diocese of Lichfield, where the M.C.A.'s

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principal concern is with the Burton District. In Southwell there is the active North Notts Association to be taken into account if the Diocesan Guild is to be really comprehensive; while in Derbyshire there is the East Derbyshire Association, and the Old East Derbyshire portion of the Sheffield District Society. Then there are organisations like the Sherwood Youths of Nottingham, and the Framland Society, so that if the scheme for division is to be made effective and successful and to embrace all the ringers in their respective dioceses, it will need to be handled with diplomacy, but we have no doubt there will be found an acceptable solution.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
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BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*FRANK B. YATES Treble	ERNEST E. ALLAWAY ...
*PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	*JOHN EATON 7
*GEORGE E. LARGE 3	*CHARLES WEIR 8
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	JOHN NEAL 9
*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Bung as a birthday peal to Mr. Frank B. Yates. This is the first peal on the recast bells since they were made a ring of ten.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BASHFORD Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	ALFRED J. BULL 7
HENRY A. HOAD 3	DANIEL COOPER 8
CHARLES S. HOAD 4	WALTER CLAYDON 9
HARRY JORDAN 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	ALBERT HARMAN 8
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
*FREDERICK BOWDEN ... 5	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal on ten bells. First ten-bell peal on the bells. First peal of Caters for the Guild. A birthday compliment to R. Hayes.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5607 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*WALTER GLOVER 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
FRED. C. MAYNARD 5	WILLIAM MORLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	*THOMAS HEMMING 6
SAMUEL GROVE 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 8
HARRY PRICE 4	ALFRED HACKETT 9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	*WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Composed by W. KENT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since they were rung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

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Conducted by E. JENKINS.

The first peal of London Surprise in the City of Dublin. It was rung on the original octave, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1738, and is the first performance upon them. An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the afternoon lasted two hours, Messrs. F. Bibby and G. Lindoff assisting the above band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
CYRIL VALENTINE 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
WALTER MASTERS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Gibbs. First peal in the method as conductor.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. O. LANCASHIRE'S IRREGULAR TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
JAMES PAGET 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
PERCY DUDLEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. B. Yates, Ringing Master, King's Norton, Birmingham.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
*MISS ELSIE E. PETTITT 2	*HERBERT C. REASON 6
*HENRY E. HAMMOND 3	GEORGE WIFFEN 7
*BASIL REDGWELL 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. Rung on the birthday of Miss Pettitt, who is the first lady in Essex to take part in a peal in the method.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM BYGRAVE Treble	ROBERT G. KING 5
*HERBERT WHITEY 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
†WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH 3	†CHARLES A. BYSOUTH 7
†WALTER MACHON 4	*ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty 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	HAROLD B. DITCHBORN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	MICHAEL F. HARRISON 6
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of R. L. Patterson's wedding.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

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On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	WILLIAM HEATH 5
GEORGE LARGE 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	JOHN HAMMOND 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

P.S. ERNEST ASTON Treble	NORMAN BYRON 5
CECIL GRIMES 2	JESSE GARDNER 6
*WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	WALTER LARGE 7
FRED JONES 4	*ALFRED SKELCHER Tenor

Composed by G. WANKLIN.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal of Triples.

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On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON... ..Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
* ROBERT SUMMERS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Surprise Major with a working bell.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WILSON RUSHTON ... ..Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HAROLD N. PIXSTON 3	HENRY HODGETTS 7
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 4	JAMES BOLLOCK ... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE

Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate parts.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
* JOHN G. NASH 2	WALTER J. BOWDEN 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	JAMES PARKER 7
EDWARD H. KING 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER

* First peal in method inside.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... ..Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
WILLIAM J. WASEY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
EDWARD HOWES 3	BEN S. THOMPSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 5
CHARLES BAILEY... .. 2	CLAYTON E. PARNELL 6
MISS VIOLET BECKETT ... 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

C. F. Sayer has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ...Treble	GEO. E. CRISP 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	CHAS. W. COOK 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
FRED J. COOK 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES GEORGE ... ..Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
JOHN JAGGAR 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
GILBERT GUEST 4	BENJAMIN FOLLWOOD... ..Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a life member previous to starting.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
THOMAS HURD 2	* HARRY PARKER 6
* JOSEPH A. COCK... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
WALTER LONGMAN 4	† RALPH OXFORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, and was elected a member before the peal.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ..Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN... .. 6
MRS. HARRY BAKER 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ALBERT HOBDEN 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

The band wish to thank Mr. Curd for oiling the bells, etc., in readiness for the peal.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

* RICHARD COLLINS ...Treble	REGGIE LEWIS 5
ROYDEN DAVIES 2	ALBERT GREY 6
FRANK ROWSELL 3	JOHN DARCH 7
LAWRENCE STIRK 4	JOHN COLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DARCH.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers of 4th and tenor from Merthyr, the conductor from Pontypridd, the rest are local men. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 5th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Including three extents of Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST BROWN ... ..Treble	GILBERT HAZELL... .. 3
HERBERT BABER 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 4
HAROLD BLACKER... ..Tenor	

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

THE FIRST 1928 DATE TOUCH.

At St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, Yorks, the new year was rung in with a date touch of 1,928 changes, comprising 488 and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: G. Chappell 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson 3, S. Fielding 4, T. Noble 5, E. Brooks (conductor) 6.

HORSMONDEN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
BERTRAM LUCK ... 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. RELFE.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN TURNBULL ... Treble	†EDWARD A. HERN ... 4
†ERNEST GOSDEN ... 2	†ADAM DEAS ... 5
†JAMES E. SCOTT ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First 720 in any method. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Great credit is due to the treble man for the able way he rang his first peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SIDNEY BAKER ... Treble	HARRY ARGENT ... 4
FREDERICK A MITCHELL ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
†JOHN BURLS ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of London on the bells, by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. All the band are Sunday service ringers at this church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'Spliced' extents as follows:—

- (1) Croyland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh.
- (2) Poynton, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden.
- (3) Grove Delight, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby.
- (4) Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury.
- (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Trowel.
- (6) Oxford, Overton and Sandal.
- (7) London Scholars' and Kingston.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
HARRY LANGLEY ... 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The 5th extent in this peal was the conductor's 2,000th.

ACCINGTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Oxford, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JOHN BEATTIE ... Treble	ARTHUR BROWN ... 4
WILLIAM AARON ... 2	SYDNEY BROWN ... 5
ARTHUR INGHAM ... 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in four methods for ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

HELD OVER.

We regret that, on account of the heavy pressure on our space through the many important gatherings that have taken place, we are compelled again to hold over a number of reports and articles.

HARROLD, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, 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, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... 4
JOSEPH SHARP ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

BRADWELL, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BECKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Stedman, 26 of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Treble	*THOMAS C. WALTERS ... 4
WILLIAM FRENCH ... 2	ALEXANDER COLEY ... 5
EDWARD J. WHITLOCK ... 3	†RONALD CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. WHITLOCK.

* First peal inside. † First peal. First peal in three methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the birthdays of the ringers of 4th and 5th.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 240 by Pitman and 40 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE E. SHALLISH ... Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY ... 4
GEORGE GILLING ... 2	*REGGIE A. DARE ... 5
*EDWARD G. NORTON ... 3	TOM BROWNING ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. SHALLISH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANCIENT CHURCH PROPERTY AT BROUGHTON.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, January 21st, and, although the day was very wet, there were representatives present from six of the branch towers. The ringing, on the whole, was very good, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Spiced Oxford and Kent, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Davies) was present at tea, and also presided at the business meeting.

After tea, the rev. gentleman produced some rubbings which have been taken from three of the oldest bells in the tower. The oldest bell, which is of the early fifteenth century, is inscribed as follows: 'St. Petre, O.P.N.' (the founder's mark) 'T.B.'

The next oldest is inscribed: 'Jesus be our spede 1632' (founder's mark) 'P.H.'

On the third bell is 'C.W. W.W. I C. 1681. Gloria in Exelsis Deo' (founder's mark) 'W.S.'

The Vicar also showed the meeting some old 15th century documents, which related to the giving of the rent of a field to the church for ever, also an old chest which was hewn out of the tree before the use of saws and planes, as we know them to-day; an old font which had been brought back to the church some years ago, after doing duty as a watering trough for pigs or cattle.

The singular part about these ancient bells, and other things in the church, was that, although most of the visitors present had been often enough before, they were unaware of them till the Vicar brought them to their notice.

Two new members were elected, and the bells were 'dropped' about eight o'clock, after a very pleasant meeting.

ACTIVITY AT ALLESLEY.

The following 720's of Surprise Minor were rung by the Sunday service band recently: Sunday, October 9th, 1927, 720 of York Surprise; Sunday, October 16th, 720 of Beverley Surprise; October 24th, 720 of Chester Surprise; October 31st, 720 of Durham Surprise; Sunday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 of Wells Surprise; Sunday, November 13th, 720 Cancaastro Surprise; November 26th, 720 London Surprise; December 5th, 720 Ipswich Surprise, also 720 of Cambridge Surprise; Sunday, January 8th, 720 of Surfleet Surprise. C. Aylett and G. Gardner 1, O. J. Hunt 2, H. Summers 3, J. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrins (conductor) 5, J. H. W. White 6. The above 720's, with the exception of London and Cambridge, are the first upon the bells and by all the band.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds have every reason to be happy and proud of the continued successes, year after year, of the annual dinner, but there is one perplexing feature, and that is that Bristol is poorly equipped with hotels and restaurants in which a room can be found to house the large numbers who wish to support the happy event. Last year a move was made to the Royal Hotel, where the coffee lounge was found to be large enough and something to spare for future elasticity, but, unfortunately, the room was acoustically so bad that a return to the Grand Hotel had to be made. With only accommodation for about 125, the hon. secretary was bewildered to find that over 150 tickets had been sold, and that other applications were still pouring in. It was decided nearly a week beforehand that no more tickets could be disposed of. At the last moment some relief was afforded by the unfortunate illness of about eight to ten patrons.

Proceedings at the seventh annual gathering on Saturday, January 21st, commenced with ringing at St. Stephen's Church. After an hour's efforts in various methods, a move was made to St. Mary Redcliffe, where ringing on the twelve bells was indulged in for a considerable period beyond the scheduled time. Tea was provided at St. Thomas' Parish Room, and here good opportunity was made for a chat with old friends. In one instance two ringers met for the first time after a lapse of 20 years. The ringers are very grateful to Mrs. Leaker and Mrs. Cave and others who helped to arrange the tea. At 5.45 a move was made to the Grand Hotel. The room was festooned with large coloured paper bells, and the whole 'atmosphere' was permeated with the spirit of good fellowship. The service was voted better than ever, and good digestion was assisted by sweet music rendered by Mr. Palmer and his friends. After all the good things had been disposed of, the Chairman (Mr. John Jeffries) proposed the toast of 'His Majesty the King,' and when the National Anthem was sung one thought of the Albert Hall community concert. The Sec. read the apologies for absence, in which good wishes were expressed, from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, and Mr. Dart. An apology was made from Mr. Rich, of Bath, who had unfortunately been ill.

The Chairman then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' in which he referred to the present crisis, and said that bellringers throughout the length and breadth of England hoped for a settlement upon a foundation true and sure. The church bell chambers, he proceeded, were better places now than their paternal body, the Gloucester and Bristol Association had been formed for half a century. He hoped for continued prosperity for the association, and asked all ringers to place the prosperity of their beloved church before every other consideration. This was important, because, of course, if there were no churches they, as bellringers, would not be wanted.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Malmesbury, on rising to respond, was greeted with a tremendous ovation. The Lord Bishop remarked that it was being said that the Church to-day was torn apart, and that one section was pulling against another, but he was sure that the situation had been greatly exaggerated. 'Here are you good people,' said the Bishop, 'coming from all sorts of churches, and yet you are in real fellowship and willing to live and let live. It is possible that in bellringing even one might find different views upon different matters, but because of that you do not think they are thoughtless or selfish. It would be ridiculous ever to suppose that one could have uniformity of thought. Why, the whole beauty of the world was its variety. Just as there was a variety in nature, so was there variety in the human mind and feeling. It expressed itself in art, in every form of science, in what you prefer to eat and drink, and even as he looked amongst them in that room he could notice the variety of dress. In the Church to-day they had a variety of expression, and in this there was bound to be differences of intellectual ideas and interpretations. The world's progress depended upon variety of thought, and progress was due to that daring to be different. The crisis through which we are passing is an attempt by men who have thought well to bring our laws up to date, and so enable all those who hold fast to the old laws of the Church, but need a variation, to express themselves to God.

A very difficult position had arisen, he continued, and a great deal depended upon the laity as to how they supported the Bishops in the task before them. He would like them to think of what bells meant. They rang as a sign of danger; they rang as a sign of joy; and they expressed the great things of Christian life. Bellringers acted as agents of God when they called people to worship Him. The standard of bellringing had gone up, not only in the work itself, but in the way it was done. In conclusion, the Bishop said he could, in the name of the Lord Bishops of Bristol and Gloucester, thank the united ringing Guilds for the work done and for the example they had set in carrying out the work they had at heart. He had never been at a ringers' gathering before, but he hoped he would be allowed to come again, and, perhaps, on the next occasion they might not be burdened with his voice.

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, proposed the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.' In doing so, he congratulated the association upon attaining its jubilee, and congratulated the officials upon their efforts to maintain the position that the association occupied. He wished them continued success.

The Master, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in responding, was received with long applause. He said the gathering that night proved that the step of forming the association fifty years ago was a right one. There was every sign and prognostication that not only was the association making progress, but would continue to do so (hear, hear). He was very proud that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was holding its own among the associations of England. The work of a ringer called for a certain amount of self-denial and self-sacrifice, and they as ringers were willing to give both, and, furthermore, were always ready to do so.

The Vice-Chairman, Rev. R. H. Whitford, proposed the toast of 'Kindred Guilds and Associations.' He referred them all to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' issued the day before, and welcomed the many visitors there that evening.

Mr. John P. Fidler, Midland Counties Association, and Mr. John W. Jones, Llandaff Association, responded.

The toast of 'The Artistes' was proposed by Mr. Joseph Gould, who said thanks were due to those who had so admirably entertained them that evening, and that the Guilds were greatly indebted to Mr. W. S. Emery and Mr. Charles Spurrer, who had worked untiringly to make the musical programme the great success it had been.—Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M., conductor of the Cecilian Musical Society, briefly responded. Mr. Read is regarded as being part and parcel of these annual dinners, and the committee know they not only have his sympathetic support in assisting from the musical side, but his advice and useful information. Songs were ably rendered by Miss Winifred Rodd (gold medallist), and the congratulations of Bristol Guilds have been extended to her upon the invitation to sing at Croydon All-England Ringers' Day on March 3rd. Miss Dorothy Hill gave humorous recitals, and the songs of Master Folkes (a St. Thomas' choir boy) were much appreciated. Mr. Courtenay Frost, who has a delightful tenor voice, was encored. Mr. E. Vaughan Coleman gave mystic performances, and the St. Thomas' handbell ringers played new and old selections to everyone's delight. During the evening, by kind permission of the management of the Prince's Theatre, Mr. Jack Stanley ('King Philip') and Mr. Johnnie Schofield ('Mrs. Pip'), from 'Humpty Dumpty' pantomime, gave a happy few moments of their company and songs. As the evening drew to a close, the numbers gradually decreased, until 'Auld Lang Syne' officially ended the night's successful enjoyment.

Among those present were ringers from London, Croydon, Swindon, Birmingham, Sheffield, Newport, Malvern, Weston-super-Mare, Ubley, Kemerton, Loughborough, Wyke Regis, Chaw Magna, Chippenham, Gloucester and other places. One gratifying feature was the strong support given to the Guilds by the clergy.

COALBROOKDALE RINGERS' DINNER.

The Coalbrookdale Society held their second annual dinner at the Commercial Hotel on Saturday, January 14th. The Vicar (the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A.) presided, and was supported by Mr. Frederick Johnson (churchwarden), Alderman Walter Roberts, Councillors W. Bishop and J. S. Barker, J. C. Green, Esq., and Mr. Edwin Bailey (Coalbrookdale Inn). Messrs. John Wase, Donald Wase, F. Francis, A. J. Garbett, E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet), J. L. Hayward (Maidstone), and Wallace Wall (organist), were amongst the visitors. Fourteen of the local ringers were also present, and the sidesmen of Holy Trinity Church, viz., Messrs. S. Stanway, H. Williams and E. Johnson. Apologies were received from Mr. Herbert Hughes (Vicar's warden) and Mr. Thos. Doughty, saying that illness prevented them being present. The function was arranged by Mr. William Saunders, head ringer and towerkeeper, and an excellent meal was served.

The loyal toasts were honoured, and Councillor Barker proposed 'Church and State,' to which the Chairman replied.—The health of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Fred Johnson, and Alderman Roberts responded.

Councillor Bishop submitted the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Coalbrookdale ringers,' and Mr. Wm. Saunders suitably replied.—The health of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Councillor Barker, and was responded to.

During the evening Mr. Wm. Saunders explained the origin of the function, and said it would help to promote a feeling of goodwill among the ringers.—A musical programme was rendered during the evening by the following: Alderman Roberts, Messrs. F. Francis, A. J. Garbett, D. Wase, G. E. Wase, J. Garbett, and the Coalbrookdale handbell ringers. Mr. Wallace Wall was the accompanist. All present agreed that the annual dinner of the Coalbrookdale ringers had come to stay.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

A pleasant gathering took place at the Bull's Head, King's Norton, on Saturday, January 21st, when the Ringing Master of the St. Nicolas' Guild, Mr. F. B. Yates, invited the members and a few friends to dine with him. A splendid repast of Christmas fare had been provided, to which full justice was done. Afterwards, the company settled down to a concert, songs being well rendered by Messrs. Downes, Dowding, H. Withers and Avery, and touches upon handbells were successfully brought round.

At the conclusion, the best thanks of those present were given to Mr. Yates in a very hearty manner by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby. A birthday peal for Mr. Yates had previously been rung.

CHITTLEHAMPTON BELLS. A DAY'S FESTIVITIES.

The bells at Chittlehampton, Devon, have been reopened after being rehung by the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The new framework is of massive cast iron; the foundations consist of two sets of rolled steel girders. All new fittings have been provided, with headstocks of cast iron, specially proportioned to each bell. The nickel steel gudgeons turn in ball bearings, with double race enclosed in special housing which excludes all dirt.

There were over 100 campanologists present at the reopening from Torrington, Atherington, High Bickington, Chulmleigh, King's Nympton, Tawstock, Bishop's Tawton, Marwood, Meshaw, Yarncombe, Filleigh, West Buckland, Burrington, and Mariansleigh, all of whom expressed themselves highly pleased with the work. The proceedings started with an auction of the old timber framing, the hammer being successfully wielded by Mr. F. Dobbs, all the lots realising satisfactory prices.

A public luncheon followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the acting Rural Dean, Rev. E. Bell Molland, Col. Gracey, Revs. W. Lee and H. J. Crocker, Wesleyan ministers, and Mr. F. Dobbs, the visiting bellringers being guests of the committee.

At the conclusion, a toast list was submitted by the Vicar. 'The King' was accorded musical honours, 'The Visitors' was acknowledged by Col. Gracey and Rev. W. Lee, 'The firm, John Taylor and Co.' was responded to by Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the firm, and 'The ringers' was replied to by Mr. A. Darch, Torrington.

The Rev. E. Bell submitted 'The Bells Committee,' and congratulated them on the success achieved. To this, Mr. J. R. Burgess, hon. secretary and treasurer, responded. The Vicar then proposed 'The hon. secretary and committee organising the recent draw,' Mr. G. Crocker responding. 'The hon. auctioneer' was replied to by Mr. F. Dobbs, 'The subscribers' by Mr. H. E. Jones. A hearty vote was accorded the ladies, on the proposition of Mr. R. Fidler, High Bickington.

Divine service followed, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Exeter who in the course of his address referred to the prominent part played by church bells in our national life. The bells, he said, were high up in the various towers, so that their sound might reach everyone with their message, and they had a message for all—the call to God's house and a call to higher things. He hoped they would not call in vain.

During the afternoon and evening, whist drives were in charge of Mesdames Lean and Bastin, and a skittle competition was in charge of Messrs. W. Dean, W. J. Westacott and G. Pethebridge. A public tea was provided and well patronised, followed by a dance arranged by Messrs. J. R. Burgess and P. V. Bastin, who were also M.C.'s, music being provided by the Palestrine dance band.

Much work has devolved upon Messrs. A. E. Mayne, the bellringers' secretary, and J. R. Burgess, hon. secretary and treasurer to the Bell Fund Committee, who are to be congratulated on the results achieved.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday. Standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Hassard-Shortt) officiating. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of in St. Luke's Church Hall, fifty-seven able trenchermen (and women) participating of the good fare provided. At the business meeting which followed, with the Vicar in the chair, nineteen new members were elected, including five ringers of St. Mary's, Woolwich, a tower which had been out of union for the past two or three years.

Mr. I. Emery gave a report of proceedings at the Central Committee meeting held at Tonbridge in November last. In the course of this report, Mr. Emery called the attention of members residing outside the county to the proposed amendments to Rule 4 (d) and Rule 11. These will appear, for discussion, on the agenda of the annual general meeting, and are as follows: Rule 4 (d) to be altered so that members desiring to become life members after three consecutive subscriptions of the usual amount (i.e., 2s. per annum), must notify the secretary of their desire, and Rule 11 to be altered by the addition of the words 'or other' to the closing sentence, viz., 'No travelling, or other allowances will be made to non-resident life members.' Last year 'other allowances' included free dinner tickets on the occasion of the annual general meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Emery for his clear and concise report, and this was carried with applause. St. Mary's, Woolwich, was chosen as the place of next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed that a collection be made on behalf of 'Irenæus Pistor.' This was agreed to, and the sum of £1 ls. 3d. was obtained.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his generous hospitality in supplying a splendid repast, and for presiding at the business meeting, to the organist for his services, to the ladies for serving the tea, and to Mr. Keep, of the local band, for arranging the meeting.—This was carried with applause.—The Vicar responded, assuring the members of a hearty welcome whenever they visited St. Luke's in the future.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among those whom death removed from the Surrey Association last year, was Mr. W. E. Otway, of Leatherhead, not Mr. A. Otway, as inadvertently given in our last issue.

Intending visitors to the Johnston dinner on February 25th should make application for tickets to Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), and not to Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, who will be abroad for the next three weeks.

Two thousand extents of Minor is a wonderful, if not a record, performance, yet this has been achieved by Mr. James Fernley, sen., the conductor at Norbury, Cheshire, where history has been made in 'Spliced' ringing. Last week a peal in 25 methods was rung, in the course of which Mr. Fernley reached his 2,000th 720.

Mr. William Stevens, a carpenter, who resides at Great Horwood, Bucks, has just completed 60 years as a ringer at the Great Horwood Parish Church, where his father, also a carpenter, helped to do the woodwork when the bells were rehung and one bell recast 70 or 80 years ago.

Sunday is the 40th anniversary of the peal of 12,041 Stedman Caters rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. at Appleton on February 5th, 1888. Since that time that record has been beaten in varying stages by over 9,000 changes, but Appleton still has credit of the longest length, which it retrieved on April 22nd, 1922, when the peal of 21,363 was rung.

On February 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley. It was two days after this event that the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were opened, and three separate peals were rung by three different bands on that occasion. Two of the peals were by the College Youths, and one by the Cumberlands.

The first Surprise peal rung in the 'Metropolis' was 5,600 of Superlative at Bethnal Green by the St. James' Society on February 9th, 1850.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL TO FORM DIOCESAN GUILDS.

What can be written down as a most successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Syston on January 21st, when some 50 members from Burton, Colgrave, Derby, Hinckley, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham and other places were present, including Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon. The eight bells of the Parish Church, though not of the best, and sadly in need of rehanging, were kept going in various methods from Grandsire to Cambridge, and later in the evening Thurnaston (six bells) was visited by a number of ringers. It was unfortunate that the worthy president of the association, Aid. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., could not be present, but advancing years and feeble health prevented this; and, further, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) was unable to attend owing to business.

The committee met in the Church Rooms, and Mr. W. E. White was elected chairman. Routine matters were first dealt with, and it was decided to grant £5 to Whitwick, whose eight bells are being rehung. As proposed at the last meeting, the hon. secretary read the committee's report and the treasurer's comments on the balance sheet, and, with minor amendments, these were passed for printing in the annual report.

There have been several suggestions and proposals talked of to divide the association, which covers a huge area, into diocesan Guilds or districts, and this idea was favourably received by the committee and referred to at the general meeting.

A substantial meat tea, catered for by the churchwarden's wife and other ladies of the church, was followed by the general meeting, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. J. Avery). He gave the members a cordial welcome in a few witty remarks. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. Morris) explained the various matters arising out of minutes, and also stated that the committee's report and balance sheet for 1927 had been passed, and would appear in the annual report in due course.

New members elected since the previous meeting were confirmed, viz., 1 patron (the Lord Bishop of Derby), 1 honorary, 1 life, and 22 ordinary members. The grant to Whitwick, proposed in committee, was ratified, and two auditors to check 1927 accounts were elected.

The proposals or suggestions to divide the association into diocesan Guilds or districts was then discussed at length, the Hon. Secretary first explaining that the committee had favourably received the idea, but warned the members not to come to hasty conclusions, but carefully to think the matter over, so that, should the scheme come about, it could be done in a fair and equal way to all concerned.

It was finally decided to bring the matter up again at the annual meeting on Easter Monday at Nottingham, and that in the meantime each district should discuss the matter among its members. The hon. secretary was requested to write to each of the four Lord Bishops (Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell), who all are patrons, and get their sanction and opinions.

It was quite understood that the present Midland Counties Association be kept as a central body with the four diocesan Guilds affiliated when, and if, so formed. It was also agreed unanimously that the president, Aid. Chambers, be asked to retain office for at least another year, and that all members be prepared to co-operate with his superior experience and knowledge.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

We have issued this week an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations asking them to send names of their members who wish to attend. I would be glad if this information could reach me not later than Wednesday, February 22nd. The programme for the day will be:—

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.

2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.

3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.

5 (for 5.15 p.m.)—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.

6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.

8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of Guildford, Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, and the Vicar of Croydon (Canon E. S. Woods), are among those who have expressed their intention of being present at this gathering.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

In connection with the gathering, Mr. Johnston is seeking the co-operation of the secretaries of ringing Guilds and associations in making known the arrangements, and those who require tickets will have to make application through this channel.

As the number of ringers attending is likely to be unusually large, it is not possible to extend the invitation in a general way to ringers' wives or friends (unless they are ringers also). Every effort, however, will be made to provide for a few tickets for this purpose to each association or Guild directly the number of those coming is known.

If any ringers desire to ring in the morning from 11.30 to 12.45, before visiting the works, and they could let me know, the necessary arrangements will be made at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park (ring of eight, tenor 17½ cwt.), and at the Parish Church, Croydon (ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt.).

An application has been forwarded to the Railway Clearing House for reduced fares to all ringers attending. Information on this point, if the application is successful, will be published in a future issue. The nearest station to the works is West Croydon; to St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, is Clapham Common Underground; and to Croydon Parish Church, West Croydon or East Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and continued until four, when a special service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, M.A.), who gave an instructive address on strength and weakness of character as exemplified in the case of St. Peter. The offertory on behalf of the benevolent fund reached the excellent sum of £1 4s. After the service, the company, which had reached close on 60, proceeded to the Church Room, where a substantial tea had been most generously provided by the Rector.

The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), and was mostly of a routine nature. The following new members were elected: E. Colbran, Turner's Hill, and P. W. Arnold, G. J. Cooper, W. J. Davey, J. C. Edwards, S. Foster, F. Keywood, F. J. Sharpe, S. Simister, all members of the newly-affiliated tower of the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, Brighton. Mr. G. Piper, who is leaving Seaford, was elected a non-resident member, and the election of Mr. J. B. Tyler, Alton, Hants, as a non-resident member, was confirmed.

The next meeting of the division—the annual—was announced to take place at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Golding-Bird, D.D.

The meeting concluded with the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Southover for the use of the bells, the service, his address and generous hospitality. He also thanked the organist for his services. The Rector suitably responded.

Ringing was again resumed, and ranged from rounds to Caters, Royal and Surprise methods. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Burgess Hill, Ditchling, Crawley, East Grinstead, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and All Saints'), Heathfield, Heene, Henfield, Keymer, Lindfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Uckfield, Withyham; also the Southover Branch, who kindly made all local arrangements.

DEATH OF NORTHANTS VETERAN.

A 'FATHER' OF THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A much respected member of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in the person of Mr. Henry Stubbs, of Raunds, Northants, passed away on January 12th, in his eightieth year. The late Mr. Stubbs had been an active ringer in the parish for 63 years, and for 61 years he had taken part in ringing the old year out and the new year in, with the exception of the war years, when ringing was prohibited.

He was also a loyal Sunday Service ringer, and always ready to help and encourage the younger members in the art of change ringing. In his early days, before the advent of buses, etc., he walked hundreds of miles to help and encourage others who were not so proficient in the art as he himself, doing real pioneer work for many miles around. It might be said that he was one of the fathers of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, for he was one of the founders of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bellringers, formed in 1883, afterwards merged in the Central Northants Association, which four years ago became the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

He had taken part in a good number of peals, his last being rung when he was 77 years of age. For the last ten years of his active working life he was sexton at the Parish Church, and it was always a pleasure to meet him with his cheery smile.

Amid many tokens of respect and sympathy, he was laid to rest at Raunds on Monday week. The services at the church and at the cemetery were taken by the Rev. A. Brown (Vicar). Amongst those present at the funeral were Mr. W. Gilbert, a life-long colleague, representing the Raunds ringers, Mr. R. Loveday, of Thrapston, and Mr. G. H. Roberts, of Ringstead, representing the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. After the funeral, touches were rung with the bells fully muffled.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WIRRAL BRANCH.

The Wirral Branch of the above Guild held its annual meeting at St. Saviour's, Oxton, on Saturday, January 21st, and a goodly muster attended to make full use of the excellent peal of eight bells, the methods rung ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major. All had their wishes gratified, the youngest learners not being neglected, rounds being rung for their benefit.

A most pleasing feature of the gatherings of this branch is the number of youthful members who are coming along. For instance, in a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major, on Saturday, at least four of the band were under 21, two of them being only 13 years of age! This is a splendid augury for the future of ringing in this district, and reflects the greatest credit on the branch instructor (Mr. J. Cooke), who has been unsparing in his efforts to impart his knowledge to these young ringers.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon Sayer, M.A. (Vicar), who gave a most arresting address. He appealed to those present, and especially the juniors, not to rest content in their lives, to avoid getting into a rut, and ever to be seeking to improve their condition and that of those around them. The abolition of slavery, he said, and great reforms of all kinds, had been brought about by men who had a 'divine discontent' of things as they found them, and who sought to improve matters and did not rest content until they had done so.

Tea was afterwards served, and at the succeeding meeting the branch president (Mr. J. W. Milner, of Liscard) took the chair. A letter of regret for absence was read from Mr. E. W. Elwell (general secretary of the Guild).—The election of officers took place, and a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, and to the Parochial Council for providing the really sumptuous repast, concluded an afternoon that was agreed by everyone present to have been most enjoyable.

W. J. B.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting was held at headquarters, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 14th. In spite of inclement weather, the gathering was thoroughly representative, and great interest was taken in all the numerous items that had to be dealt with. The bells were rung freely in Minor, Triples and Major during the day.

A committee meeting was held in the Rectory by the kindness of Canon Howe. A short service in St. Mary's Chapel was taken by Rev. H. Hervey (curate).

Tea at Howard's Cafe followed, and the business meeting was held in the Parish Room, the president, Mr. W. Moxon, being in the chair. A representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Mr. S. R. Roper) was present, and was offered a warm welcome by the chairman.

Two rules, one amended, the other new, were duly passed.

Mr. W. Keyner, the president (Sandal) proposed that a special gathering be arranged, to which the Bishop and all clergy in the association should be invited to meet the members. This was deemed a happy inspiration, to be acted upon at a later meeting.

A charitable gift of £1 12s. was collected for Mr. Wilfred Richardson, a ringer, aged 84.

The accounts for 1927 were duly audited and passed. All the officials were re-elected without opposition.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LARGE GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

Growing in popularity year by year, the William Doubleday Croft's Commemoration Dinner, organised by the Society of Sherwood Youths, has now become one of the leading social gatherings of the year among ringers. The event at Nottingham last Saturday drew together a company of between 70 and 80, and, after ringing at St. Mary's Church, a happy party sat down at the Welbeck Hotel, where, thanks to the work of the Master (Mr. A. Coppock), the hon. secretary (Mr. F. Blood), and the steward (Mr. F. W. Bailey), a thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed. The Master presided, and the visitors included the Sheriff of Nottingham (Councillor J. Pollard), the Rev. W. H. Dew (curate of St. Mary's, Nottingham), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. D. S. Collins (representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), Councillor J. T. Brown (Spalding), Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), Mr. A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. W. A. Wooler (Worsley), Mr. W. E. White (Colgrave), Councillor A. B. Moss (Chilwell), and the company also included Messrs. A. Archer (the last link with the former society of Sherwood Youths), Mr. W. Flinders, Mr. M. Bond and Mr. T. Squires (other veteran Nottingham ringers), Mr. F. Blood, Mr. F. W. Bailey, and ringers and friends, including numerous ladies, from St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, Beeston, Bottesford, Bulwell, Lenton, Long Eaton, Mansfield, Sileby, Sutton-in-Ashfield, etc.

THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.

The Master, after the loyal toast had been honoured, said they had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the attendance, which was well up to the standard of those gatherings, while their visitors came from further afield than ever before. They invited the Bishop of Southwell, and he promised to attend, but, owing to his unfortunately having had a nervous breakdown in November last, he was now recuperating in Switzerland. He (the Master) suggested they should send their Bishop a letter conveying their good wishes for his speedy return to health (applause). The Chairman referred to the democratic spirit which characterised ringers. In the belfry, a man's position outside ringing fell to the ground, whether it be men like the late Sir Arthur Heywood, the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, or the present Recorder of Lincoln, to quote just a few. The only people who seemed to have any distinction in ringing matters were parsons and policemen (laughter). The parsons, of course, got it out of respect to the cloth, but why policemen had it, he did not know. He supposed they would read some day of a peal being rung by eight men who were on the dole (laughter). Referring to Sir Arthur Heywood, whose memory they would honour that night, the Master said he stood for the hall mark of change ringing, and the hall mark was the measure of refinement which he endeavoured to introduce into the Exercise. Among the visitors that night was the Sheriff of Nottingham. The Sheriff had always been a rather particular fancy of the Sherwood Youths, but while the old Sherwood Youths, it was said, used to lay wait for the Sheriff and rob him, the opposite now occurred. They got him to their festive board and treated him as royally as they could (laughter and applause).

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who neatly introduced a spice of humour into a serious toast. Referring to the fact that the Rev. W. H. Dew was the only clergyman present, and that it would fall to him to respond to the toast, he recalled the old saying that every soldier had a field marshal's baton in his knapsack. He hoped that in Mr. Dew's kit there was a pair of gaiters (laughter and applause). Mr. Dew would see from that gathering the spirit that prevailed amongst ringers. Speaking at Bristol the week before, the Bishop of Malmesbury had pointed out that the animosity that prevailed in some ranks of churchmen was absent at a ringers' gathering. In the belfry, said the speaker, no matter whether they were high Church or low Church, or Roman Catholic, there was nothing which prevented a ringer from taking a rope. His opinions on other subjects did not count in the belfry. So far as the ringers and the controversy which was now raging were concerned, the ringers had every confidence in the Bishops as representing the Church.

After the toast had been honoured, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells which had been presented to St. Mary's tower by Mr. Archer, who had been both a ringer and chorister there.

The Rev. W. H. Dew acknowledged the toast, and said that, while not a ringer, he realised the tremendous technique and skill there was in bellringing. The clergy and congregations realised the service that was rendered by the ringers. He felt it to be a great privilege to be there that night as an outward and visible sign of what he hoped was coming in their congregations, and was already beginning to be present—an ideal unity, which should be reflected in the outer world, for which all men of goodwill were working (applause).

THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

The next toast was 'The memory of Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart.' This was entrusted to Mr. W. E. White, who had had a long personal acquaintance with the late president of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. White said he felt sure all would readily endorse his remarks when he said Sir Arthur was every inch a gentleman, plain, straightforward, and sincere, yet at the same time one who would never, if possible, say a word that would pain a fellow-creature. He was a pioneer amongst ringers and ringing at a time when both were rising from the opprobrium which had covered them for so many years.

and he was instrumental in bringing together in many parishes the incumbent and his ringers to their mutual advantage, impressing upon both that the ringers' office is essentially a branch of the Church's work, and as such demands proper recognition by the Church authorities and seemly conduct by the ringers. During his residence at Duffield he was an example of what a church bellringer should be. Punctual and constant in his attendance at practice, ringing for Sunday services and his attendance at the service afterwards, always anxious that the striking should be of the best, and avoiding as much as possible the ringing of single bells and the clanging and jangling of which we hear so much when bells are being raised and lowered. The result of his researches into the various methods of change ringing then practised, and his creation of that musical method 'Duffield,' would alone point him out as being above the ordinary run; but it is, perhaps, as president of the M.C.A. (a position he occupied for 29 years) that he will be best remembered locally, and as the founder and president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, from the date of its inception until the time of his death in 1916, that he will be best remembered by the ringers of England. He (the speaker) knew him intimately. He was a man whose sole idea seemed to be a desire to leave everything he touched in a better state than that in which he found it, and the status of the ringers was considerably raised during the time he was with them, perhaps not entirely due to his efforts, but he certainly was responsible for much of it. The only memorial—if such it could be called—from his ringing friends was to be a peal board in Duffield Church tower to record the last peal in which he took part if the ringers of England could do no more, let them at least cherish his memory in their hearts.

The toast was honoured by the company standing in silence for one minute.

BIG BELLS FOR NOTTINGHAM.

Mr. A. B. Moss proposed the toast of 'The City' in a brief speech, in which he said they, as bellringers and citizens, could congratulate themselves on the churches of the city, and also on the enjoyment they derived from the bells there.

Mr. Sheriff Pollard replied in an interesting speech, in the course of which he said all those connected with their churches appreciated very much the work which ringers were carrying on throughout the country. Those who were citizens of Nottingham had as a heritage a splendid city, as progressive as, if not far more than, any other city in this country. Continuing, the speaker said the name of Pollard appeared three times, representing three persons, on the bells of the Parish Church of Eastwood. He had been greatly interested to visit the church recently and inspect those bells and their inscriptions. He felt that if they could in some way create more interest in the bells of the city of Nottingham and other places they would have greater support than they were receiving at the present time. Bells had played a great part in the history of this land; and the ringers should be proud of their art. He did know it was appreciated by those who loved their church. Proceeding, the Sheriff referred to the bells and clock which are shortly to be erected in the new Nottingham Exchange building which is nearing completion. The industries of Nottingham, he said, were to be illustrated in the frieze and tympanum. On the frieze they would find lacemakers, miners and other trades illustrated, and one that would interest ringers very much was a cupid working at a bell, which was included because at one time long ago they had a bell foundry in Nottingham. The bells of the new Exchange would consist of a large hour bell and four smaller bells, to give the Westminster chimes. The idea was that the large bell should give a note that would sound over a radius of five miles from the Market Place. The weight of the bell would be approximately ten tons, and the total weight of the whole would be approximately 16 tons. The bells were to be cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the clock was being made by Messrs. Cope, of Nottingham. The bells which they were going to have showed that the members of the Corporation did not think that bells were a noisy nuisance, as some people tried to describe them. They were wonderfully musical, and for those who could enter into the joys and spirit of those things there was no doubt much pleasure to be derived from it (applause).

'The silent toast' was next on the list, and the only name to be coupled with it was that of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor. He had attended that dinner on two occasions, said the Chairman, and they all deeply regretted his death in Canada. The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. Fred Blood proposed 'The Visitors,' remarking that the Sherwood Youths were very pleased to have so good a company present. They had visitors from fresh ground there that night, but they missed one visitor of former years, Mr. George Walker, of Birmingham.

Capt. Freeborn responded. He reminded the company of what Canon Coleridge had said at Guildford recently, that he was pleased to see the bell founders present, because the bell founders were their friends. That was very true, but it was not always recognised or realised.

LUNATICS ALL.

At this stage, the Vicar of St. Mary's (Canon G. Gordon) arrived, attired in his scoutmaster's uniform. Called upon to address the meeting, he greeted the company as 'fellow lunatics.' Was it possible for a man to be happy or wise, if he was not a bit of a lunatic? How could they be happy or wise unless they had a hobby, and how could they be enthusiastic over a hobby unless they were 'cracked' on it.

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LADIES' GUILD.**WEDDING PRESENTATION TO THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY.**

The combined meeting of the Central and Southern Districts of the Ladies' Guild, held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, January 21st, was a great success from all points. Visitors were numerous, and all the districts of the Guild were represented, with the exception of the Western and Northern. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and touches in all standard methods up to Cambridge Royal were successfully brought round.

The service at 5 p.m. was taken by the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, who gave a most interesting address on the origin of bells, and referred to the use of strips of iron by the Greeks when forbidden the use of bells by the Turks. The Rector concluded his address by a sympathetic reference to the bereavement sustained by the Central District secretary (Mrs. F. I. Hairs) by the death of her mother.

After the service an adjournment was made for tea, to which 70 sat down. The company then proceeded to the Parish Hall, which the Rector had kindly placed at the disposal of the ladies for their business meeting, and to which the gentlemen were also invited.

Miss Evelyn Steel (president of the Guild) occupied the chair, being supported by the general and district secretaries. The ordinary routine, which was brief and carried out in a commendably business-like manner, was soon over, and the most important part of the day's proceedings was then reached, namely, a presentation to Miss Parker, the general secretary, on her approaching marriage to Mr. G. W. Fletcher. The wedding takes place at Edmonton to-morrow.

Miss Steel, in making the presentation, drew attention to the fact that when Miss Parker first suggested the formation of a Ladies' Guild (after an attempt for a peal by eight ladies one hot day in July, 1911), it seemed an impossible proposition. However, the Guild was started with eight members, and after years of hard work on Miss Parker's part they now had a membership of over 250. Miss Steel said that as a mark of appreciation for all Miss Parker had done for lady ringers she had great pleasure in asking her to accept a small present from the Guild on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage, and with the present went the very best wishes of the members for her future health, wealth and happiness (applause).

Miss Parker, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the members for their beautiful gift, adding that she had quite a lot she would like to say, but the gift had come as such a surprise to her that all she could say was, 'From the bottom of my heart, thank you.'

Mr. A. E. Young (secretary of the Central Council) said that he knew the ladies would not object to him expressing the appreciation of the Standing Committee of the Central Council for the work Miss Parker had done for ringing in general, and he had great pleasure in handing her a signed letter from that committee, at the same time enclosing a cheque as a personal gift from himself, wishing her all happiness in her future life.

On the proposition of Mrs. R. E. Deal, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the tower, and for the service and for his interesting address.—To this the Rev. Pennington Bickford replied, remarking that he had no idea that the 'Ladies' Guild' had so many members all over the kingdom, and expressing his pleasure at being able to welcome the ladies, who, he thought, had a very beneficial influence in the belfry.

The meeting was brought to a close by Mrs. F. I. Hairs proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Harris, the choir boys, and Miss E. E. Chapman for their kind assistance, after which all present made their way to the top table to inspect the gift, which consisted of an oak sideboard set, comprising salad bowl and servers, two biscuit barrels, butter dish and trowel, sugar bowl and tongs, cruet stand, and a 24in. tray.

All agreed that the committee responsible could not have done better in their choice.

An hour's ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields was the last item of one of the most successful meetings of the Guild. The ladies take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Gear for having everything in readiness at St. Giles'.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S NEW SECRETARY.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Northern District was held at Handsworth Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, January 28th, when members of the Guild were present from Bradford, Dore, Norton, Rotherham, Surfleet and the local company, the visitors including ringers from Sheffield and Bradford Cathedrals, Treton, Wombwell and Lincolnshire. A choral service was held in the church, Mrs. Baker presiding at the organ. Those present were privileged to hear from the Rector a most interesting address on the true spirit of 'clannishness' (as distinct from 'cliquishness'), which does to a very large extent exist among ringers, and which many hope to see as a solution to the present controversy among the leaders of our national church.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room, after which a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Baker and the local company was proposed by Mrs. Cotterell, the vice-president of the district.

Contrary to custom, the gentlemen, being few in number, were allowed to remain to the business meeting, at which Mrs. Baker took the chair. Three new members were elected—Miss Spieby, of Doncaster, Mrs. Downing, of Handsworth, and Miss Schofield, of Glodwick, Oldham.

The Chairman, with a few words of most kind appreciation, announced the resignation of the hon. secretary, Miss Davenport, in view of her approaching marriage, and asked for nominations for the election of a new secretary. The choice fell finally on Mrs. Hilda Jacques, of Mansfield Woodhouse, to the great pleasure of those present. It is earnestly hoped that members of the district will support her in all her work for the Guild, and in so doing help to build up this Northern District, whose foundations have been but so recently laid.

The next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 9th, at Rotherham Parish Church, in conjunction with the Sheffield District Society.

The Secretary announced that congratulations on the ladies' peal had been received from Miss Edith Parker, Miss Sylvia Thursfield, and from many officials of other associations in various parts of the country. It was decided that a peal tablet should be hung in the belfry of Handsworth Church to commemorate this first peal of Major rung by ladies. Any members of the Guild or friends who would care to send a contribution, however small, to this end, are invited to communicate with Mrs. Jacques, The Bungalow, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts, who will be most grateful for any donations.

DEATH OF MR. W. E. GARRARD.**WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER DIES IN THE STREET.**

The Exercise will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. Wm. E. Garrard, an ex-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who expired suddenly on January 20th, from heart failure. Mr. Garrard had been to Paddington Station, where he had met Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and was on his way home when he collapsed in the street. He was 61 years of age, and had long been associated with St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, where he was leader of the ringers.

Mr. Garrard was an excellent all-round ringer and conductor, and a delightful man with a young band. He did a great deal of work in instructing beginners, and was always ready with help and advice. But not only was he an able tutor; he was also an accomplished performer, and among the peals in which he took part was the 'London' Surprise Royal at Stepney. He called the 60 course ends of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Fulham, on October 24th, 1896, and the men who rang the four back bells in that peal of 6,550 changes have now all 'crossed the bourne.'

The first part of the funeral service was taken in St. Mary Abbot's Church, and at the graveside members of the College Youths paid the ringers' last tribute by ringing the handbells after the committal. Three whole pulls in rounds thrice was followed by a course of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Garrard was interred in the grave of his eldest son, who, born on the same day as the Prince of Wales, died ten years ago. The deceased leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

The bells in several of the London churches have been rung muffled in his memory, but a peal at St. Magnus' by the London County Association came to grief on Saturday through the sexton attempting to ring the Angelus while the bells were in motion.

MR. ROBERT G. BLACK'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, rung 5, Triples 2, Caters 2 (conducted 1); Stedman Doubles 1, Triples 3, Caters 3; Bob Minor 5 (5), Major 6 (2), Royal 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob Major 6 (4), Royal 1; Spliced Treble Bob Royal 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 3 (1), Major 4 (1), Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 5 (2); Superlative Surprise Major 4: Minor in three methods 3, in four methods 4 (1), in five methods 4 (2), in seven methods 20 (12), in eight methods 3 (1), in nine methods 1 (1); Doubles from two to seven methods 12 (5); total, 100 (39). Rang in 32 towers with 111 different ringers.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS—continued.

The hobby on which he was 'cracked' was a very good one, and he knew the bellringers' hobby was also a very good one. In the Scouts they tried to do good turns, and the ringers also did their good turn in a stuffy, noisy belfry, doing things he would not do if they paid him, doing it because they loved it, and doing something which the rest of them valued very much (applause). He, therefore, thought their form of lunacy was a very good one, and he congratulated them on it (laughter and applause). He wished long life to the Sherwood Youths.

The concluding toast was 'The Ringing World,' submitted in complimentary terms by Mr. F. S. Price, and acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

A feature of these gatherings is always the musical programme, and on Saturday it was up to the customary high level. It was principally sustained by the Wolbeck Quartette (of which the Master of the Sherwood Youths is a member), and their five listed items had to be doubled, so greatly were the company pleased with the glee and quartettes. The pieces were of diversified type, ranging from grave to gay, and on every occasion an encore was demanded. Mr. Leonard C. Pearce sang 'Nita Gitana,' Mr. J. F. Adkin, 'Neptune,' and Mr. Warren, 'Songs of Araby.' These three, with Mr. Coppock, make up the quartette. Miss Daisy Greening's songs were a delightful contribution to the evening's enjoyment, and included 'Land of Hope and Glory,' 'A little brown owl,' 'Come to the fair,' and Liddell's 'Abide with me.' Mr. Fred Blood, jun., the son of the secretary, was an able accompanist, and also played a brilliantly executed pianoforte solo.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following further contributions to the fund for assisting Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield ('Irenæus Pistor'), whose affliction has appealed so widely to the sympathies of members of the Exercise.

The appeal which has been published in these columns has led to an effort being initiated at Ilkeston, where Mr. Baker began his ringing career, to enlist help for him among the parishioners there, and Capt. Humphreys is receiving the local subscriptions.

Ringers who have not yet sent their contributions to 'The Ringing World' fund should do so as early as possible. Donations will be acknowledged through these columns. Cheques should be made payable to the Editor.

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Amount previously acknowledged	106	9	11
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, per J. Sparrow	1	0	0
St. Peter's Bellringers' Guild, Blacknavon, Mon.	10	0	
Sandiacre, Derbyshire, ringers, per J. Hall	10	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's Church, Broomfield, Essex	10	6	
Ringers of Mitcham Tower	1	0	0
St. Thomas' Church bellringers, South Wigston	5	0	
Ringers of Shroton, Blandford, Dorset	1	1	0
St. Mark's, Worsley, band	10	0	
Ringers of Ickleton, Cambs	5	0	
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Archdeacon Conybeare and ringers of Southwell Cathedral	10	0	
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SUICIDE IN A BELFRY.

A tragedy occurred in the belfry of the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey, last week, when Stanley Robert King, one of the ringers, was found hanged by one of the bell ropes. The inquest was held on Friday, which would have been the deceased's 26th birthday, and a verdict of 'Suicide while of unsound mind' was returned.

Mr. Henry King, father of the dead man, told how he looked for his son in the gloomy belfry. His search ended when the beams of his torch shone on his son's upturned face. His son, added Mr. King, had no trouble of any sort. He was always bright and was fond of cycling.

The Coroner: There was something abnormal about him, wasn't there?—He was very reticent.

Is there any insanity in the family?—Yes, there is a brother in an asylum.

A strange note, it is now reported, has since been found in the belfry. The note, which was in King's handwriting, was discovered by Mr. John Lott, another ringer, in the belfry register. It stated:—

'I'm sorry I did not let all the bells down. I slipped on the fifth and hurt my back. It was my own fault. Heaven bless you all. Oh, my back. It does hurt.'

The last sentence was underlined.

The message was taken to the Vicar of Mitcham, who handed it to the police. It is not thought that it can affect the coroner's verdict.

THE LATE MRS. KATHARINE HELEN BENNETT.

The funeral took place on Monday week in the Brighton and Preston Cemetery of Mrs. Katharine Helen Bennett, of 21, Warleigh Road, Brighton, who passed peacefully away, after a brief illness, on January 11th, at the age of sixty. Mrs. Bennett was the wife of Mr. Frank Bennett, the leader of the Brighton St. Nicholas' Church bellringers, and mother of Mrs. Frank Hairs, who, with her husband, is also well known to the campanological world. The whole of the service was taken in the chapel at the cemetery, the Rev. H. Collinson, Vicar of St. Nicholas', officiating. The family mourners were Mr. Frank Bennett (widower), Mrs. and Mr. Frank I. Hairs (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. Reginald Bennett (son), and Miss Goodall (sister). At the cemetery, the St. Nicholas' ringers were represented by Mr. G. Smart and the St. Peter's ringers by Mr. J. T. Rickman and Mr. K. Hart. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church.—The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Brown, Baker and Weston.

Mr. Frank Bennett and family desire to thank sincerely all those who have sent them messages of sympathy and condolence in their great loss.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—

The annual meeting will take place at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.45. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 4.45.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on February 16th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. On shilling will be charged for tea. Other ringing arrangements: St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Wells Street, 7.45 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Church Kirk, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3.30 to 5.30; Immanuel, Streatham Common, after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Streatham Hall.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Treeton, Feb. 4th. A committee meeting will be held, at which a full attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided in Overbury Village Hall for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify E. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, by Feb. 1st. Visitors heartily invited.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 at the White Lion Hotel. All are welcome. Annual subscriptions now due.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex Division. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing commences at 3.30 p.m. Short ringers' service at St. Peter's at 4.30, and 5 p.m. tea and meeting in the Parish Room (rs. each). — R. W. Stannard, Pantiles, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will take place at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Frequent bus service from Watford. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the new Andover District will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8), also Laverstoke (6), available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting follows. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome. — G. Pullinger, Sec. pro tem., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—By permission of the church authorities this tower will be open on Monday evenings till further notice, commencing Feb. 6th, as a general practice tower to all members of the branch. Learners specially invited. Time: 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Will members please turn up so as to make these meetings a success?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., St. John's, Oldham Road, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify secretary by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at latest.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith (Vicar). Tea 5, at the Swan Hotel (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Will all ringers who wish to attend, and all will be welcome, please let the Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, know by Feb. 7th at the latest? Towers available: Sturminster Newton (6) and Okeford Fitzpaine (6).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. W. A. Lowsley, The Vicarage, Hampstead Norris, by Monday, Feb. 6th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Watford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells open from 4 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. Cheap trains from Broad Street, Euston, or Elephant and Castle. Names for tea by the 8th please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—All members are earnestly invited to the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and St. Clement Danes' from 2.30 until the service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon H. Foster Pegg. Tea in the Parish Room, by ticket, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for ringing during February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 13th and the 27th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 21st, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—The general meeting will be held at Tisbury on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Please notify by Feb. 6th for tea. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Romaine, Hon. Branch Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — George Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Those requiring tea should let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 8th. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now due.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Melbourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify F. Harper, Melbourn, Cambs?—F. Warrington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 11th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. A good attendance is hoped for.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7 p.m. This meeting is very important. Will all members therefore make an effort to attend? By the kind permission of the Rector, tea will be provided at the Schools. It is essential that all requiring tea should notify Mr. C. H. Belton, High Street, Barwell, near Leicester, by Thursday, Feb. 9th. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Feb. 11th. All Saints' Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by the 8th inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Feb. 11th. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30, followed by tea (5 p.m.) and business meeting at Miller's Restaurant. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3-4.30; Godmanchester (8) after 6.30. Kindly reply by Feb. 7th.—H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helen's on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those intending being present notify me before Wednesday, Feb. 8th. All ringers welcome. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided if sufficient number apply before Feb. 11th to Mr. George Broadhead, Earnshaw Cottages, Darton, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30-4.30; All Saints' (8), 2.30-4.15; Cathedral (10), 7-8.30. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 8th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d.), in the Institute, 5.30, business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 7th.—Farnham district meeting, at Farnham, Feb. 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. General Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 14th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid

at this meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Committee meeting at 4, and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Those coming to tea please notify me by first post on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. United bus leaves the Hay Market, Newcastle, for Cramlington at the hour and every 15 minutes. Return fare 1s. 4d.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 3.15. Tea 5.30, at a charge of 6d. per head. Meeting 7 o'clock. This is the last time a meeting will be held here, as the church is to be pulled down. Will members therefore make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Evensong at 6.30. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 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 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. H. Barber is now 99, Ellesmere Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Mr. P. Laffin has removed from 101, Longton Road, to 16, Lime Grove, Longsight, Manchester.—The address of Mr. T. Tebbutt, Northampton District Secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is now West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

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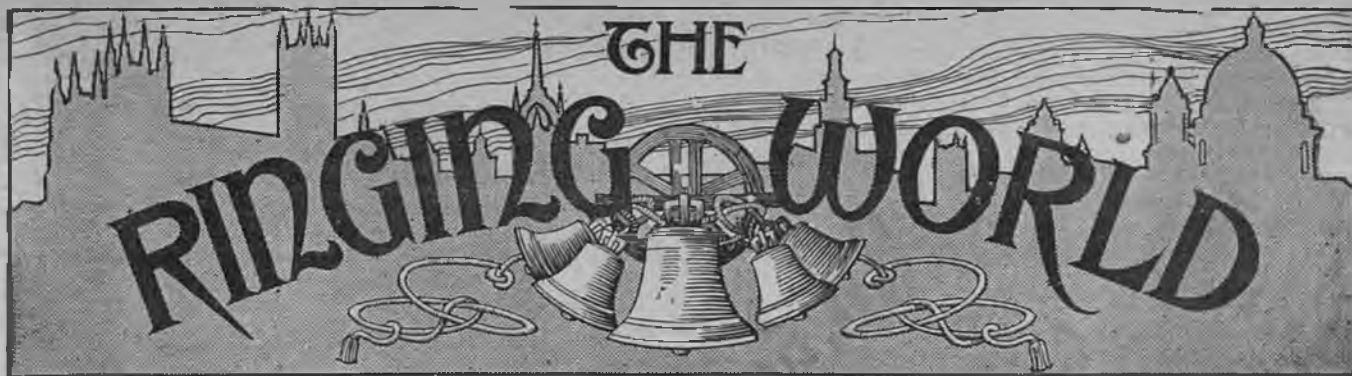
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THE EXAMPLE OF WATH.

We publish on another page a letter of congratulation from one extremely capable six-bell band to another. We like the spirit of that letter just as much as we feel that it is a deserving tribute to a company who have reached the zenith of performance. The band at Wath-on-Dearne rang 197 Minor extents in 194 different methods in the course of the year 1927. Nothing to equal this achievement has ever been accomplished before as far as we know, and we are sure that all our readers will associate themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Leytonstone band. The performance at Wath stands out as one of great distinction not alone on its face value. Its true worth, in our opinion, is to be found much deeper than that. Such an achievement calls for the exercise of all the virtues which can be put into the practice of change ringing. There must be unity among the ringers and an unfailing loyalty on the part of every individual in the band. There must be enterprise and initiative; perseverance and the will to succeed. There can be no slackers; no irregular or unpunctual ones; in fact only the keen and enthusiastic can find a place in such a company. We say nothing about the skill which is essential for the task; the bare record of what was rung speaks for itself.

What the men of Wath have done is open to others to aspire to, and we commend it as an example which all ringers might well endeavour to emulate. The Wath band did not reach the heights they have attained in one stride; it has meant a good deal of toil and steady plodding, and it is perhaps in these earlier stages rather than at the peak of success that the greatest test of those qualities, to which we have referred, comes. When one realises that extents in 194 different methods have been rung in one year, it makes the efforts of many bands look very puny. True, it needs not only exceptional ringers, but also exceptional opportunities to achieve such a record, and true also is it that many bands are faced with almost insurmountable barriers in the shape of depleted numbers, apathetic members and restrained chances, but there is an old saying that those who aim at the stars may reach the top of the tree. There are, we are quite sure, many bands of ringers in six-bell towers who, if they could but become actuated by some of the spirit which has imbued the ringers at Wath, might rise out of the rut in which they have long been content to remain. But it needs determination, unity of purpose, and, above all, a genuine spirit of perseverance if success is to be attained in the end. We hope the achievement at Wath will be an incentive to many other companies to see what they can do by way of expanding their 'repertoire.'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*GEORGE R. JONES 7
*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 2	*JAMES MORGAN 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*JAMES SWINDLEY 9
*JOHN HAYES 4	CLAUD I. DAVIES 10
HENRY W. WILDE 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
LESLIE GRAY 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

* First peal on 12. First peal of Treble Twelve for all except ringers of 5th, 11th and 12th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler. The band wish to thank Mr. G. R. Newton for making the arrangements, and Mr. Hughes for getting everything ready. This composition is now rung for the first time. Mr. Gray was proposed a life member before starting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	THOMAS BEVAN 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	WILLIAM R. HIBBERT 10
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CECIL G. MATTHEWS 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7 exor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS

The band comprises six fathers and six sons, standing in the order of father and son. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Miss Edith K. Parker.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*P.C. GEORGE PYE ... Treble	*P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 6
P.C. HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	*P.C. JOHN CARTER ... 7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 3	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 8
SERGT. WILLIAM DOWDING 4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 9
SERGT. HAROLD G. JENNEY 5	*P.C. JAMES TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal on ten bells. This is the first ten-bell peal rung by members of the police force. Sergt. H. G. Jenney and P.C. H. J. Poole are members of the Leicester City Force, Sergt. W. Dowding Birmingham City Force, and the remainder of the band Manchester City Force. Ringers of 4th and 5th were elected life members of the association previous to starting the peal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 2	ROBERT ANDERSON ... 7
*HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 3	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 8
*GEORGE MURRAY 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 9
JOHN FOREMAN 5	JOSEPH E. SKYES ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This composition in 72 courses has a 7698 and 6798 in alternate courses.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(St. Peter Mancroft Guild.)

On Tuesday, January 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt.

*Miss Mabel Robertson... Treble	†Wm. C. Duffield 6
†Miss Anna Cushing 2	†George Bailey... .. 7
George Mayers 3	†George Claxton 8
†Arthur W. Haistead 4	†Jas. F. Duffield 9
†James Rampley 5	William L. Duffield ... Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by J. F. Duffield.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire.
First peal as conductor on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

Walter Charman Treble	Reginald V. Johnson 5
C. Ernest Smith 2	Cecil Nice 6
Bernard Wells... .. 3	*Peter Charman 7
William Watts... .. 4	Oliver Sippetts Tenor

Composed by J. Pagett.

Conducted by O. Sippetts.

* First peal in the method.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*George Bunce Treble	†Lewis A. Perrett 5
Fred A. Coward 2	William C. Shute 6
*Harold Keates 3	Edward G. L. Coward 7
†Jesse E. Green... .. 4	William Keates Tenor

Conducted by Fred A. Coward.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th belong to the local company, remainder from neighbouring towers. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Ian Grant Cameron, who was recently inducted as Vicar.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Frank Parnell Treble	John Booth 5
†Miss E. M. Sturt 2	Ernest Birchall 6
James William Grounds 3	†James Marsh 7
Edwin Jennings 4	Joseph Ridyard... .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Also first peal as conductor. J. Booth's 50th peal. The composition contains 22 courses 4.6.3 and extent 6.7.8.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Douglas Harris... .. Treble	Cyril Herbert 5
Albert Fleet 2	Ernest Herbert 6
William Janes 3	Edmond J. Hobbs 7
Arthur Markwell 4	Horace Smith Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by E. J. Hobbs.

First peal in the method by all, and rung at the second attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Markwell and Cyril Herbert, and a 30th wedding anniversary peal to D. Harris.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

Robert Sperring Treble	Samuel Roberts 5
Geoffrey Milton 2	John E. Randles 6
George R. Jones 3	Arthur E. Pegler 7
George Williams 4	Arthur Tilson Tenor

Conducted by Robert Sperring.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, founder and president of the North Wales Association, and Vicar of St. David's Church, Bangor, who passed away on January 29th, at the age of 83 years.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Frank Lawrence Treble	Sidney T. Holt 5
William Niblett 2	William Ranford 6
*Geoffrey J. Hemming 3	Robert G. Knowles... .. 7
Cyril Tansell 4	Charles Camm Tenor

Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. G. J. Hemming's 50th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ernest Stone Treble	Frank W. Perrens 5
Joseph H. W. White 2	Thomas W. Chapman... .. 6
Frank E. Pervin 3	Joseph A. Fenton 7
E. Harry Stoneley 4	Douglas H. Argyle Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

First peal rung in the method. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. J. L. White, M.A., Vicar of Nuneaton, and president of the above Guild, as Rural Dean of Atherstone.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

John Brown... .. Treble	John T. Bimson 5
Fred Rigby 2	Fred Harwood 6
Benjamin A. Knights 3	E. Roger Martin 7
William Sharples 4	Edward Armstrong Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 51). Conducted by E. R. Martin.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Peter Laplin Treble	*Tom Wilde 5
John E. Bibby 2	Allan F. Bailey 6
William Bibby 3	Titus Barlow... .. 7
Thomas B. Worsley... .. 4	Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by E. Jenkins.

* First peal of London and 100th peal. First peal of London in the tower. Rung with muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to that great British soldier, Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

GARSTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES TURNER Treble	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON ... 5
HENRY S. HUGHES 2	WALTER HUGHES 6
JAMES HOOLEY 3	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP 7
THOMAS LLOYD 4	HENRY LITTLER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

First peal for 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor. First peal on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	ALFRED MONKLEY 5
* REGINALD DAVEY 2	WILLIAM HOWE 6
TOM G. BARTLETT 3	ALFRED BETTS 7
* EDWARD W. BIFFEN 4	ARTHUR H. COAT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Birthday peal for Mr. Bartlett.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	† JOHN WOODS 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM S. FORSHAW ... 6
* WILLIAM T. CLARK 3	† THOMAS METCALFE 7
STANLEY HONOUR 4	WILLIAM PICTHALL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 4th and 5th belong to Lancaster, 3rd Broughton, tenor Barras, treble and 2nd Ambleside, rest local.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB Treble	* WALTER FLITTON 5
* REGINALD CLEMENTS ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
† GORDON LILLEY 3	* ARTHUR G. LILLEY 7
† HENRY W. HUTLEY 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th are members of the local band, and 6th and tenor are 'Youths' from Cambridge. E. G. Hibbins' 100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This is the first peal on the new bells.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHERD ... 6
* JOHN SEDGLEY 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
HORACE BENNETT 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the treble. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Agatha, V. and M. This was the conductor's 150th peal of Grandsire Triples, 120 of which he has conducted. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. Roberts, for the use of the bells, and the local captain, Mr. W. H. Broad, for having everything ready.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* WILLIAM COOK Treble	* ALLAN R. PINK 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
GEORGE TALBOT 3	HARRY ELLIOTT 7
* WILLIAM GEO. NEWBURY 4	GEORGE MARRINER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* Elected members previous to starting. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Elliott had not rung a peal for 32 years.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LIVERSEDGE SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLARENCE BLACKBORN ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
FRED HODGSON 2	ARNOLD BLACKBURN 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	LESLIE V. C. MORRIS 7
JACK BANKS 4	ERNEST B. BETTS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Sidney Goodall and Earl Haig. First peal and first attempt in this variation. ~~The method is by Edward St. John, 1910.~~

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Miss E. K. Parker.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN J. BROWN Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	PERCY C. WILLIAMS 6
FREDK. W. WADE 3	FREDERICK E. TYLER 7
WALTER FARLEY 4	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

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RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HARRY LONG Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
†FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	CAPT. J. HOWARD FREEBORN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells and also the quickest of Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss E. K. Parker and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	GEO. RANDALL 4
*JOHN J. PRICE 2	WM. MAPF 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR MASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on an inside bell in the method. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor hail from Ludlow, 2nd from Knighton, 4th and 5th from Bromfield.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY W. CURTIS Treble	*JOHN F. BRACEY 4
*KENNETH J. SHERMAN ... 2	*GEORGE E. HEDGES 5
ERNEST W. SMITH 3	*HUGH A. WHITLOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells. Ringers of 1st and 3rd are from Newbury tower, the remainder are local ringers. The Newbury ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hedges.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER N. ASHBY Treble	*HERBERT GREENACRE ... 4
TOM GREENACRE 2	ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... 5
EDWARD GREENACRE 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Doreen Bagge (daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Bagge) to Mr. Ralph Hare, which took place at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on the same day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BECKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM MEAD Treble	HERBERT E. EDWARDS ... 4
WALTER SEAR 2	HARRY SEAR 5
*SIDNEY SMITH 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. A. Selby Lowndes for sending his car to fetch them to attempt this peal.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
GEORGE R. DILLEY 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal and 66 years of age. The band (thank the Vicar (Canon W. W. C. Baker) for ascending the tower at the conclusion of the peal and offering his congratulations.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER Treble	*JOHN BROWN 4
FRED BLACKLIDGE 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
ARTHUR HATCH 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Greaves, 62 years churchwarden at the above church.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, 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
BARNARD PATMORE 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. Carter, an esteemed member of the Little Munden Society, to Miss Elsie Brown, of Brightlingsea.

THEDDINGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1873. A very long pull without guides. This is the 107th Leicester tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

FUNERAL OF MR. S. R. KING.

The funeral of the late Mr. Stanley Robert King, whose tragic death, at the age of 25 years, we recorded in our last issue, took place at Mitcham Parish Church on January 31st. The deceased had been a member of the Mitcham Society and of the Surrey Association for the last five years. He made many friends, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a man who would always do a 'good turn' for anyone; the furtherance of the art of campanology was his chief hobby, and for this reason the Parish Church company feel the loss not only of an enthusiastic change ringer but of one who was virtually a brother to all.

A number of ringers attended the funeral, and at the graveside a last tribute was paid by ringing the handbells three whole pulls, thrice followed by a plain course of Grandsire Triples: A. Calver 1-2, L. Attwater 3-4, R. Grimwood 5-6, J. Watkins 7-8. After the interment, the tower bells were rung half-muffled to the usual 'whole pull and stand' prior to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Tourle 1, J. Watkins 2, R. Grimwood 3, L. Attwater 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8. Among the host of floral tributes were wreaths from the Mitcham Society, Christ Church (Mitcham) bellringers, and the Surrey Association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. 'BIRTHPLACE' REVISITED.

The annual meeting of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Bisley on Saturday, January 28th. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung in the afternoon, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. I. Clay), who gave a helpful address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Association, Rev. C. D. P. Davies. By the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mr. Clay, the ringers then adjourned to the Vicarage to a most bountiful tea, at which a feature was an iced cake, adorned with bells, the letters 'G. and B.,' and 50 candles, to celebrate the jubilee of the association. The cake was cut by the Master of the association, and the Vicar said how pleased they were to have the honour of Mr. Davies' presence with them. Mr. A. Wright referred to the two meetings held in that same room, presided over by the late Rev. Canon Keble, in September and October, 1877, when they worked out the details preliminary to starting the association. He read out the names of those present at the meetings, including Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillott, the founders of the association.

The Master expressed his pleasure in again visiting Bisley, and said he well remembered those early meetings held at that Vicarage.

The annual meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The secretary presented the balance sheet for 1927, which was passed and considered most satisfactory.

The Rev. W. I. Clay, R.D., was elected chairman of the district, Mr. A. Wright sec. and treasurer and Mr. H. Barrett representative on the Diocesan Association. All the tower representatives were re-elected except that for Stroud. Mr. H. Scrivens takes the place of Mr. G. Orchard.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for his kind hospitality and helpful address, and the tower was afterwards visited and various touches rung.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 28th, and despite the wet weather was fairly well attended. The following towers were represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Tetbury, Cols St. Aldwyns, South Cerney and Down Ampney. Two welcome visitors put in an attendance—Mr. C. Gardiner, of Swindon, and Mr. L. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett. Tea was had at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant, and was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Westmacott), who took the chair at the business meeting. The old officers were all re-elected. Several new members were elected. South Cerney was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in April. The Chairman of the branch, Mr. F. Edwards, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality. The Vicar, in reply, said that he had been visiting at the hospital during the afternoon, and that the ringing had given great pleasure to the patients.

The ringers' service was held at the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Vicar. The organist, Mr. A. H. Gibbons, very kindly accompanied.

During the afternoon and evening the fine peal of twelve at the Parish Church, which have recently been reclappeded, and the three back bells counterbalanced by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., were kept going to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, several members having their first pull on twelve bells.

NORTH WALES PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Bangor, North Wales, of the Rev. Thomas Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda, in his 83rd year. The deceased gentleman was formerly an active ringer, and for many years, up to the time of his death, was president of the North Wales Association. He was an accomplished musician and an enthusiastic horticulturist, his extensive gardens being filled with rare specimens and being one of the show places of Bangor.

THE LATE MR. W. E. GARRARD.

MUFFLED 'REQUIEM' AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

The late Mr. W. E. Garrard, whose sudden death we recorded last week, was a parochial ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, and his colleagues rung the 'whole pull and stand' on the bells, prior to which the De Profundis was recited. Afterwards, two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung.

At Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, where Mr. Garrard was born, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung with muffled bells on January 28th, as a mark of respect. J. Botts, G. Brown, A. Berry, F. Hayward, G. Kemp, E. Poppy and E. Youngs took part.

Mr. Harry Sear, of Blotchley, Bucks, who, like many others, owes his first insight into ringing to the late Mr. Garrard, writes paying a tribute to his memory and expressing deepest sympathy with the widow and family.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church on January 28th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): H. Nelson 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, A. Gardner 3, R. Gilbert 4, C. Nichols 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, G. Butler 7, G. Wilson 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 8th.

ANOTHER DEVON OCTAVE.

SIXTEEN BANDS RING AT BRIDGERULE.

Just two years ago the peal of six bells at Bridgerule, near Holsworthy, Devon, was restored and augmented. This ring has been so admired that it set up the desire to add two trebles to complete the octave, and these have now been added.

The dedication of the new bells took place during a service of thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Kingdon. The local ringers rang rounds for a few minutes immediately after the ceremony. Ringing continued throughout the day by complete visiting bands, which included Bridgerule (two), Launcells, Jacobstowe (2), Marhamchurch (2), Poundstick, Stratton, Weeks St. Mary (2), Pyeworthy (2), North Tamerton, Whitstone and Poundstock—sixteen complete bands in all.

A public luncheon was provided in the schoolroom.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Vicar (the Rev. Kingdon) said how happy he was to meet everyone again in that second dedication of the bells at Bridgerule. He was the more pleased because the desire to complete the octave came from the ringers and parishioners. He explained that, some months ago, their friend Mr. Bassett, one of his ringers, offered to give £25 towards the new bells. Before he, the Vicar, knew anything about this proposal, half the money had been offered. He felt he was pushed into it, but, of course, he gladly took the matter up and approached Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were the founders of their splendid peal of six. They, his hearers, had heard the new bells, and he was sure they would agree that they had now an octave of bells second to none in the county. They had with them that day Mr. Roper, to represent the firm, and he was sure they would wish him, the Vicar, on their behalf, to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston very heartily for the lovely toned peal of bells which they now possessed, and of which they were very proud.

In reply, Mr. Roper said how pleased he was to be with them once more, and thanked them for the kind things said about his firm. He assured them that they had the same quality of bells that had brought a demand for English bells from all over the world. His firm were now making hundreds of tons of bells each year. Continuing, he complimented the local bands on their splendid ringing (which consisted in raising and falling in peal and call changes). He, the speaker, said that he had rung in hundreds of towers all over the kingdom, and he was bound to say that the excellence of the striking in Devon could not be surpassed. But while he admired this, he did not think, as ringers, that they should stop at call changes and raising and falling in peal. If, as he urged them to do, they took up 'scientific' ringing and maintained the same level of striking which they now did, then they would be giving of their best in their office of church workers. As far as he could see they had the material there which could, with a little assistance and perseverance, in a few months ring a complete peal of 5,040 changes.

The Rev. Melhuish, Ashwater, proposed the toast of 'The subscribers.' He thought that by the easy way money was collected in Bridgerule it showed how much they loved their church and their dear friend the Vicar. He had thought of asking them to subscribe towards the proposed new bell to make his peal up to six at Ashwater, but he quite expected that their own list would be over-subscribed, and he would be glad to receive the surplus.

Further events of the day consisted of a public tea, supper, concert and dance. A football match had been arranged, but had to be abandoned owing to the floods. The festivities ended at 1.30 a.m., after a particularly happy, if strenuous, day.

The bells are a very sweet-toned peal of eight, with a tenor of 10 cwt. They are hung in a massive iron frame, and the 'last word' in fittings. The number of broken stays during the days testified to the easy running of the bells.

It is hoped that when, in future, bands of ringers are in the district for their annual outing, they would include Bridgerule in their itinerary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Presteigne District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Weobley on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing commenced at four, and the Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. L. Edwards). Tea was provided after service, and was followed by the business meeting, twenty-eight members being present from eight towers, including the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards). The Vicar presided, and the Secretary reported that three meetings and five combined practices had been held in the past year, with an average attendance of fifteen members. One practice was abandoned owing to bad weather. Four members had qualified for certificates, one peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung at Lyonshall in December to celebrate the bi-centenary of the hanging of the bells, rung by the local band.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. W. Evans, Lyonshall) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow) were re-elected, and two new members were enrolled.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for May at Wigmore, and combined practices in February at Kington and in April at Dilwyn.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and allowing the use of the bells concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, where ringing was kept up till 9 p.m. in Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor.

CROWNING THE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.

An interesting event was celebrated on Saturday, January 28th, at Bolton Parish Church, when a peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Rev. Canon Carpenter, Vicar and Rural Dean, recording the peal, rung 12 months ago, of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major. A very interesting service was conducted by the Vicar, the congregation representing many towers in Lancashire. All the band who took part in the record peal were present, including Mr. Lindoff, who had made the journey from Dublin specially for this occasion.

The Vicar, in his address, referred to the remarkable work of skill and endurance which the tablet would for evermore commemorate, and said it was one more noble example of carrying a message to the minds and hearts of men.

Some good ringing was enjoyed on the bells at the Parish Church, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Superlative, and London Surprise being some of the methods rung.

After the service the 'record' band adjourned to the photographers, where a group photo with the peal tablet was taken.

In the evening (at the invitation of the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club), a very enjoyable time was spent at their headquarters, when upwards of 60 ringers with their wives were entertained. Songs were rendered by Miss A. Potter, Miss F. Cutsforth, Mr. Cutsforth, and others, while Miss M. Cutsforth assisted at the piano. Handbell music was provided by the Holy Trinity company, also a course of Grandsire Caters by E. Cutsforth 1-2, G. Lindoff 3-4, A. Bailey 5-6, E. Webster 7-8, E. Jenkins 9-10, which received a great ovation.

Last, but not least, were the congratulations voiced by Mr. P. Crook to the ringers of the peal.

Mr. Banks, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, while congratulating the whole band, from the treble to the tenor, on their excellent performance and their striking, which was the great feature of the peal, said he could not let the opportunity pass without commenting on the ability, the expertness in mathematical problems, and the far-seeing capabilities of Mr. Worsley, the composer of the peal. As to Mr. Jenkins, went on Mr. Banks, as a conductor he would be very hard to beat. With two such capable men as these, the Lancashire Association would never fall. Mr. Banks closed by moving a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation and their generosity. Mr. Jenkins, who seconded the vote of thanks, stated that the success attached to the peal and the previous attempt was due to the local band and the personal supervision of Mr. Crook, for which he thanked them all.

Mr. Shaker (secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mr. Lindoff supported the previous speakers, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, January 28th. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' in the afternoon, and a well-attended service followed at St. Mary's Church, led by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Parham, who gave an appropriate address, his text being, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals.'

The tea and business meeting were held at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, 75 members sitting down. Among those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), the Rev. J. T. Mumford (branch chairman), the Rev. Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. P. Routh, Mr. W. S. Pearton, Dr. Joyce, and members from the various towers of the branch. The tea was not quite a success, owing to the overcrowding of all cafes in Reading by cup-tie enthusiasts, and, as it was first come first served, the ringers had to wait three-quarters of an hour for their tea, which then was not all that could be desired.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. J. T. Mumford in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. F. W. Hopgood) read the balance sheet and gave his report, mentioning that it had been a very successful year. Eight new honorary members, eight new ordinary members and a new tower, Nettlebed, had been added to the branch lists. The quarterly meetings, too, had been fairly successful, but not so good as in the previous year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. J. T. Mumford (re-elected); secretary, Mr. F. W. Hopgood (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and H. Tucker; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker.

The quarterly meetings for 1928 were arranged for Checkendon, Shiplake, and Mortimer, and very satisfactory reports were given of most of the towers of the branch.

Mention was made of the death of the Rev. R. Hart Davis, who had been an active member of the Guild for many years, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Vicar and organist of St. Mary's for the beautiful service which had been held.

A smoking concert followed, the members enjoying very much the songs given by Miss W. Ramsden, Master Godfrey, Dr. Joyce, the Rev. A. G. Parham, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. H. Goodyer, ably accompanied by Mrs. Wood. Some amusing Devonshire stories were told by the Rev. Canon Coleridge.

The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recent gale blew down part of the battlements of Loughborough Parish Church tower, and until repairs are completed ringing is suspended.

The Bishop of Taunton, Dr. Charles De Salis, after dedicating a new bell at Minehead Church, climbed to the belfry, when the service was over, and, taking off his coat, assisted in ringing the new bell for the first time.

Another example of the adage, 'It's never too late to begin'—peal ringing, is found in the fact that Mr. Joseph Faulkner has rung his first peal at Southill, Bedfordshire, at the age of 66 years.

While undergoing repair in 1810, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell on February 11th, and crashing through the roof of the church killed 22 persons and injured many others.

The first time the extent of Cambridge Surprise Major with the tenors together was known to have been rung was at Bennington, made famous by Squire Leonard Proctor's band, on February 11th, 1873.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of a 14,016 Kent Treble Bob rung at Oldham in the year 1821. The peal occupied 7 hrs. 26 mins.

Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, among the foremost men in the Exercise in his day, died at the age of 68 on February 14th, 1836.

At Painswick, where on February 14th, 1920, the longest Cinques (13,001 Grandsire) was rung, celebrates the 70th anniversary of another peal next Thursday. This was the 8,448 Stedman Cinques, rung in 1858.

On February 7th, 1801, the Society of London Youths rang 'a complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples,' at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. It was composed and called by J. Reeves.

The Kent Treble Bob Royal at King's Norton on January 21st was 5,080 changes in length, not 5,000 as originally recorded.

We are asked to say that the correct dedication of Bromsgrove Parish Church is St. John-the-Baptist, and not St. John, as given in connection with the peal recorded last week.

BELLS, THEIR TONES AND TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel much gratified at the reception accorded to my historical sketch of the above subject, also for the kindly compliments to myself disclosed in the subsequent correspondence, both that published and that received personally.

In briefly replying to the latter, I would state that the article was gleaned from the many notes compiled for the Ipswich motion, and that, something like the little boy, whose mother said that 'he had enough left in his head to build another wooden boat,' I could add that there yet remain sufficient notes for several other articles. But as these would have to deal largely with the theory of musical sounds, they might not prove so acceptable as the historical sketch, despite the present vogue of articles on wireless and loud speakers.

I observe that some criticism has been directed to Lord Grimthorpe's bells. I find that I am in error in regard to Doncaster bells, which have not been recast as I had been informed. If his bells were like his architecture, they are gravely open to doubt. In the case of St. Paul's, it was doubtless the touch of old Taylor's hand upon the tiler, as I inferred, that saved them from the alleged shortcomings of Grimthorpe's other peals. Apart from sound, they should certainly be regarded as having an historical value, and one hopes that they may, perhaps with Doncaster, long remain a memorial to a man who, despite his many faults, was a great Victorian.

In further comment, there is only space to say that in a middle-sized bell of average quality, the 'third' (above the tap-note) is more important and insistent than the 'fifth,' and that the hum-note appears likely to prove the most important of all, as, indeed, Canon Simpson largely claimed. But how and in what degree, it is still, I feel, for the musician and the scientist to tell us.

In 'Bell tones and how to observe them,' I gave them (using key C) as generally accepted; this will still suffice for a comparison, i.e., old standard, D flat, C, E, G, E, G, etc.; and Simpson, C, C, E flat, G, C, E natural, G, etc. (see reprint in 'The Ringing World,' July, 1926). As you, Sir, once pointed out, these cannot be truly reproduced on a piano. The quality, scale and tones all differ.

Being aware that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' I feel some diffidence in expressing the following in conclusion, viz., I think that the scientist will one day find that the first four of the above tones, in either tuning, are primary ones, i.e., originating from various parts of the bell, and each having their own proper groups of over-tones, whilst the remaining two and all above them are natural harmonics from one or more of the tones below. As to the hum-note itself, I consider that it in all probability arises from pulsations of the air column within the cavity of the bell. Shall we call it the 'loud speaker' of the mass tone of the bell also?

I have already trespassed too much on your space. I will only add that when my friend, Mr. Percy O. Lafin, and I meet, whether at the Gog and Magog or at the Johnson Dinner, we hope to have our usual laugh over Simpson Tuning.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

An invitation has been issued to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations asking them to send names of their members who wish to attend. I would be glad if this information could reach me not later than Wednesday, February 22nd. The programme for the day will be:—

- 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.
- 2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.
- 3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.
- 5 (for 5.15 p.m.)—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.
- 6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.
- 8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of Guildford, Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, and the Vicar of Croydon (Canon E. S. Woods), are among those who have expressed their intention of being present at this gathering.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

In connection with the gathering, Mr. Johnston is seeking the co-operation of the secretaries of ringing Guilds and associations in making known the arrangements, and those who require tickets will have to make application through this channel.

As the number of ringers attending is likely to be unusually large, it is not possible to extend the invitation in a general way to ringers' wives or friends (unless they are ringers also). Every effort, however, will be made to provide for a few tickets for this purpose to each association or Guild directly the number of those coming is known.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Associated Railway Companies have agreed to the issue of cheap return tickets to Croydon from any railway station upon payment at the time of booking of single fare and a third (minimum 1s., fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.) and surrender of a voucher, which will be forwarded in due course with the admission tickets required. The tickets will be available for the forward journey on March 2nd or 3rd, and for return on March 3rd, 4th or 5th. This will enable visitors to break the journey by staying in London one or two days, if desired, up to and including March 5th.

LADIES' GUILD.

LINCOLN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bassingham on Saturday. Despite the cold, wet weather, a good number put in an appearance, the bells being raised in peal about 2 p.m. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and the standard methods in Minor up to Cambridge being rung. The most notable feature during the whole of the ringing was the help given to young ringers. Very few touches were rung without having a beginner inside.

The Rev. Pocock officiated at the choral service, and invited those of the ringers who cared to do so to go to the Parish Room for handbell ringing, a fire having been lit for the purpose.

After tea, which was arranged by Mrs. Pollard and other ladies in the village, thanks were accorded by Mrs. Richardson (the district secretary) to the Vicar, Miss Johnson, the organist, and the ladies who had helped with the tea. Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, who seconded, said how very pleased the gentlemen were to be able to support the ladies' meetings, and they would always do anything in their power to make the meetings a success.

The business meeting then followed, and Mrs. Bartram, of Misterton, was voted to the chair. Lincoln was proposed by Mrs. Humphrey, and seconded by Mrs. Baker as the place for the next meeting. It was also proposed that the business meeting should be held on the same day as the Lincoln Diocesan Guild's annual meeting is held, providing permission could be obtained, as that day would be the most suitable for the majority of the Lincolnshire ladies to meet.

Thanks were accorded to the members, through the secretary, by Miss Parker for the wedding present given her by the Ladies' Guild at St. Clement Danes. The ladies then adjourned to the Parish Room and the belfry, where the ringing of handbells and tower bells was indulged in until about 8 p.m., when a very pleasant meeting terminated.

LADIES' GUILD SECRETARY'S MARRIAGE.

MR. G. W. FLETCHER AND MISS E. K. PARKER WEDDED AT EDMONTON.

The marriage of two distinguished ringers was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, when Mr. George Wm. Fletcher, of Southgate, was wedded to Miss Edith Kate Parker, only daughter of Mr. James Parker, of Enfield. The bride has been among the foremost lady exponents of the art of ringing, and, in addition, was one of the founders of the Ladies' Guild, and has been general secretary from its inception in 1912. Miss Parker inherited her ringing ability from her talented father, and is herself the leading conductor among the gentler sex. The bridegroom is also well known throughout the Exercise, and both have rung together with the Sunday service band at Edmonton for some years.

It was not surprising, therefore, that Saturday's event—the culmination of another happy romance—should excite widespread interest among ringers, a large number of whom gathered to witness the ceremony which, fittingly, was performed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, of which Miss Parker is a member. The wedding party reached the church to the sound of the bells rung by eight members of the Ladies' Guild, and the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, escorted by two bridesmaids, and preceded by the choir and clergy, advanced up the aisle while the hymn, 'O Father, all creating,' was sung. In addition to Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. C. Evill (Vicar of Edmonton) and the Rev. E. Forbes (Vicar of Bush Hill Park, where for 15 years Miss Parker was secretary of the Sunday School) took part in the service, at the conclusion of which the hymn, 'O perfect love' was sung, kneeling.

In an address, Canon Coleridge referred to the part which both bride and bridegroom had taken, in a special way, in church work.

Immediately the ceremony had been completed, the bells pealed out from the old grey tower, and were 'fired' and rung in touches of Stedman Triples by the Edmonton band.

The bride was attired in a pretty gown of grey georgette, with hat of grey tissue and georgette, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Skinner (cousin of the bride) and little Miss Parker (the bride's niece). Both wore dresses of blue georgette, their bouquets being of pink and yellow carnations. Mr. C. V. Parker was best man.

As the happy couple left the church, the organ boomed out the 'Wedding March,' and the bells rang out merrily.

A reception was held at the Church Hall, when Canon Coleridge, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of 'The bride and bridegroom,' which was suitably acknowledged by both. Afterwards, the Rev. R. C. Evill added his congratulations, and referred to the service which the bridal couple had long rendered to Edmonton Church as ringers.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon is being spent. At their departure, and for some time later, touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells.

The many gifts which Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have received include presents from numerous ringing friends, and, in addition to those from the Ladies' Guild, there have been gifts from the Cumberland Youths and the Edmonton band.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT TOTNES.

Totnes, with its noble peal of eight bells, was the venue for the annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild on Saturday, January 28th. The inclement weather somewhat marred the attendance, but ringers came from Paignton, Collaton, Torquay, Brixham, Dartmouth, Littlehempstone, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Dawlish, Christow, Exeter and Exmouth. The president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell) was also present. The bells were kept going in the Grandsire method during the afternoon, and the touches included a well-struck 504. Service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Rector of Totnes (Rev. Preb. J. Heywood Waddington), who in a very interesting address extended a welcome to the visitors.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where the wants of the 'inner man' were amply satisfied.

Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman) presided over the business meeting which followed. A report on the past year's work was presented and adopted. Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Rector of Totnes for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and to the organist and choir for their presence.—This the Rector suitably acknowledged.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, May 8th, Cockington and Collaton were proposed, and, on being put to the meeting, Collaton was chosen.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot, a member who had been ill.

The president of the Guild was congratulated on his forthcoming marriage, and on his appointment to another living, to which he suitably replied.

The business having concluded, the visitors returned to the tower, where Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I suppose I ought to feel thoroughly crushed after the replies which my last letter drew from the experts. But thick-skulled people take a lot of hammering before they are finally 'laid out.' Permit me, therefore, a few more words, lest your readers deem my arguments so utterly demolished that there is nothing more to be said.

The most serious thing which I have to meet is Mr. Trollope's answer to my challenge as to the definition of 'change,' and he goes back to Fabian Stedman as his authority. Mr. Trollope defined 'change' as 'the movement, the "work," which connects two rows.' My argument is that the 'change' is the row itself, and I venture to suggest that Mr. Trollope's quotation from Stedman supports my contention. Let me repeat what Stedman said, and ask your readers to study it: 'A change is made between two bells that strike next to each other by removing into each other's places, as in these two figures, 1.2. Make a change between them and they will stand 2.1, which is called a change.' If the words 'between them' mean anything, they mean 'between the bells or figures,' and not in between what we now call the 'rows,' as Mr. Trollope would have us believe.

I appreciate Mr. George Baker's desire to elucidate the distinction between 'lead-end' and 'lead-head,' but it does not destroy my case that dual terms such as this (and dual meanings to the same term, of which there are many instances to be found) tend to confusion. I did not contend that the theorists had no ground for using the term 'lead-head,' and I am now quite sure the matter will be perfectly clear to everyone in future. All we have to remember is that when we see 135284 appear in Bob Minor and call it the 'lead-end,' it is a simple transposition row. When we see the same row appear in the same place in the same method and call it 'lead-head,' it is a complex transposition row. Yes, it is quite simple.

I am afraid Mr. Joyce has rather missed my point. Of course, everybody knows that 214365 is not 213546, and any ringer knows that if you have 214365879 and do nothing, 214365879 will repeat itself. My whole argument is that the change from 214365879 to rounds is made in the row 123456789, and not in between the rows.—Yours faithfully,

A PLAIN RINGER.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT BELL FUND.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth by permission of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar), and in spite of the inclement weather a good company was present. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who in his address gave a brief history of bells, which was most interesting. After service, the members were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Vicar and churchwardens, and a party of 56 greatly appreciated the refreshments provided. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Bird (vice-president), Mr. Edgley (churchwarden), and Mr. Bridges (hon. treasurer to the Isleworth bell fund).

At the subsequent business meeting an appeal for the distressed sufferers of the recent floods in Isleworth was made, and £1 11s. was collected and handed to the Vicar.

A grant of two guineas was made from the funds to the West Drayton bell fund.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and showed a surplus of £1 13s. 3d. on the year's working. It was reported that nine meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 39. The ringing at these meetings had greatly improved. Many young enthusiasts had attended, all of whom the association welcomed most heartily. Twenty-four ringing members and three honorary members were elected during the year.

All the officers, including the members of the Central Committee, were re-elected for the ensuing year, with thanks for their past services.

The company expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. Tom Beadle, and wished him a speedy recovery. A vote of condolence was accorded to the widow and family of the late Mr. W. E. Garrard on their sad bereavement.

Arising out of the several appeals received from churches in the district, a fund is to be formed with a charge of 3d. per rope for peal attempts, to be collected previous to the attempt by the conductor, in towers affiliated to the South and West District, and remitted to the hon. secretary.

The appeal for the Isleworth bell fund, which, owing to the great demand on the generosity of ringers and public alike, has been prolonged for a time, is still before the public. The amount reached is £120. The new Vicar is greatly interested in the scheme, and further assistance is asked for. A dance and social is to be held at Acton Church Hall on Easter Eve, April 7th, arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. Holloway) in aid of the funds, and it is hoped others will follow.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, to the vice-president, Ringing Master, Mr. Lidbetter of the Isleworth band, the organist, hostess and assistants.

With the Ringing Master and hon. secretary's best thanks to officers and members alike for their attendance and support during the year, the meeting closed.

The tower was again visited, and ringing also took place at Twickenham, where the company increased by other arrivals. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Twickenham and Mr. E. A. Morris of the local band.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 28th. Heavy rain fell during the afternoon, but in spite of this over 40 members were present from various towers in the county, and also from Crewe.

Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 at St. Mary's Church, but had to be stopped at 3.15 on account of a service. Tracks were then made for St. Chad's, where ringing continued until five o'clock, when a service was held in St. Aidan's Chapel, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. S. Lombard), who gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells and their ancient use.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Chad's Institute, the catering being done by Mr. John Wall, an old and esteemed member.

The business meeting followed, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett presiding.

The Secretary read the report, and presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £41 4s. 10d. It was gratifying to learn that the membership was 115, and as there were several more elected at the meeting this brings the total to over 120.

Mr. W. Saunders was elected to represent the association on the Central Council, in place of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who has left the county.

On the proposition of Mr. Rodenhurst, seconded by Mr. Saunders, it was decided to reduce the non-resident life membership fee to 3s. 6d. The quarterly meetings for this year are to be held at Malinslee, Oswestry, and Moreton Corbet.

The business having been disposed of, the members returned to St. Chad's, and the noble ring were kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal, and three courses of Grandsire Cinques.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEGLECT OF SIX-BELL TOWERS.

In spite of a gale and incessant rain, over 50 members braved the elements and attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Rainham on Saturday, January 28th. The tower was opened at three o'clock for ringing, and the belfry was soon crowded out.

The Vicar of Rainham, the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, conducted the association service, the organist and a full choir being in attendance, which considerably brightened the service. The Vicar gave an excellent address, taking for his text the words from Corinthians iii. 9, 'We are labourers with God.'

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, to which nearly 70 sat down, including the choir, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Churchwarden H. Springate.

The business meeting, which followed, was of the usual harmonious character.

Six new members were elected, and after a host of towers being proposed at the place of the next meeting, Tunstall was finally chosen, after a close vote with Gillingham. It was unanimously decided to hold the meeting on the last Saturday in April.

Mr. Haigh spoke of the neglect to hold meetings at the six-bell towers, and it was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Higham, on Saturday, March 10th, and try and get that tower to rejoin the association.

The district secretary was asked, on behalf of the district, to write to Mr. W. A. Cooke, of Rainham, who was lying in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, after a successful operation, and convey their best wishes for a speedy recovery; also to Mr. E. J. Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, who, as the result of an accident with his motor-bicycle, had lost three fingers, expressing the members' regret at his accident.

The District Secretary said they were deeply grateful to the Benevolent Committee for a further grant to Mr. F. Draper, of Northfleet, which had helped him over an evil time, and he was glad to say that now he was in receipt of the old age pension.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed hearty thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their valued assistance, also to the organist and choir for their attendance.

The Vicar responded in a humorous speech and thanked the district for again visiting Rainham.

After touches on the handbells, the tower was again visited, the ringing ranging from rounds to whatever method was desired up to Cambridge and Superlative.

LIVERPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Liverpool of Mr. Sam W. Stewart. Mr. Stewart was formerly a member of the company at Halifax Parish Church. He came to Liverpool about 24 years ago, and was for some time a ringer at St. John's, Tuebrook. Later he had resided at Great Crosby, and rang regularly as a service ringer at St. Luke's Church, the ringers of which tower carried him to his last resting place.

Deceased was a good ringer, and had rung several peals of Stedman Triples, but his favourite method was Treble Bob.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family, also to his brother, Mr. C. E. Stewart, by the ringers of Liverpool, with whom the deceased was very popular.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

The inaugural meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on Jan. 28th at St. Mary's Church, when over 60 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Bishop's Waltham, Caterington, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Southampton, and Wickham, as well as visitors from King's Somborne and Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor).

Ringing took place on the peal of eight until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, at which the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers) addressed the members, and was assisted in the conduct of the service by the Revs. A. G. E. Munson and R. B. Brown, of St. Mary's. The Archdeacon based his address on two of the objects of the Guild—(1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church workers, and (2) the promotion of ringing for divine service. At the close of the service, at which Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O. (Millbrook), presided at the organ, the assembly adjourned to the Parish Institute, where an excellent tea awaited them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon took the chair, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), the district secretary pro. tem. (Mr. F. W. Rogers), etc., the Secretary read the list of towers which had been placed in the new Portsmouth district, viz., Alverstoke, Curdridge, East Meon, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Soberton, and West Meon (eight-bell towers); Bishop's Waltham, Bramshott, Caterington, Hambledon, Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, Wickham and Warnford (six-bell towers); Buriton and Steep (five-bell towers). The Secretary said that all the towers had affiliated to the Guild except Soberton, Warnford, and Buriton.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone.

Several new members were elected, including the Rector of Bramshott (the Rev. E. H. Polehampton), and eight honorary members of Wickham, Messrs. C. E. Foster (Caterington) and S. A. Bamford (Portsmouth) as full members, and two probationers from Havant and Portsea. Colonel de W. Kitcat (Gosport) was transferred from a full member to an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petersfield on April 28th, when it is hoped to be able to visit both Buriton and Steep.

A discussion arose on the question of combined practices, and it was suggested that a quarterly peal should be arranged to give young ringers an opportunity to ring their first peal, applications to be made to the district secretary.

Just before the close of the meeting, the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. Boulflower) paid a visit and was warmly welcomed by the members present, to whom he addressed a few remarks.

On the proposition of the District Chairman, votes of thanks were accorded the Archdeacon for his address, to the clergy who had arranged the service, and to the organist and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success. At the conclusion handbell ringing was practised until it was convenient to visit the belfry. During the day the ringing ranged from rounds for the beginners, and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major.

NEW ALTON DISTRICT STARTED.

The inaugural meeting of the new Alton District was held at Alton on Saturday, January 21st, when 24 ringers attended from Alton, Binsted, Blackmoor, Fareham, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsmouth and Winchester.

Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) presided at the business meeting and was supported by the Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. W. Read, Mr. Perry and others, and at the commencement expressed his regret that more clergy were not present. He proceeded to give the reasons for forming the new district, and stated that the following towers had been placed in it: Alton, Privett, Chawton, Binsted, Froyle, Ropley, Blackmoor, Hawley, Froxfield, Liss, Selborne and Newton Valence. Bramshott, although in the area, had expressed a wish to remain in the Portsmouth District, but the chairman thought that when it was seen that an Alton District would be more convenient and handy for them, the Bramshott band would be anxious to transfer to the Alton District.

Considerable discussion arose over the point brought forward by the Alton band, that they did not think the new district was required or workable. However, it was finally decided that the only way to work the towers in the area was by forming a new Alton District.

Rev. F. G. Byres (Blackmoor) was elected district chairman, Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted) district secretary, Mr. Read (Blackmoor) representative on the Central Committee, and Rev. E. Dennett (East Worsleyham) district auditor (subject to his consent).

It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at Binsted on Saturday, May 12th, and that the dates and places of the next annual meeting and two more quarterly meetings be decided at that meeting.

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'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We are glad to acknowledge the following further contributions to the fund for the assistance of Mr. Alfred T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield. The fund has reached a substantial amount, but there is, in a case of this description, where a breadwinner is permanently deprived of his sight, great need for as large a sum as can be raised, and we earnestly appeal to all those who have not yet sent their contributions to do so as soon as possible, so that the fund may be closed.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	116	9	5
Collected at Kent County Association meeting at Bromley			
Common, per T. Groombridge, sen.	1	3	0
St. Mary Magdalen ringers, Harlow Common	10	6	
Wickham, Hants, belfry, per G. E. Chappell	10	6	
Ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford	10	0	
Collected at the Essex Association at West Ham, per E. Butler	1	0	0
Ringers of Long Eaton, Derbyshire	10	0	
Eastern Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, per J. Phillips	2	2	0
Ringers of Burton-on-Stather, North Lincs	12	0	
Wrexham Parish Church bellringers	12	0	
Miss Vera Robinson, Wokingham	1	0	0
D. Cecil Williams, Southampton	1	1	0
G. Dent, Harlow	10	6	
C. Chooet, Chelsea	2	6	
W. Tiley, Bruton, Somerset	2	6	

Total £126 15 11.

SURREY'S DIOCESAN POSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out a little mistake in your leading article on the problems of Surrey in your issue of January 27th. It infers that the portion of Surrey which formed the new diocese of Southwark was in Canterbury diocese. That was not the case; it was formerly in Rochester diocese. The only portion of Surrey that ever was, and still is, in Canterbury diocese is Croydon and a portion of its near neighbourhood.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. PITMAN.

CHORLEY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Thursday, February 2nd, at the Chorley Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,928 changes) was rung in one hour and fifteen minutes, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Marsden, of Chorley. The ringers were: John Marsden 1, W. Blackledge 2, T. Lofthouse 3, H. Southworth 4, J. H. Gartside 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, G. Hewitt 7, H. Foster 8. At the conclusion of the touch Mr. Lofthouse, on behalf of the ringers, presented a framed photograph of the church to Mr. Marsden. The picture was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. John Marsden by the ringers of the Chorley Parish Church on the occasion of their golden wedding, February 2nd, 1928.'

Mr. Marsden, in accepting the gift, on behalf of himself and his wife, thanked the ringers, and said how pleased he was with it, as he thought they could not have chosen anything more suitable, for he had been connected with the church from birth. He was baptised there, married there, and had been a Sunday School teacher for a long number of years, as well as having been a ringer at the church about fifty-seven years.

The ringers then spent the rest of the evening in a convivial manner, Mr. Marsden acting as the host. Songs were given by Mr. R. Clayton, H. Foster and J. H. Gregson, Mr. J. H. Gartside accompanying in his usual efficient manner, and also playing several selections.

Mr. Lofthouse moved that the heartiest thanks of the ringers be given to their host, and to Messrs. Clayton, Gartside, Foster and Gregson for having entertained them. Mr. F. Rigby seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Hertford on Saturday, January 28th, when the bells of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and Ben-en (8), were made good use of. Twenty-five ringers put in an appearance in spite of the uninviting weather, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting of friends.

A short but very enjoyable service was held in All Saints' Church. The Vicar gave an address, and all who attended appreciated the warm welcome that he gave them.

The business meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. Sanders, of London, presiding.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the incumbent for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding, all being pleased to see him amongst them. An adjournment was then made to the three towers, and further ringing was done.

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During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the fine peal of bells at St. Lawrence's Church.

The formation of the new district will enable new ground to be worked, as, owing to the large size of the old Winchester District, there were many towers at which a Guild meeting had never been held.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, January 28th, when members assembled from all parts of the district, and there was a visiting member from Salford, making a total of 34 present. Touches in various methods were rung, including Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc., during the afternoon. A substantial meal was served at the Boar's Head Hotel, the menu including potato pie and rice pudding. The repast was kindly provided by the Rector, and, needless to say, the ringers did ample justice to all the good things.

The business was afterwards transacted, St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, being selected for the next meeting, at a date to be arranged.

The best thanks of the meeting were heartily given to the Rector for his generosity in providing such a good meal, also to the Rector and wardens for use of bells, and to the ringers for having all in order. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Cowell) brought the business to a close. Further ringing concluded one of the best meetings held in the branch for a considerable time.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A most successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 14th. Over sixty members were present, including several visitors from other branches. The bells were set going about 3 p.m., and were kept busy until 5.30 p.m., under the guidance of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Wilkinson. Service was held in the church, and the Rector of Liverpool gave a most inspiring address.

The company then adjourned to the Institute, where tea had been provided for all by the Ven. Archdeacon Howson. At the conclusion of the tea, the meeting was held, and the Archdeacon presided. The Branch Secretary read a communication from Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., conveying best wishes for a good meeting and season's greetings, which was received with acclamation.

The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Helen's Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. This meeting promises to be very popular, as the old bells of St. Peter's, Liverpool, have been overhauled and rehung in this tower.

At the conclusion of the formal business, Mr. G. R. Newton proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Tom Hammond and family in their recent bereavement. This was carried by all present silently standing.

A collection was taken on behalf of 'The Ringing World' fund for 'Ironseus,' and the amount totalled £1 10s. 6d.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Liverpool for granting facilities for the meeting and for the inspiring address. In response, the Rector said he was most pleased to welcome the branch to St. Nicholas', and wished all present prosperity.

The Archdeacon was warmly thanked for his attendance and the continued interest he takes in the branch, and last, but by no means least, for providing the bountiful tea.

This concluded the meeting, and a return was made to the tower, where it is said Cambridge Maximus was the order.

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NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Rectory, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. S. H. Osborne.) Those requiring tea must notify me by February 13th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

At Guildford, on Saturday, February 4th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, N. Harding 2, H. Hutton 3, C. E. Smith 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. R. Melville 6, W. J. Robison (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the memorial service to the late Earl Haig.

At Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on Sunday, February 5th, with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. (on the back eight): T. E. Wase 1, W. Saunders 2, J. Hanley 3, J. H. Rixom 4, W. D. Wase 5, J. L. Stanier 6, A. S. Bayley (conductor) 7, B. L. Jones 8.

At Hagbourne, Berks, for a memorial service for Earl Haig on Sunday afternoon, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled: W. Cox 1, J. Butler 2, W. Napper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, G. F. James 7, W. Goodenough 8.

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday evening, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Allett 1, W. E. Spice 2, G. Kenward 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, J. S. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. H. Spice 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Earl Haig.

At Llanishen, Glam., on Sunday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins. (including Morris' and Pitman's arrangement), rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Earl Haig: H. Nott 1, E. Coles (conductor) 2, P. Heath 3, G. Chamberlain 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Boothby (first quarter) 6.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Hatfield, Doncaster, on February 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins., with half-muffled clappers: H. Rodwell 1, H. Crowe 2, E. Ensor 3, H. Marshall 4, G. Welch 5, D. England 6, R. Thompson (first quarter as conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8. This is the first quarter by the local band since the bells have been recast.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, on Sunday, February 5th, with fully-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Lord Haig, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: T. Bird 1, J. E. Whitlock 2, W. French 3, R. Chapman (first 720 inside) 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Coley 6.

For a memorial service at Pulborough, Essex, on Sunday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: A. Holden 1, A. V. Corden 2, S. Picton 3, W. J. Harwood 4, H. O. Greenfield 5, A. R. Pink 6, P. H. Doick (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

On Sunday, February 5th, at St. Giles', Stony Stratford, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Clarke 1, W. Neale 2, T. Tompkins 3, H. Edwards 4, E. Yates 5, W. Bonham 6, H. Tompkins 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled for the British Legion memorial service to Earl Haig.

For memorial service for Earl Haig, arranged by British Legion on Sunday afternoon, February 5th, in the Parish Church at Market Weighton, 840 Grandsire Doubles before service and 360 in the same method after service, with bells half-muffled. Ringers taking part: P. Thompson, H. Kneeshaw, A. Saltmer, G. Priestman, W. Moor, M. Moor, W. Scaife, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor).

At Warnham, Sussex, on Sunday, February 5th, with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service to the late Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: T. Branch 1, W. Charman 2, G. Branch 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Stanford 5, W. Pettifer 6, J. Cook (conductor) 7, A. Charman 8.

WEDDING PRESENTATION AT GUILDFORD.

A presentation took place at St. Nicolas' belfry, on Thursday of last week, the recipient being Mr. Reg. Radford, second ringing son of the esteemed steeplekeeper, Mr. S. Radford, on the occasion of his marriage. The gift took the form of a handsome clock. Mrs. Hazelden made the presentation on behalf of the St. Nicolas' company, and Mr. R. Radford suitably replied.

194 METHODS IN A YEAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we trespass upon the hospitality of your columns to offer our congratulations to the ringers of Wath-on-Dearne? Nearly two hundred extents in one year is an achievement of itself, but when nearly the same number of methods are used it becomes remarkable. We wish we had their opportunities—and ability. More power to their elbows!—Yours sincerely,

G. DAWSON,

Hon. secretary,
St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 5th, 882 of Grandsire Triples: W. Lambell (longest touch) 1, W. Goodenough 2, W. V. Webb 3, J. Butler 4, F. H. Abbott 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, T. East 7, H. Bishop (longest touch) 8.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, January 29th, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Sperring 1, R. G. Jones 2, G. Milton 3, H. Lewis 4, G. Lea 5, F. Fox 6, G. R. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Pre 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on February 16th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith (Vicar). Tea 5, at the Swan Hotel (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Sturminster Newton (6) and Okeford Fitzpaine (6).—R. E. P. Gorringer, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells open from 4 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. Cheap trains from Broad Street, Euston, or Elephant and Castle.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Melbourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify F. Harper, Melbourn, Cambs?—F. Warrington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—George Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now due.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 11th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. A good attendance is hoped for.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7 p.m. This meeting is very important. Will all members therefore make an effort to attend? By the kind permission of the Rector, tea will be provided at the Schools. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Feb. 11th. All Saints' Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Feb. 11th. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30, followed by tea (5 p.m.) and business meeting at Miller's Restaurant. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3-4.30; Godmanchester (8) after 6.30. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helen's on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided if sufficient number apply before Feb. 11th to Mr. George Broadhead, Earnshaw Cottages, Darton, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. — Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30-4.30; All Saints' (8), 2.30-4.15; Cathedral (10), 7-8.30. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d.), in the Institute, 5.30, business meeting afterwards.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. General Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Re-dedication and re-opening of bells at Rickling, Essex, after re-hanging, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at 3 p.m.: St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6). Short service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at 5, at the Commercial Hotel, 1s. each, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome. — H. O. Baker, Tasley, Bridgnorth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 14th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Committee meeting at 4, and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Those coming to tea please notify me by first post on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. United bus leaves the Hay Market, Newcastle, for Cramlington at the hour and every 15 minutes. Return fare 1s. 4d.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Church House 5.30, business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 14th.—Chertsey district meeting at Hersham, March 10th. — Guildford district meeting at Guildford, March 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 3.15. Tea 5.30, at a charge of 6d. per head. Meeting 7 o'clock. This is the last time a meeting will be held here, as the church is to be pulled down. Will members therefore make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Evensong at 6.30. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Thorverton bells available at 2.30. Stoke Canon, Rewe and Upton Pyne by application to me. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, 1s. each. — T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Two towers (8 bells each) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow (St. James' Street Station, L.N.E.R.), on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8), lately rehung, available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 4.30 at the Vicarage. All those intending being present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Ringstead (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Will those coming to tea please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 14th? — S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells at liberty 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wragby (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 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 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10), St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Free to all who send their names to Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Feb. 23rd. Subscriptions for 1928 now due, and should be paid to Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Malling on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Subscription for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. Frequent bus service from Maidstone. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 21st. — C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cutcombe on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 21st how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.—CHILVERS COTON, Nuneaton.—The practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Monday, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

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A NATIONAL ORGANISATION?

The bold suggestion put forward by a correspondent that there should be, instead of many separate diocesan, county and district ringing organisations, one national association of church bell ringers, strikes deeply into the system by which the administration of the Exercise has hitherto been carried on. Mr. Colin Harrison, in advancing his views, obviously realises some of the great obstacles which would be met with in endeavouring to launch such a scheme, which, while it has much that may be said in its favour, has, as far as we see it at the moment, a very great deal to be said against it. It is, however, a subject that might well be discussed, because much might be gained and certainly nothing can be lost by a free consideration of the pros and cons.

The main idea behind the proposal appears to be to avoid that overlapping of ringing organisations which is to be found in a great many parts of the country, with the consequent imposition of dual subscriptions by ringers, who cannot always well afford them, a frequent clashing of fixtures; and sometimes the engendering of friction—all of which things it is in the best interests of the Exercise to avoid. The nucleus of a national body, if it were needed, is of course, already in existence in the Central Council, but we imagine there would be a strenuous opposition to the idea of sinking the 'local' identity of the diocesan and territorial organisations, while even more difficult would it be to absorb those societies like the College Youths and Cumberlands, which are already almost national in character.

The overlapping which exists is due in the main to the fact that all the associations are not based on the same territorial plan—some are diocesan, some county, and while this dual system prevails the trouble, if trouble it is, will continue. The elimination of overlapping, difficult as it may be, would, we think, be easier to accomplish than the setting up of a national organisation, for the reason that there are in the different areas in which the various Guilds and Associations function closer ties to bind the members. For instance, a ringer's connection with a county association must be of a more personal kind than would membership of a national association with a local branch; and the interest of the clergy could be better retained in a diocesan organisation than in one which was country-wide in its scope. Then, too, there is a certain amount of jealous regard which ringers have for their own societies which would make many of them loth to surrender their 'control,' if one may use the term, to a centralised body. These are just one or two of the broader objections which would have to be met in connection with a national scheme. As already indicated

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we are inclined to think the overlapping difficulty might be better dealt with, at any rate where counties and dioceses are not coterminous, by an endeavour to establish all the ringing associations on a diocesan basis. Even this idea would, we are sure, meet with great opposition and perhaps the time is hardly ripe to put it forward, but, as we have also said on more than one occasion, we believe the trend is already in this direction and that eventually it will come. But whatever individual views ringers may hold, Mr. Harrison's suggestions ought not to be lightly cast aside; it is a proposal which deserves more than cursory examination.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY BENNETT... .. Treble	JACK SIMONDS 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
MAURICE SMITH 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Earl Haig, also to the late Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, formerly treasurer of the Oxford Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
This is the 400th tower in which Mr. W. Pye has rung a peal, and it is nearly 30 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HUBERT JONES Treble	F. T. WAITE... .. 5
T. BALDWIN 2	A. G. WAITE... .. 6
G. L. BRUNSDON 3	J. A. WAITE... .. 7
W. H. HARRIS 4	T. HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Canon E. H. Brice), and a compliment to Mr. A. Waite, captain of the above band, and a ringers at the church for 60 years.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CLIFFORD SAIDMORE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hemming.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
EX. R.S.M. A. J. HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., president of the North Wales Association, who was interred at Bangor Cemetery on February 2nd, 1928.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 7-6-8 covering.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* IDRIS ROWLANDS Treble	THOMAS WERRETT 5
GLYN WILLIAM 2	TIMOTHY POPNELL 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	* JOHN THOMAS 7
STEWART WILLIAMS 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. All are members of the local band.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	PERCY JONES 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM PIKE 4	* CYRIL DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HERBERT E. BOOTH Treble	ALBERT G. HUNT 5
A. E. WINTERTON 2	JOHN W. PERRY 6
GEORGE WARNER 3	JOHN PERRY 7
THOMAS PERRY 4	ERIC SPEAKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Leslie Knight Smith, who was instituted as Vicar of Brewod on January 9th, when an unsuccessful attempt was made for the peal. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung in Brewod by a local band.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

* ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
* BASIL REDGWELL 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the second had never before attempted to ring the method. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
JOSEPH H. BEALE 2	RICHARD J. JACKSON 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	WALTER MALINS 7
JOHN W. CHANDLER 4	A. JOHN TIMSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lupton T. Topham, a highly respected resident of the town, and many years a churchwarden and ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	MISS D. EVA LEWIS 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ALBAN DISNEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in this method by all the band, and by the association. It is the second peal yet rung of this kind.

SOUTH WIGSTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

SIDNEY COX Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 6
* EDWARD SOARS 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
JOHN E. CLARKE 4	† HAROLD DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on more than five bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Belton, of Barwell. W. P. Whitehead's 100th peal as conductor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED SMITH Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 5
* CHARLES S. KYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6
THOMAS HURD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS HILDITCH 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. The treble ringer belongs to the local band, 2nd to Norton, 3rd and 4th to Burslem, 5th and 7th to Wistaston, 6th to Cheadle, tenor to Stoke-on-Trent. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Coxon, for the use of the bells, and to thank the churchwardens, Alderman G. F. Bailey and Mr. F. Bentley, for their kindness in providing tea after the peal.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HARRY F. HOLDING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
HARRY OVERTON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
TREVOR PRICHARD 2	FRANK PONTING 6
LESLIE BARRY 3	HARRY BARRETT 7
THOMAS WITTS 4	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Bishopwearmouth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	*NORMAN MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal. J. J. Leighton has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JOSEPH BROADWAY 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
SAMUEL WARD 3	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7
ROWLAND MYERS 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RICHARD E. JONES Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 5
*ERNEST BENNETT 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. The ringer of the second is only 15 years of age. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
HARRY MOSS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Col. the Right Hon. Lord Henriker, and the birthday of Mr. E. Youngs.

HALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT BILLINGTON Treble	JOHN LEATHER 4
*WILLIAM HUTCHMOUGH ... 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
*GEORGE HOUGHTON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was rung on the 50th birthday of the treble ringer, who was elected a member previous to starting.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Duke of York, one of Killamarsh, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ERNEST STURMAN Treble	HORACE HIBBARD 4
WILLIAM STURMAN 2	RICHARD REECE 5
PERCY MORRIS 3	PHILIP HIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP HIBBARD.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Locker Lampson, daughter of Mr. G. T. Lampson, M.P., on her 21st birthday.

WEST CRANMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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.).

*THOMAS J. GANE Treble	†RICHARD A. LOVELL 3
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	*FREDERICK J. EDWARDS ... 4

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Thursday, February 2nd, in 27 mins., 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Hughes 1, H. Gates 3, H. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, A. V. Good (conductor) 7, C. F. Winney 8 (covering). Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD COMPTON Treble	ARTHUR HARMER 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	WILLIAM MAYO Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

LAMBERHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES BASSETT Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM LUCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It was his first peal in seven methods, also first as conductor.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	HAROLD HARDY 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Backhouse, for many years captain of the ringers at the above church.

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

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE 4
ARTHUR HATCH 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and also to Canon Butler, late Vicar of Preston Parish Church.

WINLATON, DURHAM. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOSEPH ROBERTSON Treble	JAMES E. SCOTT 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Adam Deas.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Double Court, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
* WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
* THOMAS E. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in seven different methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Woods.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

JOHN P. BARKER Treble	EDMUND THOMPSON 4
* CLEMENT SLATER 2	WILLIAM T. CLARK 5
FREDERICK LANGTREE 3	GEORGE SLATER Tenor

Conducted by W. T. CLARK.

* First peal, age 15. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor (son and father) are from Millom, the remainder from the local band.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT, OVERSEAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, including Pitman's and Morris' arrangement, and the ten original callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

* ARTHUR ADAMS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
FRANK BOULSTRIDGE 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 3	WILLIAM H. CERZON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Overseal.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOSEPH SHARP Treble	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* Elected a member previous to starting for peal.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE TREASURER'S 'MAJORITY.'

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, February 4th, at Selby. By the kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, the fine ring of ten bells at the abbey were available for ringing from noon onward, and they were kept going in a variety of methods from noon till 9 p.m. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was held in the sacristy of the splendid abbey church, the auditors being Messrs. A. W. Hall and W. Hinton, of the local band.

Divine service was held in the Abbey at 4 p.m., and was attended by some sixty members. The imposing church made a fine setting for the delightful service, which was tastefully rendered by the choir and organist of the abbey. Taking as his text the first verse of Psalms xcv., the preacher (Rev. Canon Solloway) gave a most interesting discourse on the old ring of eight bells formerly in the Abbey. The words of the text, the preacher said, breathed the spirit of devotion. Ringers of these days had high ideals, and their thoughts should be centred on pressing the spirit of worship, and all members should be animated by this thought in their work. Realising the difficulty of ringers always remaining to service, the Canon stated that he could easily understand them hurrying home occasionally for a drink—of water. Worship meant to honour God in all thought, word and deeds, and all his hearers were urged to take this conception of their office as ringers in the church. In conclusion, Canon Solloway extended a hearty welcome to the members to Selby, and trusted that their visit would be a profitable and pleasant one.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting was subsequently held in the abbey sacristy.

The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. W. Dale, G. Lewis, F. Willey, J. H. Blakiston and C. Harrison.

The Chairman presented the annual report of the committee, and paid a warm tribute to the work of the peal secretary.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. S. Briggs, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, while the balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Hinton, seconded by Mr. H. Morley.

No other nominations having been received for the office of treasurer of the association, the retiring treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) was duly declared elected to the office unopposed. In making the declaration, the Chairman called the attention of the meeting to the fact that Mr. Cotterell had held the post of treasurer for twenty-one years, and that during that period Mr. Cotterell had faced many anxious and critical times in the history of the association. The present flourishing state of the association was very largely due to the labours of Mr. Cotterell. The chairman also took the opportunity of reminding his hearers that it was customary to honour a twenty-first birthday by the presentation of a suitable memento, and the members and Mr. Cotterell ought not to be surprised if some effort was made in this direction, as some token of the respect that they all had for Mr. Cotterell for his many services to the association on their behalf.

Messrs. P. Byram and M. Hodgson were elected as members of the association, while Messrs. E. Wagstaff and S. Clancy were elected as 'out county' life members of the association. The Rev. J. Hewitson, Vicar of Hoylandswaine, was also elected an honorary member.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. H. Williams seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Solloway for his very kindly welcome and for his address at the service. The Vicar of Selby had placed the association under another debt of gratitude to him by placing the fine ring of ten at the abbey at the disposal of visitors, and by giving up an afternoon of valuable time when he was seriously wanting all his spare moments to devote his energies to the appeal for funds for the preservation of the abbey.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the abbey organist, who had very kindly come specially from Leeds for the occasion; to the choir for their services at evensong; to the ladies who waited at the tea tables, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. This, on being put, was carried with acclamation.—Mr. F. Cryer responded on behalf of the local authorities and the Selby ringers, thanking the members for their appreciation of the efforts made for their comfort, and stating that the local ringers felt that they had only done their duty in making the arrangements for the meeting.

The general secretary next called the attention of the meeting to the announcement in the press of a great gathering of ringers at Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd, and asked all intending visitors to that function to notify him of their intention not later than Monday, February 20th.—A vote of thanks to the chairman brought to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

At Cirencester, Glos. on Sunday, February 5th, for the special memorial service at the Parish Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: H. L. Cook 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. W. Bond 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, J. Hayward 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

At St. Mary's Church, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, with the bells half-muffled, on Sunday, February 5th, for the memorial service to the late Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hine 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, F. Stuckey (conductor) 4, J. H. Godfrey 5, C. Turner 6, E. Marks 7, J. Lovering 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Unfortunately, as several meetings took place in or near London on this date, the attendance was a small one, only 40 members being present. The district committee met in the vestry at 4.15, and at 5 o'clock the usual service was held. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector through illness, the Rev. W. Wright conducted the service, and preached a very inspiring sermon.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £20 2s. 5d., in addition to stock valued at £73 13s. 8d., was adopted, subject to audit. In spite of heavy expenditure, which included a grant of £5 to the Bow bells restoration fund, and nearly £3 in instructors' expenses, the loss on the year's working was very small.

Twenty new members were admitted, including the Rev. W. Wright as an honorary member, whose election was carried with acclamation.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. A. Howkins (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) as assistant hon. secretary in place of the late Mr. W. J. Kemp. Diplomas for peal ringers was discussed, in anticipation of the coming Central Council meeting. A decision was, of course, deferred until the annual general meeting of the association is held.

Arrangements for the ringers' day at Croydon were also gone into, and local secretaries and others were urged to send in their returns to the secretary by February 20th.

A sum of £2 2s. was voted to the West Drayton (Middlesex) bell restoration fund.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey; whilst Edmon-ton was chosen as the venue for the next annual meeting of the district.

An interesting subject was raised by Mr. G. R. Goodship (Harrow Weald), who read an extract from a London evening newspaper in connection with the tragedy which recently occurred in the belfry at Mitcham. The paragraph stated that the question of reconsecration did not arise, 'as the belfry was not part of the consecrated building.' Mr. Goodship asked if this was correct.

Much surprise was expressed by many. The president (Mr. F. A. Milne), the Rev. W. Wright, Mr. James George, Mr. W. Pickworth and others were all of the contrary opinion, and Mr. Milne said that he would write to the Chancellor of his diocese for his ruling on such a matter.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) for allowing the meeting to be held; to the Rev. W. Wright for his address at the service; to the Revs. W. P. Bickford and B. Marshall for permission to ring at St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Wells Street; and to Mr. Dyas for arrangements made at the latter tower.

The vote of thanks was acknowledged by the Rev. W. Wright, and the meeting terminated.

During the afternoon and evening many good touches were rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes, and St. Andrew's, Wells Street, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, and Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO CHEW DEANERY BRANCH SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 28th, and was attended by members from Barrow, Gurney, Chilcompton, Clapton-in-Gordano, Chew Magna, Clevedon, Easton-in-Gordano, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton, Portishead, Tickenham, Wraxall and Weston-super-Mare. Ringing was followed by service, at which an address was given by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. J. E. Varley). Tea was then partaken of at the Church House by 26 members, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Varley.

The following officers were re-elected en bloc: Mr. T. Wyatt, chairman; Messrs. J. Bishop and G. Court, vice-chairman; Percy G. Yeo, hon. secretary and treasurer; G. Yeo, Ringing Master and representative on general committee.

Fourteen new members were elected, and Portishead was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with an intermediate meeting at Chew Stoke.

A handsome 14-day clock, suitably inscribed, was presented to the hon. secretary in recognition of his services, and also as a wedding gift, Mr. Gillingham, in making the presentation, saying the opportunity should not be lost of showing their appreciation of the work done by the hon. secretary.—Mr. Yeo suitably replied, thanking the members for their generous gift and good wishes.

Votes of thanks were then given to the Vicar for his address and for presiding at the meeting, and to the ladies who provided such a nice tea.—A welcome was accorded Mr. H. Jefferies, churchwarden of All Saints', Long Ashton.—The meeting then concluded, and the tower was again visited.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. FIVE NEW TOWERS JOIN ANDOVER DISTRICT.

The inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Andover District was held at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 4th, and was a great success, over 70 members attending from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bramley, East Woodhay, Fareham, Highclere, King's Sonborne, Laverstock, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Portsmouth, Steventon, St. Mary Bourne, Wherwell, Woolton Hill, Whitchurch and Winchester. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. M. S. Douglas being voted to the chair. He was supported by Rev. E. Jones, Rev. A. Lewis, Rev. G. H. Jewdine, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. A. H. Rogers, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. H. Horne and others.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) explained the reason for forming the new district, and stated that the following towers had been provisionally placed in it: Andover, Ampert, Abbots Ann, Burghclere, East Woodhay, Highclere, Hurstbourne Priors, Laverstock, Longparish, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, St. Mary Bourne, Sydmonton, Tangle, Thruxton, Wherwell, Whitchurch and Woolton Hill.

The Rev. F. C. Sear (Sydmonton) was elected district secretary, the Rev. A. Lewis (Wherwell) district chairman, Mr. F. Knapp (Highclere), representative on the Central Committee Mr. R. Rix (Woolton Hill) District Ringing Master, and Mr. O. Smart (Andover) district auditor.

The following bands joined the Guild: Burghclere, East Woodhay, Highclere, Laverstock and Wherwell. This was very encouraging, as these towers had not previously belonged to any ringing organisation. It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Whitchurch on February 2nd, 1929.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: St. Mary Bourne on April 21st, Wherwell and Longparish on July 28th, Woolton Hill and East Woodhay on October 6th.

The bells of Laverstock (six) and Whitchurch (eight) were available during the afternoon and evening, and various methods, ranging from Bob and Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, were practised.

USK, MON.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Knight 1, L. Jones 2, G. Went 3, E. W. Luff 4, E. Perry 5, D. G. Clift 6, A. Hawkins (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for all. First on the bells by a local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers at this church.

DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

An interesting ceremony was performed in Exeter Cathedral belfry on Saturday, February 11th, when a framed oak tablet, presented by the Rev. M. Kelly, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells, rung on October 15th, 1927, by members of the Devonshire Guild, was unveiled and dedicated. Canon McLaren recited the office, and a congregation of about 30 joined in the responses, the Lord's Prayer, and singing a short hymn.

Mr. Kelly then unveiled the tablet, the dedicatory invocation followed, also Psalm cxxii., thankful sentences and a prayer.

In conclusion, Mr. F. Davey, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Kelly for his generous gift, and the donor said it gave him much pleasure to be the means of placing that tablet there to commemorate what he considered to a great effort, not only for the ringers but for the composer in producing a musical peal in such a beautiful method. Although the peal had been rung practically by non-resident members, he was delighted that three Devonians had taken part in it, and that it had been rung under the auspices of the county Guild. He hoped they would let it be an incentive to ringers to progress—something to aim at. He asked them to notice also the motto at the bottom of the tablet, 'Laus est Deo,' i.e., 'Praise is to God,' which should be the true object and spirit of all their ringing, the honour and praise of God.

A touch of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), was then rung, also touches of Stedman Triples on the Stafford eight, and Bob Major on the Thomas eight.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely District was held at Melbourn on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was of a high standard, London, York, Beverley, Wells and Cambridge Surprise being chiefly rung. Members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Melbourn, Royston, Stapleford, Trumpington and Long Stanton.

A point of special interest was the ringing of Master D. Howard (son of Mr. R. Howard, of Barley), aged 11 years. An attempt for a 720 London Surprise, non-conducted, by F. Harper 1, F. Warrington 2, R. Howard 3, A. E. Austin 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. G. King 6, was lost two treble leads from home, after otherwise perfect ringing. The bells were lowered about 8.45 p.m., everyone present having a most enjoyable time.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., for service on Wednesday, January 25th (Conversion of St. Paul): G. F. Baldwin 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, G. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

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Among the many bell restorations which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand are a new peal of six, with new frame and fittings, for Stoke Fleming, Devon; recasting the peal of eight for Ruardean, Glos, which are to be hung in new ball bearings; and the addition of two trebles to the ring of six at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, with new frame and fittings for eight.

An old London society, now defunct, the Trinity Youths, rang their first peal at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on February 18th, 1722.

Henry Haley, one of London's most famous ringers, was born on February 19th, 1819. In the course of his career, he rang 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105. Among other performances, during a visit to the United States in 1850, he conducted at Philadelphia the first peal ever rung in America.

Oxford University Guild was founded on February 20th, 1872, which was before any of our 'modern' county or diocesan associations came into being.

A record was made at Oldham on February 21st, 1821, when a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. It was beaten ten years later by a peal of 15,168 at Elland.

'The greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanianum Art' was put up at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783, when 5,152 of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. It was believed to be the first 'peal' in the method, but was, of course, false.

LAVENHAM CHURCH TOWER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

On Friday afternoon, February 10th, the fine old tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, was struck by lightning, which, entering at the south-west top corner, went down the inner side of the south wall, causing a crack to extend from under the roof down to the arch of the belfry window, dislodging some of the brickwork. It then entered the window sill, wrecking this, and coming out of the wall just above the belfry floor, where it dislodged some of the smaller boarding near the pit of the tenor bell. The debris was strewn over the bell frame and floor, some of the bricks being found on the north window sill. Any further damage that there may be has not yet been discovered. The damage is covered by insurance. Ringing has been suspended.

WATH MEN TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the Wath-on-Dearne ringers, beg sufficient of your valuable space to thank you for your kind and encouraging remarks in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Leytonstone band, and all others for their congratulations. Our difficulties have not been few, nor yet small ones. Of the band of nine regular ringers, six work on shift work, mornings, afternoons, and nights, and as four of them work at three different collieries, and two are railway guards on shift work, their various shifts have never yet synchronised. This is shown by the small number of 720's rung at practices. In addition to this, one man has, too often, long periods of ill-health, one has serious eye trouble, one can ring only the treble, and one has badly contracted and crippled hands due to severe burns. One ringer only rejoined the band in May last, and I myself only rejoined in August, and have only been available for practices and alternate Sundays, with the addition of a peal or two. All, however, are deeply interested, and have done a tremendous amount of work at home to achieve our end. (We aimed at two hundred extents, and started for a peal of ten on January 31st, but owing to the tenor going badly I decided during the sixth to end the peal at the seventh, so we were three short of our hoped-for total.) We ring for an hour before each service on Sundays, which makes it possible to get four extents, but there have been many occasions when only one has been obtained (sometimes none), owing to shiftwork, illness and unavoidable absences. Our method is simplicity itself. All present for ringing are told what methods are to be attempted on the next occasion, and asked to study and learn them well at home. That this is, in the main, well done, is shown by the result obtained. The bells are old, toneless, and very 'oddstruck,' the dates and founders being: Tenor, 1583, Godfrey Heathcote; 5th, 1748, James Harrison; 4th, 1826, W. Oldfield; 3rd, 1742, James Harrison; 2nd, 1741, J. Harrison; treble, 1748, J. Harrison.—Yours truly,

A. NASH.

LADY RINGER IN AUSTRALIA.

Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford, who is the English lady croquet champion, and has been touring in Australia with the English ladies' team, has been able to take part in some ringing at Melbourne. At St. Paul's Cathedral in that city she broke a number of 'records,' being the first lady to ring on the twelve bells and take part in a touch of Caters, a course of Stedman and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. This last was rung by the following, most of whom, it will be seen, hail from the Mother Country: A. A. Savage (Berkshire) 1, Miss D. D. Steel (Bedfordshire) 2, J. M. Murray (Melbourne) 3, A. G. Fitzgerald (New Zealand) 4, H. Blakeley (Lancashire) 5, G. H. Wheeler (Cheshire) 6, F. Boughton (Worcestershire), conductor, 7, J. Spencer (Leicestershire) 8. The weight of the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, is 31½ cwt.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

An invitation has been issued to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations asking them to send names of their members who wish to attend. I would be glad if this information could reach me not later than Wednesday, February 22nd. The programme for the day will be:—

- 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.
- 2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.
- 3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.
- 5 (for 5.15 p.m.)—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.
- 6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.
- 8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

In connection with the gathering, Mr. Johnston is seeking the co-operation of the secretaries of ringing Guilds and associations in making known the arrangements, and those who require tickets will have to make application through this channel.

As the number of ringers attending is likely to be unusually large, it is not possible to extend the invitation in a general way to ringers' wives or friends (unless they are ringers also). Every effort, however, will be made to provide for a few tickets for this purpose to each association or Guild directly the number of those coming is known.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Associated Railway Companies have agreed to the issue of cheap return tickets to Croydon from any railway station upon payment at the time of booking of single fare and a third (minimum 1s. fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.) and surrender of a voucher, which will be forwarded in due course with the admission tickets required. The tickets will be available for the forward journey on March 2nd or 3rd, and for return on March 3rd, 4th or 5th. This will enable visitors to break the journey by staying in London one or two days, if desired, up to and including March 5th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. HELENS BELLS PROVE A GREAT ATTRACTION.

The long-looked-for monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association, at the new Parish Church, was held on Saturday last, and was even a greater success than had been anticipated. Between 70 and 80 members and visitors were present. The old bells of St. Peter's, Liverpool, which had been in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had been rehung in the tower last year, but owing to the new tower having to settle, the ringing on the bells was prohibited by the architect until Christmas last. To many of those present they were 'new' bells, but there were some present who knew them in their old home, and these expressed great satisfaction with them in their new abode. The general opinion of these stalwarts was that the bells had been greatly improved by the tuning which they received at the Whitechapel Foundry.

The bells were ringing at 3 o'clock, and kept busy until 5 p.m., when the usual service was held in the Parish Church. The prayers were read by Rev. J. H. Pain (curate), who is a member of the new band there, and the Ven. Archdeacon Howson was the preacher. The organist had a full choir present, and in place of one of the hymns an anthem was rendered.

After service, tea was kindly provided by the authorities in the schoolroom near by.

After tea the business meeting was held. The Rev. J. H. Pain addressed the meeting in warm words of welcome to St. Helens. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Four new members were elected, and it was decided to make Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor the methods for special attention at the next meeting to be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th.

The secretary was instructed to bring to the notice of the Rector of Liverpool the state of some of the old peal boards in St. Nicholas' tower, and endeavour to get them restored in order to preserve the old records.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and church authorities for granting facilities for the meeting and for providing such an excellent tea; to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service; and to the Archdeacon for his presence and presiding.

A return was made to the tower, where Cambridge Royal was the 'star turn'.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—The re-forming of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and also the subject of your editorial article of February 3rd, which referred to 'The future of the M.C.A.', have no doubt been of great interest to county and diocesan Associations and Guilds, other than those directly concerned. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, under very able leadership, had a most happy 'send off' at the commencement of this year, and one does not doubt that the M.C.A. officials will endeavour to discharge the many thorny problems which will confront them, with sincerity and a desire to please the majority.

In all reorganisations, one finds that sentiment plays a great part; survivors of old organisations cling dearly to the customs, rules and regulations which they have helped to establish, and which have no doubt been of inestimable value in paving the way to success of the larger associations in which they have gradually become merged. But, with the continual addition of new Sees, the difficulties of reorganisation will ever be present, unless we alter the mode and structure of our system, and, to my mind, the only satisfactory solution would be to form a National Association of Church Bellringers. Not only diocesan areas, but geographical circumstances greatly affect the well-being of any organisation, as anyone who is conversant with county associations cannot help but realise.

It is no uncommon feature to find an important centre of ringing situated on the very fringe of a county or diocesan area, and, owing to the distance or inconvenience caused by traversing that area, many of the meetings would be absolute failures were it not for the assistance derived from neighbouring towns and villages which lie in adjoining counties. Consequently, such meetings, and there are many of them throughout a year, actually have to rely upon the help, at a county meeting, of ringers who do not belong to the said county. Many will say that no harm is done in such circumstances; perhaps not, but is it not anomalous that those who back up such meetings as out-county members have little or no right in the management of that county association?

Many county and diocesan associations have not fulfilled the wishes of members in some particular area, with the result that a district society springs up and carries on the work which should rightly come from the parent society. The thought arises, Have the county and diocesan organisations 'held their hand' for fear of hurting the feelings of county members who are also interested in the junior bodies, or has it been a case of letting the willing horse do all the pulling?

By force of such conditions as just mentioned, many ringers whom I know personally are under the obligation of subscribing to five different bodies, two of them as county associations (ringing peals for each), and three of them district societies. Surely, this should not be so.

To obviate the disadvantages already illustrated, I think that a National Association of Church Bellringers would be just the thing, for, not only would our prestige so far as the church itself is concerned be raised, but in the case of other national matters our weight of opinion and unanimity of expression would have far more effect in general than is the case at the present time. My idea is to have an authoritative Executive Council at established headquarters, with branch organisations in all the centres of ringing throughout the British Isles, carrying on in similar circumstances as other national bodies, such as the Y.M.C.A., C.E.M.S., insurance companies, trade unions, friendly societies, etc. Ringing would then come to be regarded as a whole, whilst local customs would be the care of the branches.

What of financing such a proposal? It is obvious that much of the money now spent could be economised, e.g., more than one county publishes the same peal, for the simple reason that all the performers may be members (either county or life) of their association; and there are instances where two counties hold their meetings within a few miles of each other, neither of them being a success because members naturally desire to support their own organisation, whereas, if a district was governed by its branch, intercommunication would be more feasible, and by regarding each district as one of a whole, the question of rights and settling up of precedents would not arise.

It has been stated several times that there are at least 40,000 ringers in this country, so that on the basis of only 1s. per member per annum, the total income would be £2,000, plus whatever could be obtained from honorary members. This figure would, after deducting all the usual charges associated with running organisations, leave an ample surplus for other purposes, i.e., investment, various funds, etc.

I can hear many of my readers saying, 'What about the funds we have already built up?' Well, surely this is no obstacle, but rather an asset. If my critics are as sincere for the welfare of ringing as they would have me believe, they would not hesitate to put the whole lot in the common pool.

I am well aware of many objections to the scheme propounded, especially from the sentimental point of view, but shall nevertheless be glad to hear what other ringers think, and so long as the correspondence is conducted without bias or personalities, even if nothing comes of it, it will, perhaps, have provided matter for discussion.—Yours etc.,

COLIN HARRISON.

62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.

The first of the district meetings in the newly-formed Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. There are twelve towers in the district, the ringers of ten of which belong to the Guild, and nine were represented at the meeting, viz., Ashted, Bantland, Capel, Cobham, Dorking, Ewell, Epsom (St. Martin's), Leatherhead and Newdigate. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Dean and the local band, and although early ringing was prevented by a funeral, a number of touches on eight and ten bells were enjoyed in the afternoon by the visitors, several of whom rang on ten for the first time. The Vicar (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) conducted the Guild's service, and gave an inspiring address.

A meat tea in the Institute was followed by the business meeting, at which 45 members were present, there being, in addition to representatives of the towers mentioned, ringers from the Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Oatlands Park, Walton, West Clandon, Woking, Thursley and London. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. F. Carver (Capel), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. W. Shepherd (Central Council representative), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary), and Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association).

The General Secretary reported that under the affiliation scheme 20 towers had actually paid their affiliation fees to the Guild, and several others had signified their intention of doing so. It was expected that before the year was out all the towers where the ringers had come into the Guild would enter the scheme. It was started as an experiment, and promised to be completely successful. Up to the day of the inauguration of the Guild, 399 members were enrolled, and there had since been belfry elections which brought the total to over 400. There were, at the end of the year, ringers in the Guild from 39 out of the 56 towers in the diocese, and others would be added as the district meetings were held. The Secretary congratulated the Leatherhead district on the work they had already done for the Guild. The members had been very active in propaganda work, and in peal ringing alone they could claim four of the five peals rung up to date.

Fourteen new members (including one life member) were then elected, including all the members of the Newdigate band.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The election of district officers followed. Only one nomination had been received for the office of Ringing Master, and Mr. Albert Harman was declared duly elected. Similarly Mr. F. G. Woodiss (whose address is 28, Strathern Road, Sutton, Surrey) was appointed without opposition to the post of hon. secretary.

The representatives elected by show of hands on the Executive Committee were Rev. C. F. Carver (Capel) and Mr. G. Marviner (Leatherhead) from the ringing members, and the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge from the hon. members.

Leatherhead was chosen for the next annual district meeting, and it was resolved to hold five other district meetings during the year, the places to be selected by the District Committee, and the dates to be arranged in conjunction with the other districts so as to prevent the clashing of Guild meetings.

The meeting approved, in principle, of a scheme for combined practices, drawn up by Mr. A. H. Winch, who has undertaken to do the management for the first year. It provides for a visit to each of the towers in the district once a quarter, on the regular practice nights. The details will be arranged by the District Committee.

A suggestion was also approved of a scheme to encourage progressive method ringing at the district meetings, and this also will be worked out in detail by the committee and put into operation as soon as possible.

The views of the meeting were invited on the question of providing diplomas as an encouragement for young ringers when they ring their first peal. A variety of opinions were expressed, and ultimately a motion was passed that any diploma awarded should be to beginners when they become qualified change ringers.

Members of the old Winchester Guild were reminded of the proposed memorial which it is hoped to provide for the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, and were requested to forward their subscriptions to the hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) without delay.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the service and for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. Dean and the Leatherhead ringers for their assistance in arranging the meeting, concluded the business, after which the tower was revisited and further ringing indulged in.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held on February 3rd. Rev. R. H. Whitford becomes chairman for the 1929 dinner, and Mr. W. H. Thomas (Clifton Guild) was unanimously chosen as chairman for 1930 dinner, taking the office of vice-chairman for 1929. Mr. Way and Mr. Jeffries were elected with Mr. Cave, Miss Smith and Mr. Knight, as stewards.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a slight loss on the year's working, and announced an overdraft of £2. 9d. from the bank. This, however, does not alarm the committee, who are now setting to work in earnest for the jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A BELFRY BRIDE.



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MR. GEORGE W. FLETCHER and MISS EDITH K. PARKER.
Photographed immediately after their wedding at Edmonton on
February 4th.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT EAST MARKHAM.

There was a somewhat meagre attendance at the meeting of the North Notts Association at East Markham on February 4th, but it could not have been due to the weather, which was as good as can be expected at this time of the year. A good peal of eight bells was at the disposal of the visitors from 2 p.m. to 8, and a substantial meat tea was provided by Host and Hostess Coups, of Refreshment Rooms, East Markham, Newark, to whom all the absent members who had sent in word that they would be present at tea should forward their contributions of 1s. 6d., and thus save the hon. secretary the trouble of collecting it. Only 16 attended, whereas considerably more sent in. The members present hailed from Sutton-on-Trent, Worksop, Ordsall, Gainsborough, Tickhill, North Wingfield and Gamston, and Mr. Brett of the local company. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Bob Major, Grandfire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Hostess Coups provided an excellent tea, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, in the absence of the Rev. R. S. Rogerson, the new Vicar, who has not yet taken up residence.

Eight new members from East Markham were duly enrolled, and the next meeting was fixed for Easter Monday, at North Colliingham, and will be duly advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of East Markham for use of bells, and also to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over tea and meeting. Further ringing took place up to 8.30, when the bells were then lowered in peal.

R. H.

IRENÆUS PISTOR.

Further contributions to the fund for assisting Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, as given below, are gratefully acknowledged.

We hope that all who intend to contribute to the fund will do so quickly, as it is proposed shortly to close it. The money received has been placed on deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank, and when the fund is closed the book will be handed over to Mr. Baker, who feels intensely the generosity of the Exercise in showing in such remarkable degree their practical sympathy with him in his affliction. The kindness of so many friends in endeavouring to lighten his heavy burden is, he says, appreciated beyond description in words.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	126	15	11
Collected at the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, per G. Way	18	0	
Collected at the Western District meeting of the Herts County Association, per W. Ayre	15	0	
Staveley Parish Church ringers	11	0	
St. Francis, R.C., ringers, Holbeck, Leeds	5	0	
Canon R. J. Lea and the ringers of St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex	15	0	
Members of High Wycombe belfry, Bucks	1	10	6
St. John-the-Baptist ringers, Croydon	12	0	
St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester	10	0	
Guiseley Parish Church Ringers	5	0	
Kidderminster Ringers	10	0	
Ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancs	5	0	
The Rector and Ringers of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcs.	10	0	
St. George's Society, Doncaster	11	0	
Collected at Kent County Association meeting at Headcorn, per A. C. Kay	1	12	0
Shepton Mallet Parish Church bellringers	7	6	
Collected at Hereford District meeting, per Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	18	6	
G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans	5	0	
D. M. S., Birmingham	2	6	
S. Driver, Hastings	5	0	

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The 10s. 6d. previously acknowledged from Mr. C. H. Howard was from St. Michael's Guild, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Ashford District for the year was held at Headcorn on February 11th, when in spite of the gale 25 members attended from Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Canterbury, Charing, Fristed, Frittenden, Hythe, Maidstone, Marden, Smarden, Staplehurst, Stone, Tenterden and the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Gerty), who gave a short address on bells, and a very hearty welcome to the association, this being the first occasion on which he has met the members.

Tea was partaken at the George and Dragon Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair.

The secretary presented the balance sheet, which was passed, and a report of the committee meeting held in November was read. The proposed alterations to Rule 4D and Rule 11 were explained by Mr. Ruck, and are to come before the general meeting at Easter.

Smarden was chosen for the next meeting place on March 31st. Mr. W. E. Pitman, in a short and able speech, appealed for support for 'The Ringing World' fund for assisting Mr. A. T. Baker, and a collection was taken which amounted to £1 12s.

Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m., the methods including Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Hodgkin for having everything in readiness.

LIVERSEDGE SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me a brief space to correct the footnote to above peal published last week. I did not compose this method, this being purely Kent Treble Bob, with Kent and Oxford Bobs. It is really the idea of Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, who suggested the first peal of this class being named by the band, to distinguish it from variations known as Worcester, Ilkeston, Granta and Cam. I congratulate the band on ringing this, and thank them for choosing one of my humble compositions.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Milnthorpe, Westmorland, on Saturday, January 21st, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch (1,923 changes) of Bob Minor: W. G. Wilson (longest length) 1, E. Jennings (conductor) 2, W. Atkinson 3, W. Bolton 4, J. Holme 5, J. W. Hayton 6. Longest length on the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, February 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hilpertion. After ringing during the afternoon, the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. B. Proby). The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and Mr. Watts was the organist.

Tea was provided in the Church Room by the kindness of Sir Edward Wallington, K.C.V.O., treasurer to Her Majesty the Queen, who is the Rector's warden. Before tea commenced, Miss Wallington and Miss A. Wallington, sisters of Sir Edward, came into the room and extended a welcome to the ringers. Miss Wallington said she had been asked by her brother to express his regret that he was unable to be present to welcome the ringers, on account of his duties in London, and hoped that all would have a good time. They were pleased to do what they could to help their good Rector in his work in the parish.

Major Eric Mackay, of Hilpertion House, the people's warden, also said how pleased he was to see so many present, and hoped all would have a pleasant time.

It may be mentioned that Major Mackay is a son of the late Mr. Alexander Mackay, of the Grange, Trowbridge, who was one of the first vice-presidents of the Guild, and was a very generous supporter in its early years. He was a great benefactor to the church at Trowbridge, and the whole diocese, and an intimate friend of the late Bishop Wordsworth.

At a short business the Chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who presided, said he had received a letter from Sir Edward Wallington expressing regret that he was unable to be present, but hoped that all would enjoy themselves.

Six new members were elected. A discussion followed as to advisability of having an experienced ringer on the Bishop's Advisory Board to deal with matters connected with bells, and it was suggested that Mr. S. Hillier, of Devizes, be recommended for the position.

The secretary brought forward the question of purchasing a set of handbells for the branch, to be used at meetings, and it was decided to purchase a set, and a collection was made for that object. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Market Lavington.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service; also to the organist.—The Rector suitably replied.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Bratton, Holt, Hilpertion, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Rowde, North Bradley, Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch took place at St. James' Church on Saturday, January 28th, but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not up to the usual standard. The bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters before service, which was held in the church, and at which the Rev. M. A. Thorold, vice-president, officiated, and gave a very interesting address on 'What is life?'

Tea was kindly arranged at the Parish Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Way, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, and was followed by the business meeting, members attending from Bath, Olveston, Pottishead, Winterbourne, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Stoke Bishop, Clifton, and the City churches.

The chairman (Mr. J. Gould) regretted to say that the secretary, Mr. C. H. Jennings, had left Bristol, and had gone back to his home at Wyke Regis, so that Mr. Williams was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman, in reviewing the past year, stated that the success of the branch was greatly due to the secretary, who had taken such a keen interest in the work (applause).

A report was then read from Mr. Jennings on the year's working, which showed that 13 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 34, while at St. Philip's, Almondsbury, and Dyrham, the number was over 50. Change ringing had been up to the standard, Marshfield bells had been restored, and there had been an increase of honorary and associate members in the branch.—The report was adopted, and the Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings, which was carried with applause.—The officers were then elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. Gould, and Mr. J. Jefferies re-elected as representatives on the management committee; Mr. Gilbert Way, of St. James', was elected secretary.

The next two monthly meetings will be held at St. Nicholas' and Marshfield, and the quarterly meeting at Bitton in April, St. Michael's being selected for the next annual meeting.—Nine new members were elected.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. M. E. Thorold for officiating at the service, also to the organist, and the ladies for looking after the tea.—Mr. E. Guise proposed a similar vote to the officers for the past year's work.—This was carried with applause, and concluded the business.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSED ALTERATION OF TITLE NEGATIVED.**

In spite of the inclement weather, over 30 members put in an appearance at West Ham on Saturday week for the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was continued till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. Elliott Binns, after which an adjournment was made for tea served in the Meeson Hall. At the meeting which followed, the Vicar of West Ham was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. White (Loughton) and Jeffs (Brentwood) were elected ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Woodford, if possible in April.

A proposition that a recommendation be sent to the general committee to consider the advisability of altering the name of the association to the Essex Diocesan Guild was negatived by a large majority.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, the organist for accompanying the hymns, the Ladies' Guild for kindly arranging the tea, and to Mr. G. Haydon for having everything in readiness.

A collection made towards the fund for 'Irenæus Pistor' amounted to £1.

During the afternoon members were present from Leytonstone, Woodford, Wanstead, Loughton, Romford, Brentwood, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Bentley, Streatham and Barking, together with the local band, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge Major and Royal, Treble Ten and Bob Royal were rung.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.**A REORGANISATION.**

The Exercise will be pleased to learn that a settlement has been reached in the dispute which arose in January of last year, and was given prominence in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Thanks are entirely due to the Vicar, Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett, and his interest in the society since his institution as Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, last May.

Negotiations were commenced in October, at an informal meeting held in Rev. A. H. F. Boughie's rooms, Trinity College, between existing members and the friends of ringing. At this meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected as the first president of the society, and succeeding members re-elected. Since then various meetings have been held under his presidency, and culminated in the first annual meeting of the society which was held on Monday, January 30th.

The new rules were read for the first time, and after various amendments were passed.

Officers selected to serve for the ensuing year were: Master, J. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, T. R. Dennis; steeplekeeper, F. Taylor; and committee, Messrs. E. G. Hibbins, C. W. Smith, and W. Welch. The following new members were elected unanimously: Messrs. F. Warrington, B. D. Bultress, A. G. Rivers, F. E. Haynes, S. H. Wood and J. R. Duffield.

A new rule has been embodied to cover Sunday service ringing at 5.45 p.m., and it is hoped as the company grows larger that Sunday ringing will be regularly carried out by members of the society.

PRESENTATION AT GULVAL, PENZANCE

Previous to commencing to ring for evensong at Gulval, on Sunday, February 5th, the captain of the church bellringers, Mr. F. C. Jebbert, on behalf of his brother ringers, in eulogistic words asked one of their honorary ringers to accept a small token of their gratitude and appreciation of his long continued assistance in the belfry, especially in connection with the study and practice in various methods of change ringing, and expressing an earnest wish that he might long continue to be present with them.

The recipient recorded briefly his sincere thanks for their very beautiful and useful present, intimating that it was, and always would remain, a very great personal pleasure to be present with them in the belfry.

The presentation took the form of a handsome ebony crutch walking stick, with an elaborately ornamented silver band, on which was engraved: 'Presented to John Symons, Esq., J.P. (College Youths), by the Gulval Church bellringers, February, 1928.'

ROMNEY MARSH RINGER'S RECORD.

Mr. Alfred Johnson, of Appledore, has just completed 50 years of regular ringing for service at the Parish Church, many of which he has been leader of the ringers. In commemoration of his retirement he has presented a hanging lamp to the belfry.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the choir for 40 years, a sidesman of the church for over 30 years, a member of the Parochial Church Council since its formation, and also representative on the Ruridennal Conference. He wound the church clock for 25 years, and on relinquishing this duty was presented with a clock, suitably inscribed, by the parishioners. He was also a Sunday School teacher for several years. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Kent County Association, the Sussex County Association, and the Romney Marsh Guild, and has rung about 40 peals. He has been in his present situation, first as groom and then as chauffeur, for 55 years.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 28th, when the towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-in-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Goxhill, Ulceby and the local members, also the Rev. J. Barber, of Great Coates, and the Rev. G. H. Newton, of Ulceby.

Service was held in St. James' Church, the Vicar (Canon A. A. Markham) officiating, and giving an interesting address. Ten were served in the Church House, 27 members sitting down. The business meeting followed, at which Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected president, Mr. H. I. Mingay secretary, and Mr. C. W. Taylor representative on the general committee. Mr. G. Blanchard was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Bray Deputy Ringing Master.

Sixteen new members were elected, including Rev. L. Mann, and the members of Killingholme tower, where the four bells have recently been rehung and room left for two more bells.

The accounts of the Grimsby District bell fund were put before the members and accepted. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 11s.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon A. A. Markham (St. James') and the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow (Vicar of St. Andrew's), for the use of the bells, and to the former for conducting the service and for his excellent address. Mr. Martin Walker proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, and thanks were accorded to the president for presiding.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The places and dates of meetings in 1928 are: Elsham, April 14th; Ulceby and Killingholme, May 19th; Barrow-on-Humber, July 7th; Claxby, August 18th; Barton-on-Humber, October 27th.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual general meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, also a well-struck course of Double Norwich Major by the Ashford and Tenterden men. A hearty service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Vischer), the singing being accompanied by the Guild's official organist, Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury. Tea was served at the principal inn of the village, which was besieged by lean and hungry-looking members and friends of the bellringing fraternity to the number of 50 to 60. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Vischer was elected as president for the year.

Mr. Franklin (retiring hon. secretary) read the balance sheet for the past year, which was passed unanimously. Mr. Franklin impressed upon the members the necessity of choosing a new secretary for 1928, for, he said, it was impossible for him to spare the time to carry the work through this year.

Mr. C. W. Player was elected Master for the year, and Mr. Everett proved an easy winner for the office of hon. secretary, after a thrilling contest with those who 'also ran.'

The next meeting was voted to be held at Rolvenden on February 25th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the retiring officers for so ably carrying out the work of the past year.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to what was probably the best musical evening that the Guild has had during its existence for a quarter of a century. The programme included the Stone community singers (conductor Mr. E. H. Stutely, pianist Mrs. Lauder), handbells by the Tenterden ringers, conducted by the redoubtable Mr. Chas. Tribe, recitations by the Vicar, Messrs. Balcomb and Stutely, singing, violin and pianoforte items by the Misses Anderson, humorous contributions by Messrs. Franklin and mine host of the Swan Hotel, accompanied by Mr. Baldwin (pianist), songs by Messrs. Pattenden, Franklin and others. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem concluded an enjoyable evening.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATED.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, on Tuesday, January 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. H. Daynes 1, Miss J. Colegate 2, C. Elliott 3, W. Merritt 4, R. Steers 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6, C. Davis 7, J. Harding 8.

The peal was also attempted on January 21st to commemorate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower by a band of Trinity Youths on January 21st, 1828, and recorded on a board still hanging in the tower. No composer's name is mentioned, but the conductor was Robert Shershy.

NOTICE.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Ringing practice on Monday, February 20th, will be postponed, but will be resumed as usual afterwards; Monday nights 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James Fagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 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 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10), St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Committee meeting at 4, and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. United bus leaves the Hay Market, Newcastle, for Cramlington at the hour and every 15 minutes. Return fare 1s. 4d.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Two towers (8 bells each) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting: 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Church House 5.30, business meeting afterwards.—Chertsey district meeting at Hersham, March 10th.—Guildford district meeting at Guildford, March 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 3.15. Tea 5.30, at a charge of 6d. per head. Meeting 7 o'clock. This is the last time a meeting will be held here, as the church is to be pulled down. Will members therefore make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Evensong at 6.30.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Thorverton bells available at 2.30. Stoke Canon, Rewe and Upton Pyne by application to me. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, 1s. each.—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow (St. James' Street Station, L.N.E.R.), on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8), lately rehung, available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 4.30 at the Vicarage. All those intending being present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Ringstead (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells at liberty 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Rectory, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. S. H. Osborne.)—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Preshute (near Marlborough) on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Cyril Hussey, Branch Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wragby (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting is to be held at St. Giles and Cranborne on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at St. Giles from 3. Tea in the School at 4.45, followed by business. Chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Service at 5.30, address by Gen. Sec., Rev. F. L. Edwards. Ringing 6.15 to 7.15. Ringing at Cranborne 7.30 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eye, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at Horse Shoes, 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Subscriptions are now due.—A. J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ledbury, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Eight bells, available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Buckley (5) on Saturday, February 25th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Aldwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town St., Duffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at St. Audrey's, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). A postcard by intending visitors by the 23rd, please.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Free to all who send their names to Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Feb. 23rd. Subscriptions for 1928 now due, and should be paid to Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cutcombe on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 21st how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Malling on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. Frequent bus service from Maidstone. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 21st.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, will be arranged for all who notify me by the Feb. 22nd.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. In order to give a fair estimate to caterers, will belfry secretaries please ascertain, and notify me of their number requiring tea, not later than Thursday, Feb. 23rd?—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock, service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28th?—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Rd., Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand, also certificates, 3d. each.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 5th, at Emanuel Church, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Wright (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. F. Mills 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, E. E. Bish 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Ancombe 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Nudds 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,264): W. Peck 1, E. Butler 2, A. Coates 3, A. Hiccock 4, E. Burley 5, G. Beeby 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Rumble, jun., 1, H. J. Skelt 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, T. G. Bannister 4, C. H. Kippin 5, A. W. Clark 6, J. E. Cooper 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, before the evening service, on Sunday, January 29th, 1,024 Bob Major: W. E. Morey 1, E. Morey 2, G. Payne 3, F. Cruttenden 4, L. Payne 5, A. E. Baker 6, J. W. Alliss 7, C. Tyler (conductor) 8. W. E. Morey's and E. Morey's first touch of Bob Major.

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WARNHAM.—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. Denyer (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight 3, S. Paice 4, J. Cook 5, P. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, R. Dean 8.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, on Sunday, January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Webb 1, H. W. Liddbetter 2, E. A. Passam (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, R. Thompson (cond.) 5, W. H. Biggs 6, H. Belcher 7, A. Skeard 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, January 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

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On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 3	WILLIAM H. JOINER 8
JOHN HOYLE 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
JOHN L. WATKIN 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

This peal has alternate course-ends in the tittum and handstroke positions, with the 6th behind the 9th and 8th respectively. Rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On January 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; *W. Halford 1, *A. Hartland 2, †F. Lawrence 3, J. Bayliss 4, R. Lewis 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Treble Bob. † First 720 of Treble Bob inside.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIXSTOW. Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal of Surprise for the Guild.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM KNIGHT ... Treble	*GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
RICHARD CLARK 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*R. DOUGLAS ... Treble	F. MEER 5
J. STOTT 2	*J. BUTTERFIELD ... 6
C. GAMWELL 3	A. DICK 7
J. W. NEESAM 4	J. CORNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. STOTT.

* First peal. Six of the ringers are ex-Service men.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HERBERT S. THIRKELL ... Treble	WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 5
†HARRY BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE ... 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BERTRAM LUCK ... 7
MRS. H. BAKER 4	WILLIAM WENDAN ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. This composition contains 22 courses 4-6-8, and the extent of 6-7-8.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6. Tenor 30 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 5
JAMES PAGETT 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is believed to be rung now for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Fredk. J. Cullum has now rung each of these bells to a peal since they were rehung in 1925. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Bennett.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. LEWIS ... Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... 5
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... 6
*LEONARD MANNERING ... 3	*FRANK CORKE ... 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest R. Gladman.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER WATERHOUSE ... Treble	SIDNEY KRAIGLEY ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	WILFRED WHEATLEY ... 6
WILLIAM STANHOPE 3	WILFRED LEE ... 7
WILLIAM E. SCRIMSHAW ... 4	JOHN AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REV. R. P. FARROW ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOHN THOMPSON ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*ARTHUR SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member before starting. Quickest peal on the bells.

HATFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.	
*JAMES SHIRLEY ... Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 6
JAMES MCKLUSKEY 3	PERCY GLADSTONE ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob. First peal on the bells and in the tower. The bells were recently recast and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., having been a ring of eight since 1875.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, a quarler-peal of Grandsire Triples on Tuesday, January 17th, in 47 mins., after meeting short for a peal. Rung omitting the 2nd. D. Clark 1, S. Harrison 3, Chris. Gudgeon 4, F. Grundy 5, J. Bolton 6, J. H. Ridyard 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8.

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(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. MARTIN.
Rung as a welcome home from abroad to the son of the Vicar of Hughenden.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 8). Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of Cambridge in the tower.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE STAFF Treble	WALTER STAFF 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	FRANK FIELDEN 6
JOHN FITTON 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART ... Treble	*LEONARD A. SMITH 5
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
*THOMAS E. READ 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
EDWIN YATES 4	*WILLIAM R. NEALE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. CARD Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
†ALAN BROMLEY 2	GEORGE BURT 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in five methods on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. Thomas W. Card was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

EXETER.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin 2, R. Davey (conductor) 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. Routley 5, W. H. Brewer 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. J. H. Bailey 8. First quarter as conductor. Rung for the farewell service of Rev. H. G. Chalk, Vicar, who has left for Uffculme.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE WHITE Treble	*ERNEST FREEMAN 4
*ALFRED EVEREST 2	HAROLD BEARD 5
*FRANK TYSOE 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. Brierley, a church worker of Bromham.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERIC G. HOBBS Treble	GEORGE J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 5
†CHARLES F. J. BUNCE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast and musical evening at the residence of Mr. Geo. J. Berry.

TOLKINGHAM, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents as follows: Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in ten methods. † First peal in ten methods inside. First peal in ten methods on the bells. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd hall from Peterborough, 5th from Deeping St. James, tenor from Market Deeping, the remainder belong to the local band.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

*CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE Treble	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 3
GEORGE WILSON 2	*SAMUEL HURDLE 4
†JOHN BLEBY Tenor	

Conducted by H. G. FRETWELL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of treble hails from Sutton-in-Ashfield, 2nd from Ripley, 3rd from Swanwick, 4th from Mansfield Woodhouse, and 5th from Mausefield.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. H. MERRETT Treble	A. F. BURRIDGE 4
REV. J. A. STURTON 2	HARRY S. PARSONS 5
R. A. BAKER 3	J. E. GYE Tenor

Conducted by H. S. PARSONS.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung in ball bearings and steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung to celebrate the birth of daughters to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th (Messrs. R. A. Baker and H. S. Parsons). All the men are local and Sunday ringers, and deserve praise for the excellent striking throughout the peal, which was rung at the first attempt.

LLANGIBBY, MON.—On Wednesday, January 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Knight 1, A. Probert 2, D. G. Clift (conductor) 3, E. Vimpany 4, W. Lewis 5, G. Hawkins 6.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD LOWREY... .. Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 4
EDWARD A. HERN 2	ADAM DEAS 5
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SUTTON ... Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
*ARTHUR GROUND 2	JOHN CURRY 5
GEORGE SEWELL 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by J. G. AMES. †

* First peal.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

DUDLEY F. SHELDON ... Treble	*FREDERICK G. SPARKS ... 4
*ARTHUR H. REED 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor.

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Including Bankes James' and Severn's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	PERCIVAL A. KNIGHTS ... 4
JOHN H. BROTEWELL 2	WILLIAM H. TURION 5
JOHN THORPE 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Messrs. Thorpe and Knights hail from the Cathedral, Sheffield, and Brothwell from Neeton, near Rotherham.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SIDNEY J. WHITE ... Treble	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... 4
*BERNARD C. MANN 2	CHARLES J. MANN 5
*ALFRED APPLETON 3	HUMPHREY B. GARDNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOSEPH RAWLES ... Treble	†ALBERT WOOLLEY 4
*HAROLD HOSKINS 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
†JOHN FARTHING 3	GEORGE PHILIPS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... Treble	*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4
WILLIAM J. COOMBS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*HAROLD F. TRAVERS 3	†THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	JOHN BASS 4
†HAROLD V. COOPER 2	†WILLIAM A. BEDDARD ... 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	HENRY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Bung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth for his 21st birthday.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 4
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
GEORGE WM. STEEL 3	HARRY BLACKKEITH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS.

Bung after meeting short for Major.

HANDBELL PEAL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At Alpha Cottage,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*WILLIAM A. TACK 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8
*ROBERT HOWARD 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First handbell peal of Royal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT DISAPPROVE OF AMALGAMATION.

The Southern District of the Surrey Association held their annual meeting at Horley on February 4th. There was a very good attendance, members coming from Charlwood, Reigate, Redhill, Mersham, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, East Grinstead, Crawley, and the local band, with visitors from Balcombe.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lewis), and, afterwards, tea was provided at the Six Bells, to which 35 members sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.

The new draft rules were discussed, and a committee was formed to represent the Southern Branch. Mr. A. Bull was re-elected secretary of the branch.

The question of the proposed amalgamation of the Surrey Association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild was also raised, but found no favour with any of the members.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in providing the funds for tea; also to the organist for her services.

Ringings were kept up till 9 p.m. in the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The examples I gave are intended to illustrate the fact that every round block (which, of course, includes the plain course of every method), is made up of a number of cyclical movements. I did not give the proof of this fact, because I want to keep these articles as simple as possible; but the proof exists. That it is a fact would not of itself make it important in this question of extension. There are many things which are true about methods, but they are not all equally important. Why I am stressing this fact is this. Ringing is essentially movement (i.e., hunting, dodging, and place making); this movement is, and in the nature of the case must be, cyclical. Therefore, when we are dealing with these cycles we are dealing with what chiefly and almost exclusively concerns the ringer—all the work which for him is the method, the hunting, dodging, place making, leading, lying, snapping and the rest of it. And not only those, but what follows from them, the rows, which are the particular orders in which the bells strike and which produce the music. So that, having found out what are the cycles which comprise any method, we have only to see how they will expand to have got the extension of that method.

And that brings us to a very important truth. All these cycles are either hunting courses or dodging movements. A hunting course can expand in one way, and one way only. A dodging movement can expand in two ways, and two ways only. This fact provides a sharp, clear distinction between what is a true mathematical extension and what is not. If your extension is produced by expanding the cycles in the only way they can expand, then it is a true extension. If it contains work which is an addition to that of the original, then it is not a true extension. The truth of all this is to be found by practical experience in the tower.

Well then, we might suppose that all you have to do when you are expanding a method is to find out what are its cycles, expand them according to the increased number of bells, and the job is done. Broadly speaking, it is so; but when we come to look closer we find ourselves confronted with another important fact, which is that expansion can never take place equally in all parts of the method. This does somewhat complicate the question. I propose to explain how expansion can take place by taking several methods as illustrations. Naturally, I shall begin with the simplest. But I want to make it perfectly clear that what I mean by extension is exactly the same thing as the practical ringer means when he says that he knows that hunting the treble in Bob Major is an extension of hunting the treble in Bob Minor. I want this thing worked out in terms of the actual ringing in the tower.

First let us see how a hunting course can expand. A hunting course is simply plain hunting. On two bells it is:—

12
21
21
12

On three bells it is:—

123
213
231
321
312
132
123

and so on, on four, five, six or any other number. There is one way, and one way only.

A dodging movement, which consists of a certain number of steps forward, followed by the same number of steps backward, can be the same on all numbers:—

12	1234	123456
21	2143	214365
12	1234	123456

Or one step forward, followed by one step backward, might become, on a larger number, two steps forward, followed by two steps backwards, or three steps forward, followed by three steps backward.

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RINGER.

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Mr. Geo. Taylor, of Hathwaite, Notts, at the early age of 48, after only a few days' illness. He had for a considerable time been a member of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Parish Church band of ringers.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, February 14th, in the churchyard at Blackwell, where he was for many years a ringer. He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

A great number of friends were present at the funeral, and various local lowers were represented. The bearers were drawn from Sutton, Blackwell and Normanton bands.

The deceased was well known in the district, and was a member of the committee of the East Derbyshire Association. He will be greatly missed by all.

In the evening, as a token of respect, six of his old colleagues rang a half-peal, at the Sutton-in-Ashfield Parish Church, composed of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with the bells half-muffled, in 1 hr. 30 mins.: W. Allin, sen., 1, R. Huskisson 2, W. Allin, jun., 3, G. Allin (conductor) 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge 6.

These are the only ways in which the cycles can expand.

Now take Plain Bob. It consists of two cycles—one a hunting course in which all the bells share; the other a hunting course in which the extreme or working bells alone take part. Expansion of these is easy and obvious.

The primary cycle:—

1234	12345	123456
2143	21435	214365
2413	24153	241635
4231	42513	426153
4321	45231	462513
3412	54321	645231
3142	etc.	etc.
1324		
1234		

The secondary cycle:—

1234	12345	123456
1324	13254	132546
1342	13524	135264
1432	15342	153624
1423	15432	156342
1243	14532	164532
1234	14253	164523
	etc.	etc.

It is just because this secondary cycle is expanded in the same way that plain hunting naturally expands, that we, as practical ringers, recognise Bob Major and Bob Royal as the same method as Bob Minor.

But there is an alternative extension. We could expand the primary cycle as above and keep the secondary cycle the same size as in the original. It would then be:—

1234	12345
1324	21354
1342	12534
1432	21543
1423	12453
1243	21435
1234	12345

That is to say, you would add to your hunt and keep the working bells the same as in the original.

ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

We have seen that many Treble Bob methods are derived from the Plain Hunt Principle by fixing a bell in the hunt in 1-2. We now come to a method which also comes from the Plain Hunt Principle, but in a totally different way. The method has 2nd's place made when the treble leads, and if we omit this place the bells come round just as they do in Plain Bob. To see the structure of the method, we need only examine the first half-lead.

All rows marked with a * belong to the Plain Hunt Principle, and the others are inserted by means of what we may call a series of singles.

Examine the course all through as given in Standard Methods, and you will find that it includes the whole course of Bob Major, with two rows singled in between each two rows of Bob Major.

Now how can we extend this method to Royal?

When the treble is in 1-2 and 3-4, we can make the places in 5-6 or 7-8.

When the treble is in 5-6, we can make the places in 3-4 or 7-8.

When the treble is in 7-8, we can make the places in 3-4 or 5-6.

Varying these, we get 20 different Royal methods which are all valid extensions of the Major.

In Maximus:—

When the treble is in 1-2 and 3-4, we can make the places in 5-6, 7-8, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 5-6, we can make the places in 3-4, 7-8, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 7-8, we can make the places in 3-4, 5-6, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 9-10 and 11-12, we can make the places in 3-4, 5-6, or 7-8.

This gives us 180 extensions to Maximus. The treble is the bell in the hunt in all these extensions, and every method in Royal and Maximus contains the whole plain course of Plain Bob two rows at a time, with two other rows singled in between each pair.

H. L. JAMES.

THE RE-DEDICATION OF RICKLING BELLS.

On Saturday afternoon, February 11th, the Bishop of Barking re-dedicated the peal of five bells at Rickling, which have been taken down and tuned, and the fourth recast. The bells have also been hung in a new oak frame, the work having been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

After the service, the bells were rung by a band from Stansted, the methods being Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. Everyone expressed their satisfaction of the way the work has been carried out, the 'go' of the bells being everything that can be desired. They are a very light ring, with tenor about 6 cwt.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH DORSET BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

A meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, February 11th. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, the chair was taken by the Rector of Sturminster, the Rev. H. Bowdon-Smith, who also conducted the service and gave a short, plain and direct address. There were 47 members present from 13 towers, and four towers were available for ringing, viz.: Sturminster Newton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Marnbull and Manston.

The Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, who has been hon. sec. of the branch for five years, during which time the membership has increased enormously, resigned owing to pressure of other work, and the Rev. A. E. Nedham, who has been acting recently as assistant, was elected.

A message of sympathy with the chairman in his illness was unanimously passed.

SALISBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Tisbury on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. G. T. Miller (Vicar), who gave a short address of welcome to all the ringers present. He expressed pleasure that the bells had now been restored, and that they could be rung again after such a long silence.

Tea was served at the Crown Inn, and about 50 sat down, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) in the absence of the branch chairman.

Rev. W. Goodchild, of Berwick St. John, was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. F. W. Romaine hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. L. Belsey (Tisbury) and Mr. E. Noyce (Barford St. Martin).

The tower was again visited after tea, and the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in a new iron and steel frame and ball bearings, were kept going till nine o'clock. Everyone was pleased with the splendid 'go' of the bells.

The next meeting of the branch is to be held at Amesbury.

Ringers were present from St. Martin's and St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Berwick St. John, Barford St. Martin, Dinton, Tisbury and Mere, and Mr. J. Sheppard, Swindon.

AN EARL TAKES PART IN RINGING.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at Wimborne (St. Giles') on Saturday. Members from Bournemouth (St.

Peter's), Poole, Wimborne and Ringwood met soon after 3 p.m., and the beautiful peal of six by Taylor and Co. were kept going in the four standard methods. During the afternoon the party were augmented by the arrival of Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary) and Mr. Martin Stewart.

The business meeting took place after tea, and was presided over by the Rt. Hon. Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild.

After the business, which was of little importance, the Earl of Shaftesbury welcomed the Guild to St. Giles', adding that he hoped the next time they came they would have eight bells at their disposal, as two more bells were being added shortly.

Six members then went to the tower and rang a six-score of Stedman Doubles for the service, at which the Guild's form was used. It was conducted by the Vicar, the Earl of Shaftesbury read the lesson, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave an address, in which he dwelt upon the way in which ringers can make the most of their bells for the services of the church, and use them to the best effect, whatever season of the church's year it may be.

A move was again made to the belfry, where the Earl of Shaftesbury was piloted through his first 120 Grandsire Doubles. He was also interested in a touch of Minor which followed, as it was the first time he had seen the tenor turned in.

The next move was made to Cranborne, where the local men assisted in ringing Grandsire Triples.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Swindon Branch annual meeting was held at Highworth on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. After two hours' ringing, tea was taken at the West Hill Cafe, after which the business meeting was held. The Vicar of Highworth (Rev. Clark Kennedy) was elected to the chair, and also made an honorary member.

A discussion took place re the jubilee meeting at Bristol on Whit Monday, and it was decided to send 10s. from the funds, and to make a collection in each tower.

The branch annual report and balance sheet were read by the hon. secretary and passed unanimously.

The next item being the election of branch officers, the chairman, Management Committee, representative and hon. secretary were re-elected, with Messrs. W. J. Lancaster, A. Bond, A. Heath and H. Wheeler as members of the committee.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the chairman and officers for their services, and they suitably responded, the Secretary stating that he should like a little more support at the meetings. With a branch of fifty members, and eleven meetings during the past year, an average attendance of ten to a dozen members was not good enough.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of eight at St. Peter's Church, Northampton, is to be rung with new fittings, and the frame is to be strengthened. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the work. They are also installing a new frame and fittings for the five bells at Moreton, Essex; and at Stanford-on-Avon, Northants, are recasting the 3rd, rehangings the ring of five in new fittings, and strengthening the frame.

There will be no falling off in the size of the gathering at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, and the 'gathering of the clans' from north, south, east and west will be as comprehensive as ever. Past experience teaches that the 'week-end'—the dinner is only a part of the 'doings'—will be a thoroughly enjoyable one for those ringers who put in a couple of days in 'Brum'.

Those who attend the dinner are requested to bring with them their dinner tickets and hand them to the stewards at the door.

Henry Johnson, whose memory is kept green by the Birmingham dinner, was born on February 28th, 1809, and his birthday in 1881 was celebrated by a peal of 9,238 Stedman Cinques in the Bull Ring, the longest length in the method at that date.

It was also the late Mr. Ted Horrex's birthday. He was born exactly 90 years ago.

It will come as a surprise to many people to learn that there is such a variety of arrangement in peals of Cambridge Surprise Major (hitherto considered the most limited of all methods in composition) that Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Warrington, has called no fewer than 25 different arrangements.

We are asked to say that owing to unforeseen circumstances the bells will not be rung for the service which takes place at Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church next Sunday at 8 p.m.

In a letter from Mr. A. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, which appeared in our last issue, he inadvertently stated that an attempt for a peal in ten extents was made on January 31st. It should have been December 31st.

THE CURFEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observed a few weeks ago a statement, subsequently quoted in 'The Ringing World,' to the effect that the curfew is still rung in a score of parishes in this country. I should think that figure well within the mark, as I know of at least eight places in the diocese of Salisbury alone where it is rung, besides two where, to the everlasting shame of those responsible, the ancient custom has been given up.

It may be of interest to mention that in the old Spanish city of Seville (where the oranges will soon be ripe for picking), the curfew, as distinct from the Angelus, is still tolled at 10 o'clock every night.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

CHESTER GUILD AND BELL RESTORATIONS. PROPOSED INCREASED MAXIMUM GRANT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like a little space in the next issue of 'The Ringing World' to remind members of the Chester Diocesan Guild that at the annual committee meeting held at Stockport on Saturday last, February 18th, it was resolved, on the proposition of the general secretary, to raise the Guild's grant towards bell restorations in the diocese from a maximum of £5 to a maximum of £7 10s.

It was also decided to make two grants of this amount during 1928—one to Higher Sutton, who have been in union since the Guild started, the other to Marbury, who, according to all published reports, have never been in union.

These two grants, with a deferred grant of £5, which is made to Nantwich, make a total of £20 to be paid out of the funds under this head during 1928. Some members of the committee, including myself, voted against the proposition to increase the grants.—Yours truly,

W. BIBBY.

BELL LECTURE TO THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

On February 14th the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave a lecture on Church Bells at the Salisbury Theological College. The lecture was illustrated by working models of bells, the handiwork of Mr. E. B. Barter, who was also present, and read extracts from his 'Lines in praise of good ringing'.

The students, whom the lecturer addressed as 'potential incumbents,' displayed the keenest interest, and several responded to the invitation to ask questions. A simple demonstration of change ringing in the form of Bob Minimus on four large handbells evoked vigorous applause.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT LIVERPOOL.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Monday, January 30th, 528 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: C. I. Davies 1, E. Jones 2, J. Wilkinson 3, W. Bibby 4, T. Hammond 5, J. E. Bibby 6, G. R. Newton 7, G. Lindoff 8, J. Martin 9, E. Jenkins 10, P. W. Cave 11, E. Caunce 12. A previous course was rung on January 14th, Messrs. H. Chapman and J. C. Simpson taking part. These are the first two courses to be rung in the county.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

The programme for the day will be:—

- 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.
- 2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.
- 3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.
- 5 (for 5.15 p.m.)—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.
- 6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.
- 8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

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RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Associated Railway Companies have agreed to the issue of cheap return tickets to Croydon from any railway station upon payment at the time of booking of single fare and a third (minimum 1s., fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.) and surrender of a voucher, which will be forwarded in due course with the admission tickets required. The tickets will be available for the forward journey on March 2nd or 3rd, and for return on March 3rd, 4th or 5th. This will enable visitors to break the journey by staying in London one or two days, if desired, up to and including March 5th.

DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.

OLD MEMBER OF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Kent Association, and the Rochester District in particular, has suffered a great loss by the death of one of the oldest members, Mr. Charles Waterman, of Cobham, who passed away after a long and painful illness, on Saturday, February 11th, at the age of 66.

The deceased was born and had lived at Shorne and Cobham all his life, having been employed by the Earls of Darnley for 52 years, and was one of their most trusted servants. He was pensioned from the estate as recently as last month, so did not live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Waterman started his ringing career at the age of 19, and joined the Kent Association in 1887. In his early ringing days he would walk from Shorne to Gillingham, a matter of ten miles each way, three times a week. He was one of the regular band at Gillingham when they were making history under Mr. G. Lindoff and Mr. W. Haigh, and took part in the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Superlative for the Kent Association. He rang about 50 peals in all.

It is doubtful if any ringer could equal Mr. Waterman in the number of miles he walked to try and advance the art, and for service ringing. He was a member of the College Youths, and on visiting London, either for a peal attempt or to attend a meeting, he lost the last train and walked back to his home, a distance of 26 miles, and expressed his sorrow that he was too tired to walk on to Gillingham—a further ten miles—for Sunday morning service.

The funeral took place at Shorne on Wednesday, February 15th, and as the cortege left the village of Cobham the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. On arrival at Shorne, the coffin was carried by four of deceased's fellow-workmen on Lord Darnley's estate, and, in addition to the family mourners, the Kent Association were represented by two of his oldest ringing friends, Messrs. W. Haigh and Easter, of Gillingham, and Messrs. J. Avis, G. Morrad, and F. M. Mitchell, Rochester District hon. secretary.

At the wish of the relatives, the grave was chosen close to the belfry door, and as the coffin passed from view among the laurel leaves that lined the last resting place there passed one who was very highly respected by all who knew him. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from his fellow-members of the Rochester District.

The following half-muffled ringing took place in memory of the late Mr. Waterman:—

At Cobham, on Wednesday evening, after the funeral, a 720 London Surprise by the Milton band in 28 mins., this being the first on the bells: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, Harry Argent 4, J. Burles 5, G. Morrad 6. Also 240 Cambridge, 240 Grandire, and 120 Grandire Doubles, in which also Messrs. J. Dalton, G. Mungeam and J. Wood took part. A peal could not be attempted owing to the bad 'go' of the bells.

At Gillingham, on Thursday evening, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by old colleagues, in 50 mins.: W. Easter 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, S. Shellock 3, J. Haigh 4, C. Wiuser 5, W. J. Walker 6. W. Haigh (conductor) 7, C. Norris 8. Also 384 Superlative by the same band.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A HEAVIER PEAL TO BE INSTALLED.

Ringers generally will be interested to know that the order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to carry out a comprehensive scheme in connection with the bells of Worcester Cathedral. There are at present sixteen bells in the tower, comprising a ringing peal of twelve, three semi-tone bells which, with the peal of twelve, are used for the tunes played several times each day by the carillon machine, and a Bourdon on which the clock strikes the hours.

The whole of the bells are to be recast except the large hour bell, and the recast peal will be in the key of 'B' natural, i.e., a whole tone lower than at present. The scheme includes hanging one of the semi-tone bells for ringing, so that a 'light eight' will be available for practice. The tenor of the 12 will be a bell of about 50 cwt.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. may be relied upon to take this opportunity of demonstrating their skill and experience by equipping the magnificent central tower at Worcester with one of the most glorious peals in the country.

In connection with the restoration, the Worcestershire Association Central Committee have issued an appeal for funds to all honorary and performing members through the official channels. Life and unattached members, however, cannot be reached by this agency.

The committee, therefore, hope that any such members, or their friends, who wish to subscribe to the common association fund will kindly forward their donations, before the closing of the fund on March 31st, to Mr. A. E. Parsons, hon. treasurer, Upwey, Barrs Road, Old Hill, Staffs.

The committee, who have made a grant of £20 from the Belfry Repairs Fund of the association, hope their appeal will meet with generous support, in order that the cost of recasting one or two bells may be defrayed, so that they may be inscribed with the name of the association.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

There was a good gathering at the annual meeting of the London County Association on Saturday, February 11th, and a very successful meeting was held. The towers of St. Clement Danes and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were open during the afternoon, some good touches being rung. A service was held at St. Clement Danes Church, conducted by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, an excellent address being given by the Rev. Foster Pegg, who had kindly agreed to come for the occasion.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea had been provided through the generosity of the hon. chaplain and Mrs. Pennington Bickford. General regret was felt that Mrs. Pennington Bickford was unable to be present owing to ill-health, though without doubt she was there in spirit, as was testified by her generous donation of £1 ls. to the association's funds.

Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master) presided at the business meeting. He was again heartily welcomed to the position of Master, which he has so ably filled during the past fifteen years.

It was regretted that Mr. A. H. Keighley, who, as secretary, has conducted the affairs of the association with such competence during recent years, was unable to stand for re-election.

The following officers were elected for 1928: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretary, Mr. S. C. Moye; assistant secretaries, Messrs. T. W. Taffender and T. Wyatt; stewards, Messrs. F. W. Chorley and Grainger; treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and A. H. Keighley.

It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend all the meetings they possible can, and help the officers to make 1928 a successful year.

NEW NORTHERN DISTRICT MASTER.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at Walthamstow on Saturday. Ringing commenced at St. Saviour's Church at 3 p.m., when some good touches were rung, including 'Cambridge' and 'Superlative,' with Grandire for the beginners. The business meeting was held in the Church Hall.

A desire was expressed that the next meeting should be held either at Bethnal Green or Dalston. Mr. Gray having intimated that he wished to resign the District Mastership, Mr. Alleyway, of Stanmore, was unanimously elected to the office. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of St. Saviour's, Canon Siddons, for the use of both the bells and hall. The Rector is to be complimented on the state of the bells. They are now in excellent condition, and if there were more incumbents like Canon Siddons, there would be a great many less derelict towers.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the bells at that church. The respective steeplekeepers (Mr. Edwards and Mr. Adams) were also given a vote of thanks, as were also those who helped at tea and in the tower. Among the latter, Mr. Steed was particularly thanked for his able conducting.

A move was then made to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in until 7 p.m., when the members went to St. Mary's to ring Stedman Calers and Treble Ten.

The number of members attending was not quite as good as it might have been, owing partly to the fact that there was a peal on, on the same day, not very far away. However, there was a good muster of visitors, including three from Gravesend and four from Southwark.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH DISCUSS A BODMIN DIFFICULTY.

Over fifty ringers attended the Truro Branch meeting of the above Guild, held at Ladoch on Saturday last, from Redruth, St. Gluvias', St. Agnes, Kenwyn, Truro Cathedral, St. Newlyn East, Illogan, Mabe, Gwennap, and St. Stephens-in-Brannel, as well as many of the local ringers.

Ringling commenced at 2.30 p.m., and continued until 4.30 p.m., when there was a temporary cessation owing to a funeral. During this time, however, the ringers adjourned to the school for tea.

Afterwards, a discussion took place. The District Secretary (Mr. A. S. Roberts) remarked that the St. Stephens-in-Brannel ringers were present by a special invitation, and had turned up in force, 12 being present, with their Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert. They had, until this year, been affiliated to the Guild, and were in the Bodmin Branch. This branch at present lacked a secretary, and the difficulty of filling this position was acute. As nothing was done in that district, it was undoubtedly their reason for resigning membership.

The captain of the St. Stephen's band, Mr. M. Jenkin, said this was exactly why they had decided to take the course which they had done, as during the last nineteen years only two or three minor festivals had been held in their district.

The Rev. F. F. Gilbert regretted his band had dropped out of the Guild, but thought they had only done so to cause a 'stir' in their district. He hoped they would reconsider their decision and rejoin the Guild.

Mr. W. H. Southard spoke strongly, remarking that it was the ringers themselves who formed the Guild, and urged them to try to make it flourish.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. H. D. Jackson, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Chapman, the local captain, for arranging the tea.

Very little method ringing was done, as the only change ringers present were from Truro Cathedral and Kenwyn. However, a few touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles were brought round. Rounds were in pre-eminence, whilst one band preferred rising and falling in peal, which they did to perfection.

DEVON GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Thorverton on Saturday. There were 64 members present, and ringing took place before and after service, which was conducted by the chairman of the branch (Rev. E. V. Cox). The address was given by Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, chairman of the North-East Branch.

A business meeting and tea took place in the Church Schoolroom, at which the president of the Guild, Rev. E. S. Powell, who was present, was the recipient of the best wishes of the members upon his taking the Vicariate of Cyst St. George in the Exeter district.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Colston Ruleigh on September 1st.

Reports from the bands in union showed progress and the maintenance of Sunday service ringing.

At Thorverton, touches of Cambridge, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, and the bells of Stoke Canon and Rewa were also rung in Doubles by the members.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A successful meeting was held at Willenhall on January 21st, when the following towers were represented: Bilston, Birmingham, Blakenall Heath, Bloxwich, Bradley, Brewwood, Cannock, Coseley, Darlaston, Kingswinford, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton (2), Wood Green and the local tower.

A short service was held in church, the prayers and lesson were read by the Rev. K. Howarth, and an interesting address was given by the Rev. R. L. Hodson (Vicar). A bountiful tea was provided in the schoolroom by members of the congregation of St. Giles' Church, when more than 100 seats were occupied—a record for a quarterly meeting. A communication was received from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Exmouth (who for some years was clerical secretary and treasurer of this society), extending good wishes for the success of the meeting, and regretting, through lack of spare time, the inability to follow his old pursuit as much as he would like.

A hearty round of applause was given in response to a vote of thanks (moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker) to the Rev. R. L. Hodson for his address, use of bells, etc., to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service, to those who had so kindly provided tea, and last, but not least, to the ladies who catered and waited at the tea tables.

The Vicar replied, and gave all a warm welcome, adding that he hoped the time would come when Willenhall would again be honoured with a visit. Musical selections on handbells were given by the Walsall contingent, which gave great pleasure. Mr. T. J. Elton and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the progress they have made.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Brewwood on April 14th.

PUTNEY.—For a thanksgiving service, and as a compliment to the Bishop of London who preached on Thursday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. W. Bailey 4, Robt. Bullen 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S RECORD.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 500 PEALS.

The enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association recently scored his 500th peal, and his list includes an unusual variety of methods. The most remarkable feature of his achievement, however, is the number of towers in his own county of Leicestershire in which he has rung peals, his ambition being to score at least one at every church where there is a ring of bells. The number of towers in Leicestershire in which he has rung peals is now well over a hundred.



It has taken Mr. Morris over 21 years to accomplish this record, and while doing it he has undertaken the correcting and revision to date of the late Thomas North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' giving all the inscriptions and known history of all the ecclesiastical bells in the diocese. In addition, Mr. Morris is engaged in rewriting his brochure on the history of St. Margaret's Church, and he will shortly undertake the transcription of the ancient registers of the church.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

The following is the list of Mr. Morris' 500 peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles: 1 to 6 methods	56	54 (a)
Minor: 1 to 7 methods	53	49 (b)
Cambridge Surprise	3	1
Spliced Minor and Doubles	1	1
Triples: Grandsire	56	37
Stedman	35 (c)	2
Spliced Triples and Major	2	2
Major: Plain Bob	35	25 (d)
Little Bob	2	2 (e)
Spliced Plain and Little	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	17	9 (f)
Oxford Treble Bob	2	1
Spliced Treble Bob 'Ilkeston'	4	2 (g)
Spliced Treble Bob 'Worcester'	1 (h)	
Double Norwich	26	7
Forward	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Spliced C.P. and Plain	1	1
Duffield	1	1
Superlative Surprise	24	5
Real Superlative Surprise	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	29 (i)	4
New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Bristol Surprise	19	
Yorkshire Surprise	1	
London Surprise	19	1
Caters: Grandsire	13	8
Stedman	34	5
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire	1	1
Royal: Plain Bob	3	2
Kent Treble Bob	5	2
Spliced Treble Bob	1	
Cambridge Surprise	17	2
New Cambridge Surprise	1	
Leicester Surprise	2	
Pudsey Surprise	1	
Princess Mary Surprise	1	
Cinques: Grandsire	3	2
Stedman	19	
Maximus: Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	5	

Total ... 500 ... 230

(a) 6,600 M.C.A. record, (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. record, (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung, (d) 7,488 Northants record and 13,440 M.C.A. record, (e) 6,720 record, (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record, (g) 9,120 record, (h) 9,600 record, (i) 7,008 and 12,896 record. Rung in 164 towers, in 23 counties, for 22 associations.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Queensbury, Bradford, on Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, a date touch of 1,928 Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins.: R. Kendall 1, W. Hamer 2, C. Ellison 3, S. Longbottom 4, H. Wilde 5, T. Senior 6, C. Drake 7, Wm. Ambler (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. FARNHAM DISTRICT ESTABLISHED.

In connection with the organisation of the districts of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, a meeting was held at Farnham on Saturday to establish the Farnham District, which includes eleven towers in the south-west corner of the diocese. There was an attendance of nearly fifty ringers, welcome visitors being Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. F. J. Rogers, Portsmouth, district secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. After an afternoon's ringing on the eight bells of the Parish Church, the Guild's short, but beautiful, service was conducted in the chapel by the Rector (Rev. J. M. O. Crum), who, in an inspiring address of a quite unusual character for this kind of gathering, first read the Epistle for the following day (Quinquagesima Sunday), which begins: 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' He pointed out that through most of St. Paul's epistles there could be found some great 'sound' to distinguish them, and in that respect they resembled the pealing of the bells. In the Epistle for the morrow it was 'charity' which was the recurring note, and it reminded him of the recurring of the tenor at the end of each change on the bells.

Tea was served in the Church House, and the meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Mr. Churchwarden Grange, the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). The towers in the Guild represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Oatlands, and Woking.

At the outset the Rector welcomed Mr. Cockerill, who expressed his pleasure at being present, and wished the Guild success.

The Hon. General Secretary pointed out that in the Farnham District they already had 86 ringing and 14 hon. members. Aldershot had the largest number of ringing members of any tower in the diocese, viz., 18, and he was particularly pleased to notice that they included a number of quite youthful ringers. If they were to keep the ranks filled in future they should follow the example of Aldershot and 'catch 'em young.'

The new members elected included six of the Hawley band, with their Rector, the Rev. A. W. Armistead, viz., Messrs. J. Boyles, L. Boyles, Martin, Trussler, W. Marshall, and W. Woodbridge. Three ringers from Frensham, Messrs. T. A. Stroud, A. J. Chuter and W. Chuter, were elected, as were also the following hon. members: Rev. J. M. O. Crum (Farnham), Mrs. Hasted (Farnham), Rev. R. S. Arrow-smith (Seale).

The following district officers were unanimously elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham); hon. secretary, Mr. Bernard Clark (17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham); ringing members on the Executive Committee, Messrs. H. Tinsey (Seale), F. Nye (Bagshot); hon. members' representative, Major-General Deare (Bagshot).

On a vote being taken, Farnham was selected for the next annual district meeting on January 26th, 1929, and it was also resolved to hold five other district meetings, namely, at Frensham, Ash and Bentley (six-bell towers), Yorktown and Aldershot (eight-bell towers), the dates being left to the district secretary to settle in conjunction with the other district secretaries.

The meeting approved in principle of a similar scheme of combined practices, as arranged in the Leatherhead District, and details were referred to the District Committee to settle.

Among the proposals put forward for the development of the work of the Guild was a suggestion that a class should be formed for the instruction of local conductors, and this matter will come before the Executive Committee.

The hon. general secretary brought before the meeting the question referred to the affiliated societies by the Central Council, namely the issue of diplomas to young ringers on ringing their first peal, and a motion in favour of this proposal as encouragement to beginners was passed, it being noteworthy that the many young members (who are looking forward to their first peal) voted enthusiastically in favour of it.

An appeal was made for support for the Winchester Diocesan Guild scheme for erecting a memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service, and for presiding; also to Mr. Hasted and the Farnham ringers for their arrangements. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for his part in the work.

Further ringing on the Parish Church bells concluded a successful meeting.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry was held at the Vicarage recently under the presidency of the Rev. W. L. P. Float. The officers for the year were re-elected as follows: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. R. Coles; deputy foreman, Mr. E. Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Twitche; collector, Mr. F. W. Boxell. The list of attendances at ringing for service, etc., was given as 1,377. The balance sheet was submitted and passed, and after various grants had been made, a balance was left of £1 11s. 2d. At the close of the meeting the campanologists were very kindly entertained to a first-class supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Float, who were heartily thanked.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

The splendid assistance given to this fund by the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association is recorded below, and those responsible for organising the collection on these lines have our grateful thanks. Association meetings, as well as bands and individuals, are providing welcome additions to the total, which this week passes the £150 mark.

This magnificent response to a deserving cause is worthy of the Exercise, and will be a source of solace as well as of material help to Mr. Alf. T. Baker in the days of darkness which are unhappily before him.

The fund will shortly be closed, and we shall be glad, therefore, to receive the contributions of all who desire to help.

The following amounts are acknowledged with thanks:— £ s. d.
Amount already acknowledged ... 138 3 11
Collection on behalf of Mr. Baker, from Hinckley District
of M.C.A., per Mr. W. A. Cope, hon. sec.:—

	s.	d.
Barwell	7	6
Broughton Astley	2	6
Desford	7	0
Earl Shilton	6	6
Higham-on-the-Hill	12	0
Hinckley	10	0
Kirkby Mallory	6	0
Lutterworth	3	0
Peckleton	10	0
Sapcote	2	6
Sharnford	5	0
Stoke Golding	10	0
Stoney Stanton	2	6
Thurlaston	8	0

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Less postage expenses ... 2 6

London County Association, per S. C. Moye	4	10	0
Hough-on-the-Hill ringers, Lines.	2	2	0
St. Edward's Guild, St. Edward's Church, Romford ...	10	0	
Collected at Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association meeting at Cramlington	17	0	
Collected at the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, per G. Pullinger	1	5	0
W. J. D., Northampton	16	6	
J. S. Pritchett, Birmingham	5	0	
A. L. Bennett, Buckfastleigh	5	0	
Mrs. W. Watts (Is.), Walter W. Watts (2s. 6d.), Lower Beeding	2	0	
B. Clark, Farnham	3	6	
Anonymous, Barnsley	5	0	
T. F. King, Bath	6	0	
C. Fray, North Stoneham	10	0	
G. W. Edwards, North Stoneham	2	0	

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DEATH OF MR. A. BALLARD, LEICESTER.

It is with deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Leicester, who passed away at the age of 61 on January 12th. He had been a member of the Midland Counties Association since 1896, but had been a ringer at Birstal and Belgrave many years before—over 40 years altogether. Joining St. Margaret's company in 1913, he took part in exactly 40 peals, comprising Doubles, Minor, Grandairs, Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal and Little Bob.

Always a conscientious churchman and a sidesman, he never professed to be an 'expert,' but always did his best, and will be sadly missed by all his many friends, both in and out of the belfry.

He was laid to rest in the pretty little cemetery of his native Belgrave, after a short service at St. Margaret's on Monday, the 16th Jan., four of his brother ringers acting as bearers, viz., Messrs. J. Morris, E. Morris, A. Cateil and E. Whitehead.

On Tuesday, the 17th Jan., at Belgrave, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandairs Triples was rung in 45 mins. by L. G. Pratt, 1, L. H. Whitehead 2, H. W. Martin 3, J. Polo 4, G. H. Straw 5, R. Barrow 6, W. A. Skinner (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8. The treble and 3rd ringers are nephews of the late Mr. A. Ballard. On Wednesday, the 18th January, St. Margaret's bells were rung muffled to a peal.

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

At Buckley, Flintshire, on Sunday, February 12th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Glanadda, Bangor, who was for many years president of the North Wales Association: J. Hayes 1, W. Short 2, R. R. Usher 3, J. E. Usher 4, S. Birks 5, J. T. Hopwood 6, E. Messham 7, A. H. Jones 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. OFFICIAL MINUTES OF LONDON MEETING.

The first session of the 13th Council (35th meeting) was held in the Conference Chamber of the Mansion House, in the City of London (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor), on Tuesday, June 7th, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 96 members, 38 Guilds and Associations being represented.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, welcomed the Council to the Mansion House. He referred to the ability and distinction with which the bells were rung in England, and that in this country they were unequalled in many ways. He felt that the Council represented a body doing valuable work with the Church.

Archdeacon Holmes then addressed the Council. He said that the bells, whether rung in London amidst the clamour of the city or in the quiet of the country, carried some message. He also spoke of the necessity of throwing oneself into the work, so that it would extend far and wide, as bells were a great national instrument. In the name of the Bishop of London and himself, he gave them a hearty welcome to the diocese.

The President, having thanked the Lord Mayor and the Archdeacon for this kindly welcome, the Council proceeded to discuss the business upon the agenda.

The Hon. Secretary temporarily took the chair. He stated that only one nomination for president having been received, and that on behalf of Canon Coleridge (who had been proposed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill), he declared Canon Coleridge duly elected for the ensuing three years. The President then took the chair. After expressing his thanks to the Council, the President said that for hon. secretary there was only one nomination, that of Mr. E. Alex. Young (who had been proposed by Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. E. W. Elwell). He therefore declared him elected. Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed, and Mr. E. Alex. Young seconded, that the hon. librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, be re-elected, which was carried, together with a vote of thanks to the Council's officers for their services.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman R. B. Chambers, Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. P. Burton, G. Chester, H. Haigh, C. F. Johnston, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, Pryce Taylor, and C. F. Winney. Letters having been sent by the hon. secretary to the relatives of Rev. C. E. Matthews, Canon H. Papillon and Mr. John Carter, expressing sympathy and condolence, the replies received were briefly referred to and laid upon the table.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £67 6s., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £45 5s. 10d. The accounts being audited by them, were, on the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (the auditors) adopted. The Hon. Secretary stated that five new associations had joined the Council during the year, one being the Truro Guild, which carried the territory of the Council into Cornwall. A special welcome was extended to the representatives.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, saying that it was gratifying to be able to hand over a cheque for £7 10s. 5d., instead of drawing on the Council's funds, as in previous years. He then referred to various books and MSS. in the library, and suggested that the Council should elect one or two experts to go through its contents with him and report as to their value and disposal, and Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope, having expressed their willingness to serve, were accepted, as was the hon. librarian's statement.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mrs. H. Howard seconded, that the 'Rules for a local company' be reprinted, after revision by a small committee, the following being appointed, viz.: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon H. J. Elseo, Messrs. E. W. Elwell and H. W. Wilde.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those retiring were re-elected, viz.: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. Griffin, J. A. Trollope, E. Alex. Young (Mr. John Carter being deceased). On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston were elected to fill the vacancies, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed, and Mr. C. F. Sedgely seconded, that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith be elected, which was unanimously agreed to.

A large number of new members attending for the first time were then introduced to the president, who cordially welcomed them.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The previous members were duly re-elected, viz.: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elseo, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James and C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, A. A. Hughes and Cyril F. Johnston. Upon being duly proposed and seconded, the following were added to the Standing Committee, viz.: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The Council then received the following committees' reports:—

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Miss E. K. Parker reported, and said that since the last meeting 500 further compositions had been sent in, which entailed a lot of work, but this being practically completed, it was hoped to present the Collection at the next meeting. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows: Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and E. S. Powell, Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. L. Edwards, who reported for the Committee, referred to their loss by the death of their convener, Rev. C. E. Matthews. He said the committee and the hon. secretary had now finished the revision of the 'Rules and Decisions.' They had also been, during the year, in touch with the British Broadcasting Corporation. He then referred to the fact that both the London and provincial Press had devoted more attention to bells, etc., than in past years. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected, viz.: Revs. F. L. Edwards and A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. Wilson and A. Paddon Smith. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was added to the committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Law James reported for the committee, and said he was pleased to be able to state that a large number of the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' had been sold. The reprinting of the 'Minor Methods,' with the addition of bobs and singles and 720's, or the Treble Bob Major, were two matters to which he thought the committee might give their attention. Having published the 'Plain Methods,' he thought they should now reissue the 'Minor Methods.' As Mr. E. H. Lewis was so busy, he suggested that Rev. E. S. Powell should be added to the committee. Mr. J. A. Trollope asked if the six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make, to let the committee know, and it would be included in the reprint. It was proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and seconded by Mr. T. Salter, that a reprint of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' be proceeded with. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, viz.: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope. (See further discussion after lunch.)

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the report which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' He said that in a number of cases the conductors' names had to be omitted, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith referred to the defective reports received by him for publication in 'The Ringing World.' On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams and Miss E. K. Parker, were re-elected. The President thanked the committee for their work.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said that during the year he had inspected certain towers. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that he had been very busy visiting towers. He thought this was largely due to a great number of branch meetings their Guild held, and dwelt upon the importance of such meetings. The Hon. Secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis, saying he had given advice on Bow bells, etc. After remarks by Rev. H. Drake and the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, viz.: Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. Alex. Young.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. T. Beeston read his report, and said that he had had copies of the records typed and handed to the hon. secretary. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed, viz.: Revs. A. T. Beeston and H. Law James, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Drake for his committee referred to their anomalous and difficult position, as their report had been neither accepted nor rejected. Mr. T. Hervey Beams deprecated their work being nullified. Mr. J. A. Trollope, in explaining last year's decision, said that what he objected to was autocratic rules for naming all records, and wholesale alterations in the names of methods which had been rung. After further remarks by the President, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. J. Hunt and Rev. H. Drake, Alderman J. S. Pritchett proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, that the committee be thanked for their services, but not reappointed. The motion was carried by a large majority, and the committee thanked by the president for their services. The Council then adjourned.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

After the interval, Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Council had empowered them to reissue the 'Minor Methods,' but it was also necessary for the committee to deal with names, and he moved that they be empowered to deal with the whole matter at their discretion. This was seconded by Rev. H. Law James. Mr. W. Willson opposed giving the power asked for, which had been previously taken from another committee, and Mr. T. Faulkner suggested that the committee should add to their names of the late Nomenclature Committee, but Mr. E. W. Elwell opposed this. Mr. Trollope explained that they did not propose to throw over the Nomenclature Committee's work entirely. Alderman J. S. Pritchett said he saw no harm if it were understood that the committee proposed to make the best selection from existing names. After Mr. J. A. Trollope gave a pledge to this effect, his motion was carried by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary presented the revised 'Rules and Decisions,' which had been enlarged and brought up to date, especially in regard to the decisions (the triennial leaflet having been dispensed with for several years). He also said that the new matter would include a portrait of Sir Arthur Heywood, their founder, as a frontispiece. He then read the verbal alterations in the rules necessitated by the incorporation of certain decisions (a copy of which had been supplied to them) and further proposed that the summary leaflet circularised immediately after the annual meetings should be dispensed with, and that instead the official minutes should be published about January; also that he be instructed to send a copy of them to the affiliated bodies. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had collaborated in the work, supported the proposals, which, being seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, were carried, with instructions that 300 copies be printed.

The President then called upon Mr. T. H. Taffender, who moved his resolution, 'That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Corporation with a view to broadcasting during the evening programme a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations.' After referring to lectures on bells, etc., in the 'Children's Hour,' he said that he thought it would be better if the talk took place in the evening. Mr. A. D. Barker seconded. Revs. F. Ll. Edwards and C. D. P. Davies both supported the proposal, and said that the committee should consist of men living in London. Mr. A. A. Hughes said they had heard chiming on the 'wireless,' but the public, who did not understand change ringing, preferred it to even Stedman Cinques at 10; they had got to overcome the difficulty of the B.B.C.'s idea of the public's preference for chiming. Mr. H. W. Wilde supported the motion, which was carried, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. D. Matthews, A. A. Hughes, T. H. Taffender and E. Alex. Young, were elected to take action.

Mr. G. Williams moved that the agenda should be published twelve weeks, and notices of motions three months, before the Council meeting. Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, which was supported by Messrs. H. Barton and J. S. Goldsmith, and carried.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved his resolution, 'That the Council should issue peal diplomas for young ringers,' and explained his proposal at some length. This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. C. H. Howard said that anything that would encourage the young ringer would be an advantage. Rev. H. Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis supported the motion. Mr. W. Willson reminded the Council that he proposed this 20 years ago. After remarks by Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn in favour of it, it was opposed by Messrs. P. J. Johnston, J. George and H. Barton, who asked that members should have another year to consider the matter. An amendment having been proposed by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, that the matter be deferred until next meeting, was passed and agreed to as a motion, the hope being expressed that the members would consider it during the year.

Rev. H. Law James then moved his resolution, 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.' The speaker said that he had dealt with the question at some length at the Newcastle meeting, and explained his motion by references to what had been accepted in other of the standard methods where they were based largely upon practice rather than theory. He contended that Shipway's Royal stood on as firm a basis as did the extensions of London and Stedman, and that the decisions of 100 years ago should stand to-day. Mr. R. Richardson formally seconded.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett contended that since the Major and the Royal already disagreed with each other, the resolution was a meaningless one. Mr. J. W. Parker proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, as an amendment, that in the opinion of the Council there was no correct extension of Superlative Surprise Royal Major.

Mr. J. A. Trollope supported it, and pointed out the difficulties of the whole situation, and Mr. C. J. Sedgley defended the peal of Superlative Maximus rung at Ipswich, when Mr. C. T. Coles moved a further amendment that: 'As the expert advisers of the Council disagree, this meeting is of the opinion that no good purpose can be served by coming to a definite decision on this subject.' This was seconded by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. After further remarks by Rev. H. Law James, the first amendment being withdrawn, the second on being put was carried by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. J. A. Trollope to move his resolution, 'That a committee be appointed to report to the Council (a) bells, (b) ringers, and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand; and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens, and (f) the Parochial Councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement of these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected.' The speaker, after referring to the action of Parochial Councils, said he thought it would be advisable if the Council knew definitely how ringers stood in legal matters, and suggested Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Mr. F. A. Milne, who were barristers, to serve on the committee. Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded. Alderman J. S. Pritchett said a useful pamphlet might be compiled, so that ringers would know where they stood regarding incumbents and Parochial Councils. He suggested that Mr. E. W. Elwell be asked to compile the pamphlet. This was supported by Canon W. W. C. Baker, who said

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Baker 1, F. Seabright 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung as a compliment to F. Seabright on his 19th birthday.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Standen (first quarter and first attempt) 1, F. Morgan 2, G. King 3, E. Mills 4, C. Creasey (conductor) 5, G. Mills 6, T. Booth 7, J. Goodsell 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shaw (first quarter in method) 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, H. Burton 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT'S GOOD START.

The inaugural meeting of the re-formed Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, and over fifty members were present from Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bramley, Binfield, Deane, Ellisfield, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Sherborne St. John, Sherfield, Silchester, Winchester and Yateley.

Service was held at St. Michael's, and was taken by Rev. E. Jones. At the close the members adjourned to the Church Hall, where a splendid tea, very generously provided by the Basingstoke bands, was enjoyed.

At the business meeting the Rev. G. H. Jendwine, R.D., was voted to the chair and was supported by Rev. H. T. Adams, Rev. E. Jones, Dr. Boustead, D.D., Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. H. Horne and others.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) explained the reasons for forming the diocesan area into smaller districts, and stated that the following towers had been provisionally placed in the new Basingstoke District: Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Yateley (eight-bell towers); Bramley, Deane, Kingsclere, Oakley, Odiham, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherfield and Wootton (six-bell towers); Baughurst, Dummer, Ellesfield, Heckfield, Monk's Sherborne, Sherborne St. John, Silchester, Strathfieldsaye, and Wootton St. Lawrence (five-bell towers).

District officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. Boustead; secretary, Rev. E. Jones (Basingstoke); auditor, Mr. F. Wilson (Basingstoke); Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler (Bramley); representative on Central Committee, Mr. C. Chesterman (Basingstoke).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th, 1929.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: Deane and Church Oakley on April 26th, Yateley on June 6th, and Kingsclere and Wootton on September 15th.

The bands at Ellisfield and Sherborne St. John joined the Guild. This brings the number of affiliated towers in the new district up to 15, while a letter was read from the Vicar of Monk's Sherborne, from which it appeared that his band were likely to join shortly.

The bells at the churches of All Saints and St. Michael (both rings of eight) were available during the afternoon and evening, and various methods practised.

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the control of the bells was absolutely in the hands of the incumbent. Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said there appeared, however, to be some doubt, and Rev. E. S. Powell said that churchwardens were associated with the incumbent in the tolling of one bell only. The motion was then agreed to. The Hon. Secretary then proposed that Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. F. A. Milne and E. W. Elwell be elected to form the committee. This was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and carried.

PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Standing Committee having recommended Hereford for next year, Mr. W. A. Cave proposed, and Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, Bristol; Canon F. J. O. Helmore proposed Wells; Rev. E. S. Powell then proposed Plymouth, which was seconded by Mr. James George. Upon being put to the meeting, the voting was as follows: Hereford 40, Bristol 28, and Plymouth 10. It was therefore decided that next year's meeting should be held at Hereford.

The President moved that letters of thanks be sent to the Lord Mayor, Archdeacon Holmes and the Astronomer Royal. This motion was carried *nom con*, as was a vote of thanks to the president and one to the hon. secretary for arranging the social events. The meeting closed at five o'clock.

NOTICE.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, Bath, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Red House. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 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 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10), St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Buckley (5) on Saturday, February 25th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town St., Duffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at St. Audrey's, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus).—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 now due, and should be paid to Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cutcombe on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Malling on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. Frequent bus service from Maidstone.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., tea at 5 p.m.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 1st, 15th, 29th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; 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.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock, service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28th?—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Rd., Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand, also certificates, 3d. each.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 29th. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Silverdale (8 bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Will all who require tea please inform me not later than Feb. 29th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 12th and 26th, at 7.30. St. Mary's Lambeth, Tuesday, the 20th, at 8.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, on or before Wednesday, March 7th, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are not due, and annual reports ready for distribution.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 25th at Long Buckby is postponed until March 10th. Usual arrangements.—K. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Those intending being present please notify me before Tuesday, March 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton on March 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and other business. Full particulars will appear later. Will all those interested in the future of the association please reserve this date?—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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Last week we referred in this column to the boom in bell restoration and to the part which ringers have played in bringing this about. There is also another phase of this very satisfactory indication of progress which must not be overlooked. The various ringers' associations throughout the country have done a great deal to secure improvement in the condition of rings of bells, and, where funds permit, they give generous and practical help. To begin with, the presence of ringers at district and other meetings, held at towers where the bells go badly, not infrequently results in timely hints being given to the authorities that something ought to be done. On the other hand, ringers from towers where the bells are in an indifferent condition, on going to ring on peals which provide practical illustration of how bells really should 'go,' return to their parishes dissatisfied with the state of things in their own belfry and soon begin to stir for an improvement. In both directions, therefore, the associations have been able to help forward the good work. But they are not mere grumblers at bad conditions and agitators for improvements; they give a very practical aid when they are permitted to do so. Most of the associations have one member, or more, qualified to give technical advice with regard to what is needed in the way of restoration, and the help of these experts is always readily placed at the service of church authorities. In several cases, now, the Diocesan Advisory Boards have some one of this kind to whom they always appeal in these matters, and the day is probably not far distant when every such Board will have upon it, or in consultation with it, a man with a practical knowledge of bells and ringing. So that while our organisations do their utmost to urge on restorations, they are able to give valuable assistance in the technical advice which is at the disposal of those who desire it.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES A. HALES 1	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	†HUGH HILLS 8
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4	HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM W. THORNE ... 5	HENRY C. TAYLOR 10

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method and on 10 bells. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wm. E. Garrard.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, February 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

EDWIN J. BROWN 1	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY T. HOWELL 7
FRED. G. LEAKER 3	ISAAC LONG 8
FRED W. WADE 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 5	E. GEORGE TREW 10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon C. P. Wilson, Vicar of St. Nicholas', who died on Wednesday, February 15th.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

MRS. J. COTTERELL 1	JOHN W. CONDALL 6
*MISS M. DAVENPORT ... 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
HARRY ARMITAGE 3	WILLIAM B. FRITH 8
JAMES COTTERELL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY 9
SIDNEY BRIGGS 5	THOS. B. KENDALL 10

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

†CHALLIS F. WINNEY 1	†SIDNEY CARTER 5
FREDR. WM. RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE DAWSON 6
*BARNARD PATMORE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
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On Monday, February 20, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. EVERED WALSON Treble	ERNEST G. GARRARD 5
*HERBERT ELLIS 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
†J. WILLIAM FRUIN 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	THOMAS LOCK Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman with an 'inside' bell. This peal was arranged, and rung, as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANCIS FRASER Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	GEORGE DAYNES 6
JOHN DAFTUS 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
CHARLES A. BINES 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis Fraser, who is 78 years of age. First peal by Francis Fraser, John Daftus and Charles A. Bines.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	*CHARLES ALLEN 5
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	*FRED HAWKES 6
*JOHN ROWLATT 3	*ARTHUR GRIFFIN 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Major. All the above belong to the local band. The first peal of Major on the bells by a local band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
EDWIN GOATE 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

SAMUEL HARRISON Treble	JAMES MCCLUSKEY 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	*STANLEY SHEPPARD 6
REV. R. F. WILKINSON 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect for the late Mr. F. G. Greenhough, a lifelong resident of Tickhill, and devoted church worker, who was accidentally knocked down and fatally injured on February 18th. The conductor has now completed the circle in this tower.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	*BERNARD WELLS 5
*NELSON ELLIOTT 2	*CECIL NICE 6
*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 3	†ALFRED J. BELL 7
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Superlative 'inside'.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, 3

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM ARMOUR Treble	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
†HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 4	†NORMAN PATTERSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to eight, and as a birthday compliment to R. L. Patterson and T. Stephenson.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRUCE BERRINGTON Treble	ARTHUR BERRINGTON 5
OSWALD CLAYBRECK 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

First attempt for a peal by the treble ringer.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS DAVISON Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
ERNEST TRUMAN 2	SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE 6
EDWARD PERRY 3	WILLIAM BOLWELL 7
*CHARLIE LOVELOCK 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*PERCY WEBB Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	*ROBERT HOWARD 7
*WILLIAM A. TACK 4	*†EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on more than six bells. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES PARKER... .. 1 Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	HARRY R. ROPER... .. 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... .. 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 6
FRED. G. BRETT... .. 3	ARTHUR A. SAXBY... .. 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN... .. 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.
Birthday peal for Fred G. Brett.LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 2	FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY... .. 3	WALTER WHITE... .. 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First Spliced Surprise peal by all, and by the association. The composition has 2,560 changes of each method, and 86's and 78's in nearly every course, and is now rung for the first time. (See 'The Ringing World,' September 11th, 1925.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 5
PERCIVAL PRICE... .. 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY... .. 3	EDWARD READER... .. 7
WALTER WHITE... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY

This composition, now rung for the first time, has 372 of 78's at back stroke, with the 6th extent in 5-6, 4th and 5th extent in 6th, and all the 86's and 867's.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
100th peal for L. G. Brett, 49 being Surprise peals.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
HENRY WOOD 4	WILLIAM R. BOND Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
* HAROLD C. CASSEL 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	GEORGE COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the opening of these bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6
JOHN PRICE 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
WILLIAM GREEN 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. Underhill, who was medical officer of health for Tipton for fifty years. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 lb.

HARRY LONG Treble	*STEPHEN HOARE 5
*EDWARD ASHBY 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FREDK. W. ELLIOTT... .. 7
*RONALD BULLEN 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

WHALLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SYDNEY BROWN Treble	FRED READ 5
ARTHUR BROWN... .. 2	RICHARD BOLDESON 6
ARTHUR INGHAM... .. 3	JOHN HIRST... .. 7
*ARTHUR LORD 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First of Treble Bob.

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BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

DAVID BROWN Treble	ALBERT MILLS 5
JAMES SMITH 2	HERBERT MILLS 6
FRED BENTLEY 3	RENNEY HARTLEY 7
NORMAN GRADY 4	W. H. HUNTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

First peal for the ringers of the treble and 4th. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Nelson, 3rd, 7th and tenor from Burnley, treble, 4th, 5th and 6th are members of the local band.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 5
*JAMES TEMPLE 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6
CHARLES F. VASEY 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	*ERNEST A. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to the Cathedral. First peal of Grandsire Triples and first attempt by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES E. SCOTT Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 4
*JAMES L. GRAY 2	ADAM DEAS 5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers wish to thank the local band for their kindly welcome, and the Vicar for his welcome greetings.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
*RICHARD WARNETT 2	PERCY E. JONES 5
†EDGAR G. SWIFT 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Minor.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On February 21st, 720 Bob Minor: A. Coote 1, R. Wood 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, T. E. Exeter 4, A. Laker 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. First 720 on an inside bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE A. SMITH ... Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 4
†JACK W. TAYLOR 2	ROBERT PICKERING 5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 3	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for G. A. Smith.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK J. WOODS ... Treble	WILLIAM D. LEGGITT ... 4
*JOHN R. HARRIDGE 2	HARRY TURNER 5
GEORGE MILES 3	*EDWARD W. PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hail from Brentwood, 4th, 5th and 6th from Shenfield.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAM Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	GEORGE BIDDULPH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was arranged for G. Biddulph, of Lawton, Cheshire, and was his first peal in seven methods. This is J. Walleys 25th peal.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*THOMAS HEMMING 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since they were rebung by Gillett and Johnston.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHARLES T. WILSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
JOSEPH SHARP 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association before starting.

MR. LESLIE G. BRETT'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in six methods 1, in seven methods 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 7, Bob Major 5, Oxford Treble Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 25, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 10, Cambridge Surprise Major 23, New Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Norfolk Surprise Major 2, Yorkshire Surprise Major 2, *London Surprise Major 8, Bristol Surprise Major 1; total, 100. * Includes two in one day. These peals were rung in 25 towers, in three counties, and with 104 ringers.

BENINGTON'S FAMOUS BAND. ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.

The last but one of the famous old Benington band has passed to the other side, namely, Mr. Samuel Page, who was in his 80th year. He was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon last in the old churchyard that he had so often trod on his way to the tower and the bells he loved so well, and not many yards from the resting place of his old Master, Squire Leonard Proctor, who was such a well-known figure in the ringing Exercise 70 years ago.

'Old Sam,' as he was familiarly called, was a man whose word was his bond, and punctuality was part of his life. A promise from him, humanly speaking, was a certainty, and to be late was, in his eyes, a crime. Himself one of the very finest of strikers, and a keen listener to every change in touch or peal, no excuse was allowed for any man, who called himself a ringer, for bad striking. Mr. Page had been trained in a strict school. The writer can well remember in his childhood days hearing Benington bells across the fields, striking with the regularity of machinery.

Thomas Page, Sam's father, had the training of his son, and Sam has often repeated the words of his father to him, viz.: 'If I was going to be a ringer I'd be one,' and these words were carried out to the full by both.

The old squire would often take young Sam to various parts of England for ringing, and he was never tired of telling of his visits to Birmingham, Warwick, Ipswich, London, Lavenham, Saffron Walden, and many other places, as well as of the places visited by the whole band together to open peals, etc. For instance, the band visited Braughing on the anniversary of the opening (May 10th) for 50 years without a break, and it was seldom that all the standard methods were not rung during the day. The prowess of the band can be somewhat estimated by the newspaper report upon the visit to Galleywood, Essex, for the opening of the new church and bells, which reads: 'The opening of the church was taken advantage of by Mr. Pryor, who kindly invited the Benington band to attend, and, although they had to travel a distance of nearly 70 miles, they reached Galleywood in time to ring for morning service, after which they rang in masterly style the following touches in ten methods: Grandsire Triples 336, Stedman Triples 420, Bob Major 336, Double London Court 336, Double Norwich Court Major 1,008, Oxford Treble Bob Major 576, Kent Treble Bob Major 704, Superlative Surprise 448, Cambridge Surprise 448, London Surprise Major 448. Conducted by Thos. Page. As will be seen, the whole amounts to a peal of 5,060 changes, and, indeed, a wonderful performance which, without a doubt, no other village in England could approach.'

A few words as to the history of ringing at Benington will interest many. The church stands in a picturesque spot and in a most picturesque old-world village, with its timbered houses and rookery near by. The old bells were a ring of six. When, in 1838, Squire Proctor came to reside there at the old Lordship, two trebles were added, and a peal tablet in the tower record that the bells were opened on Jan. 29th, 1838, and the next day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths, Wm. Lobb ringing in it, and Leonard Proctor ringing the tenor, the peal being conducted by E. Giles.

The next peal recorded was one of Double Norwich in 1849, the first in the county of Hertford, rung by residents. The next was in 1855, a peal of Superlative, the squire taking part with a mixed company. Then in 1865 came the first peal of Stedman in the county by a resident band. On December 26th, 1870, from what can be gathered, Sam rang his first peal at home, which was a 6,048 of London Surprise by all residents—truly a remarkable thing for those far-off days and for a small village. Before this date, however, he had rung in a peal of Stedman Caters at Hertford upon the old ten, years before they were burst down. He was then 21 years of age, and the peal was conducted by John Cox, of the Cumberlands. No proper account of the number of peals Mr. Page had rung can be found, but the number must be considerable for a ringer of that time, as, upon the death of his father, the conducting fell upon him, and Benington was the Mecca of many famous men. Cox, Haley, Miller, Lobb, and, in later days, Washbrook, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Nathan and Frederick Pitstow and many others were visitors, and at the Lordship the old squire kept ever-open doors to ringers. It was nothing strange, 45 or 50 years ago, to hear the bells of Benington ringing upon any day of the week, for if a peal was wanted Squire Proctor had only to call up his men, and visitors could be accommodated with any method they required.

In 1873, a board records a 5,600 of Cambridge Surprise rung by residents, and there must have been many that are not recorded, for the ringing was kept up to a very high standard right up to the time of Mr. Proctor's death, which occurred in 1895. Surprise methods were regularly rung for Sunday services, and the fame of the Benington men at that time spread throughout England. Though all men of humble calling, they were great at ringing.

And now one more of this band has left the scene. The bells he loved and had rung so often were rung half-muffled after the funeral service by his colleagues, W. H. Lawrence taking a rope in the tribune to an old and respected friend.

W. H. L.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—For morning service, at All Saints' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Wilson 1, W. Sharp 2, J. L. Sharp (conductor) 3, W. Hoek 4, H. Lovell 5, F. G. Mynard 6. This is the first in the method as conductor, and aged 13.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DIOCESAN TITLE SUGGESTED.

Attracted by what many who are competent to judge consider as the finest ring of eight in the diocese, and favoured with a warm, sunny day, upwards of forty members of the Essex Association attended the meeting of the Northern Division at Dunmow on Saturday. The Ringers' Office was said by the Rev. W. J. House, D.D., Vicar, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson.

A sumptuous tea, provided by the local ringers' wives and friends, was much enjoyed. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdington, Rector of Great Easton, the Master of the association, Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, and Mr. W. Arnold, district secretary.

At the meeting which followed, the District Master presided. Members were present from Braintree, Great Bardfield, Earls Colne, Fearing, Great Easton, Great Yeldham, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley, Stebbing, Rayne and Dunmow. Eight new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stebbing.

The question of changing the name of the association was discussed. After several members had expressed their opinion, the following resolution was carried by a very large majority: 'That a recommendation be sent to the General Committee to consider the advisability of changing the name of the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'

The Master thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his warm welcome, the organist and choir for their services, and the ladies who had so kindly supplied the tea.

The Vicar, in his reply, expressed the thanks of himself and his parishioners for the assistance given when the restoration and augmentation of his bells took place.

The Rector of Great Easton, who was present, announced that after a silence of forty years his ring of five bells were to be rebung and a treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. He gave an invitation to all to attend the dedication in July of this year.

The Vicar, who is also Rural Dean of Dunmow, stated that a lady parishioner of Great Bardfield had placed an order with the same firm of bell founders to add two trebles in Bardfield Church.

Messrs. Floyd and Saunders, members of Dunmow choir, sang very beautifully two duets, 'Excelsior' and 'The Battle Hymn,' and several courses of Caters and Major were rung on the handbells. During the afternoon and evening methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major were practised by the visiting ringers.

SOUTH-EAST DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-East Division was held at Springfield on Saturday, February 11th, and in spite of inclement weather 25 members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., followed by the service, conducted by the Rector, Canon F. S. Paynter. The lesson was read by Dr. Spencer-Phillips, of Great Baddow, in the absence of Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association). Tea was served in the Vestry Hall, followed by the meeting, at which the Rev. G. P. A. Dixon, of Springfield, was elected an hon. member. Miss I. White, of the local band, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. S. Jackson, Great Baddow, probationary member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly at High Easter and Good Easter.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower and bells, and conducting the service, the organist for accompanying the hymns, and the ladies who helped with the tea.

A collection towards the fund for 'Irenaeus Pistor' amounted to 12s.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung in various Minor methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise.

A RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The sudden death has occurred at Guiseley, of Mr. William B. Smith, an engineer of Leafeld Mills, who passed away at the early age of 47 years on Monday night, February 20th. He went to work in his usual health about 6.15 in the morning, and on returning home at night he complained of pains in the chest and went to bed. Before a doctor could be summoned he died.

The funeral took place on Thursday week, and was largely attended. The bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday as a tribute of respect to the deceased, who had rung 65 peals. He was a good striker and a safe ringer, and will be sadly missed among ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Eye District was held at Eye on Saturday, February 18th, when ringers were present from Otley, Debenham, Stowupland, Stoke Ash, Thorndon, Wetheringsett, Thorning Magna, Rickinghall, Yaxley, Diss, Dickleburgh, and the local company. Tea was served at the Horse Shoes Inn, the Rev. J. R. Vincent presiding and giving a short address of welcome.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. E. F. Poppy. After tea the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until eight o'clock. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. WIRRAL BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch of the above Guild was held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, February 25th. The number of members present was not as large as it should have been, but those who did turn up thoroughly enjoyed ringing the handy peal of six. Methods of all kinds were rung, ranging from Bob Doubles to London and other Surprise Minor methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Arch. Ball, M.A.), who prefaced his remarks by extending a hearty welcome to those present. In his address, which was one quite out of the usual class met with at ringers' gatherings, he said he always endeavoured to find out what the other man was thinking, and on asking one individual how the church could attract the people, he was told that the clergy should cut out the 'sob stuff' and get down to real facts. That was sensible advice, and he thought every man's ambition was to be a 'white man' and to 'play the game.' The question was which was the game they were going to play? They wanted to go straight and know the skipper and the rules of the game. There was such a thing as overdoing it, and a person who, so to speak, was thinking, eating, and drinking golf was not a man—he was a maniac! There was also the game of self, which was played by large numbers in politics, business and sport. The principal point in this game was not to be found out. But the real man played for the team—the game was not the main thing. What was wanted was the team spirit, each filling his own part and all working for the good of the team as a whole. Then there was the great game of humanity, with one goal, the Kingdom of God, and one Captain, Christ. They had the book of rules, and this game was one in which saint and sportsman could meet together, and by doing so win the world for Christ.

A splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. Milner (president of the branch) occupied the chair.—The Vicar appealed to the ringers not just to ring the bells on Sundays and then go home, but to come into church and join in the service.

A brief resume of the Guild committee meeting at Stockport on the previous Saturday was given by the branch representative, and a question of a picnic for the branch was raised.

A discussion arose on the question of inducing one or two towers still outside to throw in their lot with the Guild, and the good offices of the Rev. A. Ball were invoked in two instances.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, for evening service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Beicher 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, W. Hewett 3, Wm. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, C. Roberts 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting was held at Darton. The church and parish are at present without a Vicar, but the churchwardens extended a warm welcome to the association and took great interest in the meeting. Members attended from Barnsley, Darfield, Hoylandswaine, Felkirk, Sandal, Shilley, Royston, and members of the local company. During the afternoon, touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob were freely indulged in.

Tea was provided in Church Schoolroom, and much enjoyed, the attendance by the ladies giving an added charm to the proceedings. The business meeting followed. Correspondence was dealt with. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston gave a hearty invitation to the members to attend the ringers' rally on March 3rd, which was much appreciated, but owing to distance, time and expense, it was feared the pleasures would have to be reluctantly missed.

A discussion took place on the suggestion of having a central summer meeting, at which the association might have the presence of the Bishop of Wakefield and clergy. This idea is to be accomplished if at all possible.

The churchwardens, ladies and local ringers were warmly thanked.

'ALBION TREBLE BOB.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—It would have been much more to the point if the Rev. H. E. James had given the resultant lead-heads of each pair of places made independently in the Treble Bob Principle. They are as follow:—

Lead-head. Transpositions.

First pair made in 5-6	= 12346578	12346578
Second " " " "	= 12346578	12345678
Third " " " "	= 12845673	12845673
Fourth " " " "	= 12845673	12345678
Fifth " " " 3-4	= 18345672	18345672
Sixth " " " "	= 18345672	12345678
Seventh, " " " "	= 12375648	12375648
Eighth " " " "	= 12375648	12345678

It will be seen above that in each lead-head two bells only have been shifted, and in the transpositions that rounds turn up at every second row, proving the statement that Albion Treble Bob is Plain Bob, with the Treble Bob hunt added.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins., standing as follows: R. Wood 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, T. E. Exeter 4, A. Steele 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

During evensong at Kingston Magna, Dorset, on Sunday week, the organ went out of action. The Rector's handbells were immediately brought into use, and the entire service was chorally rendered without any other accompaniment. The Rector of Kingston Magna is Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The peal at Thirsk, the report of which was published last week, was rung with the bells fully muffled for the late Earl Haig, and was conducted by J. W. Neesam.

Appleton 'anniversary' is to take place this year on March 10th. This event has been celebrated without a break since 1818, when the bells were made into a ring of six. Formerly the whole village used to keep the day as a holiday.

To-morrow is the 150th anniversary of a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and conducted by W. D. Crofts.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Yorkshire Association was rung at Drighlington on March 4th, 1899.

On March 8th, 1737, 12,605 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Considering that this was little more than 20 years after the first peal in any method, this was a great performance.

The first peal of Stedman Caters, on the famous bells of Bow, Chesham, was rung 120 years ago next Wednesday. It was composed and conducted by George Gross, and William Shipway took part in it.

It is forty years on Saturday next, March 3rd, when the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the grand old peal of bells at Lavenham. Hollis' five-part was conducted by the late Chas. Sillitoe, the band being A. Symonds, C. Sillitoe, J. Campin, A. Scott, W. Griggs, W. Howell, H. Harper and W. Moore. All have passed away except the treble man, who is a native of Preston, Suffolk.

THE CURFEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will not the Rev. F. L. Edwards find out for us something really certain about the curfew? The tale we were told in our histories was that William the Conqueror, among his acts of tyranny, ordered the church bell to be rung at eight o'clock, and that then all lights must be put out; and that this was called the curfew (which is short for 'couvre-feu,' or 'cover-fire'). Also that in many places this bell is still rung. It is quite true that a bell rung at various hours in different places is called the curfew; but the fact that our oldest bells are much later than the Conquest makes the whole thing read, to ringers, more like a fairy tale than sober history. Moreover, it would seem probable that all the different bells that are rung in different places are survivals of bells that were rung for different services before the Reformation. When the services were no longer held, it was found that in certain cases people had got so accustomed to timing themselves by a bell rung at that time that the ringing of the bell was kept on, although there was no longer any service; or it may have been that the sexton was paid for ringing at certain times, and in order to still get his money he went on ringing the bell.

The last service, at bedtime, was Compline, and it is pretty certain that when a bell is rung at nine or ten it is the old Compline bell. Mr. Edwards says that at Seville 'The Curfew' is rung at ten. What exactly does this mean? Is it called the curfew in Spanish, or are fires and lights then put out, or is it simply an evening bell?

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

CHESHIRE SURVIVALS.

Dear Sir,—I know three places in Cheshire where the curfew is rung, viz.: Chester Cathedral, every night at nine o'clock; Frodsham, from November 2nd to February 2nd, at 8 o'clock p.m., except Saturday and Sunday, and Christmas week, when it is rung at 7 p.m.; also at Tarvin, the times of ringing being similar to Frodsham.

W. BIBBY.

NEW BELL FOR TINY DEVON PARISH.

On February 21st, the tiny parish of Bradstone, Devon, which has only about 70 inhabitants, was en fete for the dedication of a new treble bell to the existing five, which were cast by Taylor in 1809. The service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and it is believed that this was the first visit which the parish had received from its diocesan in the memory of man. A very large number of people attended; in fact, the church was quite full. There were nine sets of ringers from neighbouring parishes, who all had a ring on the bells, which were set going by the Kelly band, who rang two well-struck six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and one of Bob Minor, in which they were assisted by Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Devon Guild.

The subject of the Bishop's address was 'Co-operation,' and the part it should play in our religious life. The effort of supplying funds for this undertaking had been carried out by the parishioners, so the Bishop's words were most appropriate to the occasion.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank supplied the new bell, and also tuned the old ring, and there was a general testimony that the tone of the peal had been greatly improved. The work of hanging had been skillfully carried out by Mr. N. Stokes, of Woodbury. By the end of the day it was found that the whole cost of the undertaking had been met.

THE 'ALL-ENGLAND' MEETING.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-MORROW'S GREAT GATHERING.
OVER 2,000 EXPECTED AT CROYDON.

To-morrow's great meeting at Croydon, at the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be the largest assembly of ringers which has ever been gathered together, more than 2,100 applications having been made for tickets.

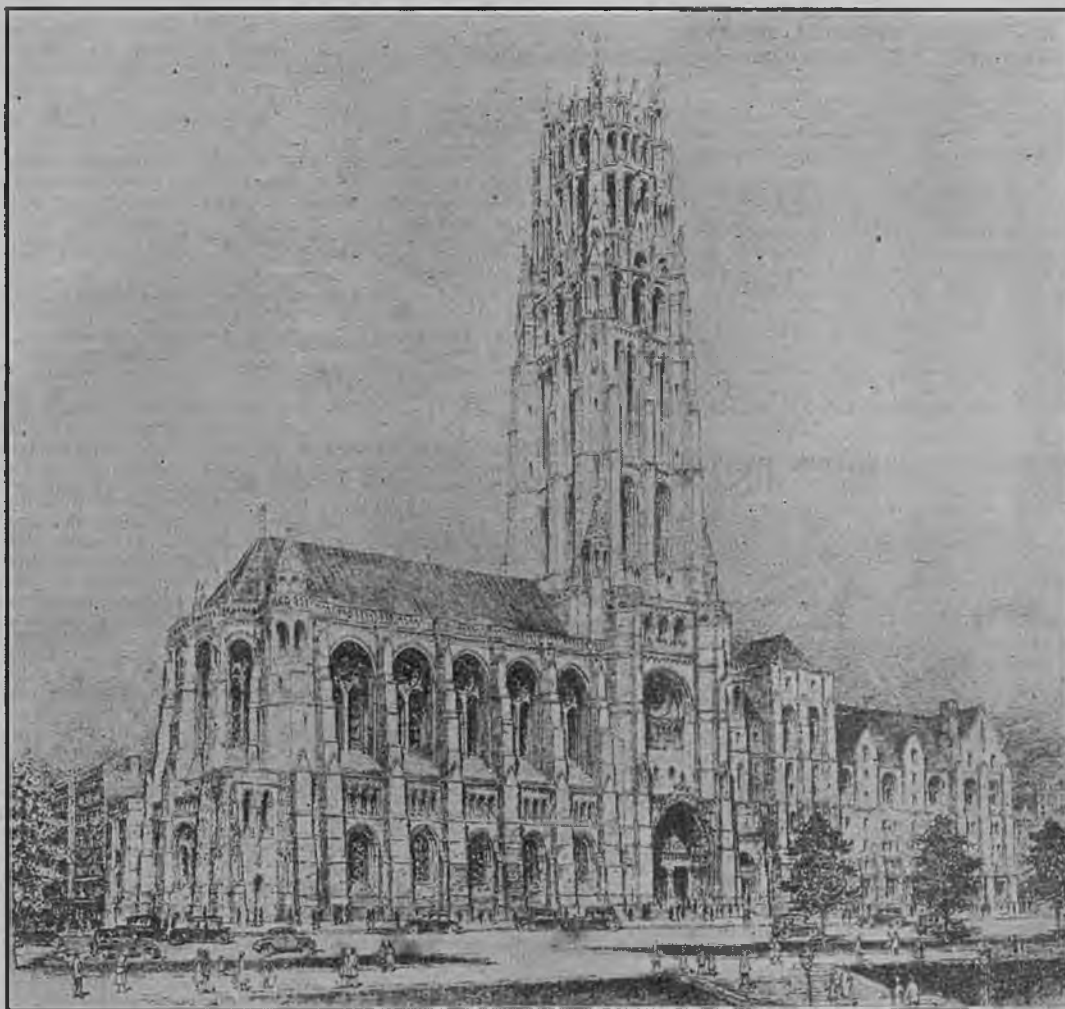
This is a wonderful testimony to the interest which ringers all over the country are taking in the work now being done at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and to handle and feed this great body of people will tax the resources of everyone concerned.

There will be some distinguished guests among the visitors, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson, the Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Woods, the Bishop of Rochester and his

making, with nine others, the heaviest 'chime' in the world—a ring weighing in all 67½ tons! These bells will be chimed in changes to a lead of Bob Caters, by a picked band of ringers. The works, the bells and the carillon will be open for inspection, and at intervals the firm's employees' band will perform selections.

Those who come early to inspect the works will be able to go on to St. Peter's Church (ten bells) and the Parish Church (eight bells) for ringing. There will be special ringing stewards at the exits to assist those desirous of ringing, and a special service of buses and trams is being arranged.

In view of the large number who wish to partake of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's hospitality, it has been found necessary to engage Croydon's four largest halls for the tea. Three of them are adjacent in Scarbrook Road, viz., the Baths Hall, the Polytechnic and the Welcome Hall. The fourth hall is the Adult School Hall, in Friends' Road,



RIVERSIDE CHURCH, NEW YORK

Where the bells from Croydon Bell Foundry are to be erected.

wife, the Bishop of Guildford and Mrs. Greig. Every association in England will be represented, and those who are going to the foundry will find a great deal to interest them.

The bells of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and the Parish Church, Croydon, are likely to be in full use in the morning, as many visitors have indicated that they desire to ring on them. The foundry will be opened at 2 p.m., and ringers will enter by the door in Union Road, where the first thing of special interest will be a peal of eight, hanging in their frame, and they will hear a heavy carillon of 23 bells, with a bass bell of 3½ tons in B flat being played.

In the distance they will also hear the great bourdon bell for the Riverside Church, New York, which is to crown the carillon presented by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, booming out its deep note. The bell is the largest ever cast in England, its net weight being 18½ tons. As the guests move on they will see the bell being swung in its frame and

which is a few minutes' walk from the rest. This hall has a capacity of 500, and visitors who are to take their tea in this hall will exchange the tea half of the ticket for a special ticket.

After tea, the great Baths Hall will be cleared of tables, and the whole of the huge company will combine. While these arrangements are being carried out, the company will have the opportunity of hearing the smallest carillon in the world, the bass bell of which is only 1 cwt., in contrast to the 18½ ton bell which will previously have been heard. Miss Nora Johnston will play tunes on this carillon, and Mr. Harry Withers is to tap out a course of Erin Caters.

When the company has been massed, the Archbishop will address them, and commencing at eight o'clock there will be a social and concert, two or three eminent professional artistes having been engaged for this latter. A buffet will be provided and refreshments supplied at the usual prices.

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THE 'ALL-ENGLAND' MEETING—continued.

As has already been announced, there are to be cheap trains from every station in the kingdom to Croydon, and the tickets at a fare and a third will be issued on presentation at the booking office of the official voucher. Croydon is reached from London from either Victoria or London Bridge Stations, and the tickets will be available to either East Croydon or West Croydon Station. The latter is the nearer to the foundry.

We are asked to state that the senior representative of each Guild or Association will be given a ticket notifying the seat reserved for him at the tea tables in the Baths Hall, which seat will also be shown on the plan printed in the souvenir leaflet which is to be distributed on arrival.

A special illustrated supplement will be printed with next week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' describing the scenes.

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH BELFRY.

The magnificent new Baptist Church in New York, for which some of the bells, on view to-morrow at the Croydon Bell Foundry, are destined, has been built on the most prominent site in the city—Riverside Drive. It stands within a few yards of Grant's tomb, overlooking the Hudson River, with an enormous panorama, extending both up and down the famous waterway, and with the Palisade in the far distance.

The building itself is as high as most of the English cathedrals, and is crowned by a beautiful tower, which is pure Gothic, and is about 400ft. high. The bells will hang about 300ft. above the side walk, in a chamber measuring approximately 36ft. octagonal inside, and 5ft. 6in. high. The nucleus of the carillon is that previously sent from the Croydon Foundry to the Park Avenue Church. These are being removed to the new building, and the number of the bells will be brought up to 64 by the bells which are shortly to be shipped from Croydon.

In the tower will be provided the various church offices and also the Sunday School, and it will be served by two high-speed elevators. At the very top of the tower is a minister's 'look-out' room.

CHIDDINGFOLD RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on Saturday, February 4th, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, of Mr. T. Luff, hon. secretary of the Chiddingfold Company, who passed away at the comparatively early age of 48 years. Deceased had been a member of the company for a good many years, and had been in the church choir for quite forty years.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, February 8th, the service being fully choral. The Rector (Rev. E. P. Pelloe) officiated, with Mr. E. Howard at the organ. The bearers were three fellow-ringers and a churchwarden, and a course of 'Grandsire Triples' was rung on handbells at the graveside by G. Luff 1-2 (who kindly took the place of W. G. Brockhurst, absent owing to illness), A. J. Bartlett 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, T. Attwell 7-8. In the evening, on the church bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (deceased's favourite method), with half-muffled clappers, was rung by Miss M. Attwell 1, G. Luff 2, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 3, E. Mullah (first quarter inside) 4, M. Smither 5, D. Ayling 6, T. Attwell 7, G. Johnson 8. Ringers of 4th and 6th are old friends of the deceased from Witley. Among the numerous wreaths was one from the ringers and one from the choir. Mr. Luff is the first member of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild to 'cross the bourne.'

LINCOLN GUILD.**SOUTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the above Guild was held at Grantham on February 21st. The weather being fine, there was a good attendance. Tea was provided at the Globe Cafe, after which the business meeting was held in St. Wulfram's belfry, at which the Rev. C. J. Stanton presided. There was only one change among the officers for the ensuing year, the secretary, Mr. S. Proctor, of Grantham, after 16 years' good service, being unable to continue his duties.—Mr. Proctor was given a hearty vote of thanks for his past services.

Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, of Folkingham, was unanimously elected as secretary in his place.

The place of the next meeting was fixed for Market Deeping.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to Rev. C. J. Stanton for presiding.

The peal of ten were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of touches in the standard methods were rung.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Thursday, February 9th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob and 180 Plain Bob, by the following band, with the tenor covering: J. Stopp 1, A. V. Good 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Gidding (conductor) 7, C. F. Winney 8. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. A. L. Harkness, which took place the previous day at St. Paul's Church.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER**SATURDAY'S GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.**

With all the interest and enthusiasm which has marked so many of its predecessors, the 40th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner was held at Birmingham on Saturday and attracted a company of nearly 160 ringers, coming from many parts of the country to take part in what has become one of the greatest social events of the year in the ringing Exercise. There was ringing in the afternoon on the twelve bells at St. Martin's Church, the ten at the Cathedral, and the eight at the R.C. Church of St. Chad. At 6 p.m. the company assembled at the Imperial Hotel, where in the Connaught Room the tables had been spread. The chair was taken by Rev. Canon Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, who was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Canon Blofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston, Rev. C. E. Wormald, Rector of Solihull and Mrs. Wormald, Mr. J. Bellios (churchwarden of Edgbaston), Mr. W. R. Heaton (Solihull), Lt.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley Regis), Rev. J. W. Lyon (Rector of Sutton Coldfield), Rev. S. P. Riley (Vicar of Shirley), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild), and Mrs. Smith, Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, J. George and T. Russam (vice-presidents) and Mrs. Russam, T. H. Reeves (trustee), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), Mr. E. Alex Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Young, Mr. F. B. Yates (presiding Ringing Master of St. Nicholas' Guild, King's Norton) and Mrs. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn (Croydon), Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Messrs. J. S. Hawkins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Colin Harrison (hon. secretary of the Sheffield District Society), A. Coppock (Master of the Sherwood Youths), Miss Coppock and Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham), Messrs. W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), T. King (Bath), H. Waghorn (London), S. Palmer (Sheffield), A. Ward (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smallwood (Derby), Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, Messrs. W. Knight, W. Pring, and W. Thomas (Bristol), H. W. Wilde (Chester), A. Crawley (Crewe), T. H. Beams (Bridport), F. H. W. Sergison, G. R. Fardon (London), G. Holifield (Appleton), and others, including Mr. Joseph Johnson, Henry Johnson's younger son. The towers in and around Birmingham were well represented, and the company was a very jolly one. After an excellent dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and a 'ten minutes' interval' was fully occupied by an interchange of greetings between old friends.

Afterwards, Mr. W. H. Heaton proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' and in a graceful speech said it would be interesting to discover when Church and State were first allied—he did not mean in England alone. He wondered whether in some of the wonderful explorations which were being made in Ur they might not some day find a tablet recording that at some ancient banquet someone proposed that toast.

Canon Guy Rogers, who responded, first took the opportunity to express on behalf of those who had organised the gathering their great pleasure at seeing their guests present from the remotest parts of the country, from north, south, east and west. That was the third year he had been present, and he was beginning to feel that he had a number of friends at that annual dinner. It was a great pleasure to him to know that St. Martin's Guild continued to be so strong and so representative an institution. Referring to the toast, he said he did not think there had for a long time been the strain between the Church and State that there was at present on account of the revision of the Prayer Book, but he felt sure they would find a way through (hear, hear), and that in the future a strong Church and State would be able to co-operate for the good of the Christian religion and for the good of this people as a whole (hear, hear). It would be a disastrous thing if there were any real quarrel between them which would disturb the happy relations which had existed so long between them. They all desired that the nation should continue to be a Christian nation, and should recognise its Christianity by recognising the Christian Church. They hoped that the differences which had arisen on the ecclesiastical horizon might presently disappear, and that nothing would disturb the relations between Church and State which had existed so happily for many a generation. Proceeding, Canon Rogers referred to the strong fellowship and mutual understanding which existed among ringers, and spoke of the need in these days of making fellowship among all humanity throughout the world a great reality.

A LINK WITH HENRY JOHNSON.

Mr. Walter Bryant, an old Birmingham ringer, made an admirable little speech in proposing the toast of the evening, 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson.' He said he first met Henry Johnson as far back as 1872, and became well acquainted with him later. He rang his first peal with St. Martin's Youths, as they were then called, and it was conducted by Mr. Johnson. Five of that band had long since joined the great majority, the three remaining being Mr. William Kent, Mr. Henry Johnson, junior, and himself. He (the speaker)

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THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER—continued.

afterwards joined the St. Martin's band, and there he came under the influence of Mr. Johnson as a ringer. Mr. Johnson had a very strict sense of discipline, and above all he would have good striking. He was a jovial old soul, and often used to tell some good stories about the old ringers of his day. He was a man of great personality—a man who in all his undertakings was the soul of integrity and a man worthy in every way of the tributes which were paid to him at that memorial gathering.

The toast having been drunk in silence, those present who had known Henry Johnson in the flesh were asked to stand up, and out of the company there were only thirteen.

Alderman Pritchett, as usual, submitted the toast of 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He said he did so on this occasion with a slightly increased tinge of sadness, in that those who knew Henry Johnson were becoming every year such a diminishing band, and especially because of the great losses the Guild had sustained in those who had passed away from them during the year. They mourned the loss of eight of their members, the first of whom to go since their last dinner being Mr. Sidney Smith, the father of their worthy secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith. They sympathised with their secretary in his irreparable loss. The next was Charles Dickens, one of a worthy pair of brothers, who had rung many peals for the Guild. Then Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and afterwards Mr. Stanley Bragg, of Solihull, a member of a well-known ringing family, whose death reminded them in a startling way of the uncertainty of human life. He was a stalwart man, whom one might have expected to live for many years, but he died at an early age. Then there was another worthy, whom they all knew well and remembered with affection and esteem. He referred to Mr. Reuben Hall, of West Bromwich. The great gathering at his funeral, at which that Guild was represented, was the best testimony to his worth. The next was a notable loss, their former secretary, Mr. Godden, who was in harness up to the last, and passed peacefully away from the scene of his toil. He need not dwell on his merits and his services to the Guild. Of late years they did not see so much of him as they wished, but he was one of those worthies who helped to bring the Guild to the state of prosperity which it enjoyed at the present day. The next whose loss they had to mourn was that dear friend of the Guild, the late Dean Willink, Dean of Norwich, who presided over those gatherings on several occasions during the tenure of the Rectory of St. Martin's. He was a most genial man, and he and his wife and daughters were real friends of the Guild. It was with regret that he departed from them to Norwich; it was with still deeper regret they heard of his decease. The last he had to mention was Mr. Arthur Cliff, a most sociable member of the Guild, though not a ringer, who took the warmest interest in their doings. This was a long and melancholy list, but they congratulated themselves that there were still so many of the old members alive, and apparently in the enjoyment of excellent health. They regretted the absence through indisposition of Mr. Thomas Miller, but they welcomed Mr. Wagborn, from London, who was now 85 years of age, and they also had with them Mr. Frank Banks, who celebrated his 80th birthday on the previous day, and had for the last 24 years been their steeple-keeper—an office which he worthily filled (applause). They also had with them Mr. Tom Russam, and Mr. James George, who was continuing to add to his peal record, although in his 75th year, and had now rung 974 peals. They hoped he would get a good way past his thousand before their next annual gathering (applause). Another gentleman, who, although not actually a ringer, was one in spirit, was Mr. Churchwarden Kendall, who celebrated his 79th birthday on the previous Monday. To him also they offered their congratulations and the earnest wish that he might be spared for many years to come. He had honourably served in the office of churchwarden for 40 years, and he hoped he would serve for many more years to come.

ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

With regard to the progress of the Guild, Alderman Pritchett said that during the year they had rung 28 peals. That was not so many as in some former years, because St. Martin's bells had been out of action for reasons well known to the Church authorities. He thought he was correct in saying that it had been decided to recast and reling the bells; the difficulty was to know who should do it. There were three celebrated firms of bell founders in the country, all of them of equal merit. Their partisans in the committee which had to deal with the matter were equal in number, and no one had yet succeeded in getting a majority (laughter). How it would turn out it was impossible to say, but he was quite certain that whichever of those firms was chosen for the job, it would be done excellently (hear, hear). A notable peal was that at Hereford Cathedral on Easter Monday, and he thought their Guild had established a record for peals on cathedral bells. He only hoped the Guild would be able to ring the first peal on Worcester Cathedral bells when they had been recast and reling. The bells of Worcester Cathedral had been a disgrace for many years, but things were to be put right now, and he hoped their Guild would get the opportunity of ringing the first peal on them. Alderman Pritchett went on to speak of the Masonic peals that had been rung by the Guild, including the first Masonic peal on ten bells at Solihull. They had established a connection between bellringing and freemasonry, and they inoculated Solihull Masons with an interest in

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ASPENDEN'S OLD BELLS.**A LITTLE-KNOWN HERTFORDSHIRE OCTAVE.**

Although Aspenden, Herts, has an old ring of eight—there has been an octave in the tower since 1736—very little peal ringing has been done there. On Saturday week Mr. Challis Winney called what was probably the first peal of Stedman on the bells, but in the ringing chamber there is a board in quite good order, recording the following:—

'October 24th, 1746, was rung here ye first peal of 5.640 Tripples by: Wm. Sanders treble, Geo. Nichols 2, Edw. Pillbrow 3, Sam. Thorp 4, Wm. Wallis 5, Wm. Bruce 6, Tho. Harvey 7, Wm. Green tenor, Ringers of this parish. Ex Dono Gulielmii Freeman Armigeri.'

Mr. F. W. Richardson, who sends us this information, says the only mention he can find of Aspenden is on page 61 of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's book. The bells, which hang the reverse way, are very much out of tune, especially 1, 2, 3, which were added by Robert Phelps in 1736. The original five bells were cast in 1681.

There is a band of seven ringers at this church, and there is a great chance for an instructor. The local men met the visitors, and seemed very keen.

Mr. Richardson would be glad if information about this 1746 peal could be given, as no method is stated, or time or conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A 'FAREWELL' TO ST. JOHN'S, DEANS GATE.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, February 18th, and was well attended, visitors being present from Staffordshire and other branches of the Lanes Association. It was a 'farewell' to St. John's bells, as the church is shortly to be pulled down. The bells were raised shortly after three o'clock, and were kept going till 5.30, when the ringers adjourned to the schoolroom to partake of a splendid tea kindly provided by the church authorities.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. Tonge, Rector of St. Matthew's, who is taking charge of the parish when St. John's closes. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and also said how pleased he was to be asked to preside at the meeting, and hoped it would not be the last time if things went aright.

Christ Church, West Didsbury, was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, March 17th, and a good muster is expected, as these bells have recently been rehung.

The election of Mr. H. G. Jenny, of Leicester, and Mr. W. Dowding, King's Heath, Birmingham, was confirmed.

A collection on behalf of Mr. A. T. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor') realised 22s.

Votes of thanks to the local ringers, church officials, and the chairman, and to all who helped to make a pleasant meeting, were passed with acclamation. The ringers then proceeded to the tower, and further ringing took place till 8.30, when the bells were lowered. This closed the last meeting which will be held here, much to the regret of the ringers.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Friday, February 3rd, 1,260 of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, with bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. Amelia Elizabeth Lane, wife of Richard Lane, an esteemed member of All Saints' Society, Loughborough: H. F. Stubbs 1, J. Saddington 2, J. Huichbay 3, W. Thorley 4, C. Allsopp 5, E. Cartwright 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, W. Smith 8.

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change ringing, which was another illustration of the growing intimacy between the two societies. He referred to a performance which Mrs. Hughes had given with her handbells at a gathering of Scottish Masons that afternoon, and which had been greatly appreciated. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett mentioned, among the events of the year, the opening of Edgbaston bells and the fraternal gathering of Midland Counties, Sheffield and Birmingham ringers held at Duffield last summer. In conclusion he paid a tribute to the services which Mr. Albert Walker, his Deputy Ringing Master, had rendered to the Guild, and coupled his name with the toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Albert Walker was warmly received on rising to respond—a task which, he said, had been thrust upon him by the usefulness of their secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith (laughter). He had been very pleased to be able again to step into the breach while their secretary had been abroad, and he was amply rewarded by seeing around him such a happy gathering. Their presiding Ringing Master had emphasised the social side of their Guild, and he felt sure that the more they could get into touch with each other the better it would be. He hoped they would have many more such gatherings as they had with the Sheffield and Derby ringers.

Other toasts honoured were 'The Visitors,' 'The Ringing World,' and 'The Chairman,' and reports of these speeches will appear in our next issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Sevenoaks recently, when the towers represented included Chiddingstone, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Lambhurst, Penshurst, Seal Chart, Edenbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Chislehurst, Godstone, Limpsfield, Leigh and Mayfield.

In the afternoon the tower of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks, was visited and touches of various methods rung. This was followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Gilliatt, with Mr. W. A. Sayer at the organ. The Rector later presided over the tea at the Lime Tree Hotel. Mr. Gilliatt had to leave early, but before going he was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. W. Steed (Tonbridge).

The business part of the meeting was conducted in the St. Nicholas' Parish Room, when Mr. J. B. Rowell (Rector's Warden) presided, accompanied on the platform by Mr. H. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells, secretary pro tem), and Mr. G. Edwards.

Mr. Markwell submitted the annual report, in which it was stated that although there had been no increase of membership it could fairly be said that the district was in a flourishing condition. The various meetings had been well attended, which showed that the members had the interest of change ringing at heart, although one tower had been lost owing to lack of interest on the part of the local ringers. They still had 17 towers and 151 practising members. They had also 5 unattached members and 20 honorary members. They were financially sound, the income for the year being £21 7s., and the expenditure only £6 18s. 6d.

Mr. W. Steed (Tonbridge) moved the re-election as secretary of Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells), who was unable to be present owing to illness. Mr. Steed remarked that Mr. Latter had served them well for 34 years, and expressed the hope that he would soon be again in his normal health.

Mr. R. Ford (Sevenoaks) seconding, the election was made unanimously.

Messrs. Markwell and Edwards were re-elected representatives on the Central Committee.

Messrs. J. Horton (Penshurst), John Crude (Chiddingstone), F. Oaten (Sevenoaks) and Charles West (Hawkhurst) were elected members, and Messrs. George Spender and Arthur J. Collier (Tonbridge), W. Turley and G. Simmons (Sevenoaks) probationers.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting be at Edenbridge, and that the other meetings be at Brenchley (spring), Penshurst (summer) and Cowden (autumn).

Mr. Rowell was accorded a vote of thanks for presiding, and in acknowledging the vote said that although not an 'expert' he was a member of the county association. In a humorous aside Mr. Rowell said bellringers of to-day were a most respectable body of people, but he did not think that in the olden days they were quite so virtuous, judging by records in belfries and the 'Ringers' rules.' He quoted from these rules such lines as:—

'For every fault a jug of beer,'

and

'If in this place you curse or swear

Sixpence to pay,

For one that swears shall not go free.'

Even the best of us, he said amid laughter, sometimes felt a little that way at times!

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Thirty-three members attended the annual meeting of Canterbury District at Elham on Saturday week, the following towers being represented: Canterbury (St. Nicholas'), Wingham, Brabourne, Lyvinge, Wickham, Littlebourne, Dover, Maidstone, and Elham. The Rev. De Bouchell (Vicar of Elham) conducted the association's form of service in the church. This was followed by tea, held at the King's Arms, the association providing the tea.

The Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided over the business meeting, when five new practising members were elected, viz.: Mr. W. A. Goodhew, St. Alphege, Canterbury; Mr. R. Webb and Mr. W. Rains, Lyvinge; Mr. A. A. Prett and Mr. A. Ireland, St. Nicholas'. Three hon. members were also elected: Col. Kent, Wickhambreau; Major Norman, Ickham; and Rev. De Bouchell, Vicar of Elham.

The election of officers resulted in the district secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith) and the two district representatives (Mr. Harrison Smith and Mr. F. Brett) being re-elected.

The quarterly meetings of the district were arranged as follows: Summer meeting, Margate; autumn meeting, Sellinge; and the annual district meeting at Canterbury.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the belfry, and numerous touches in the usual methods were rung.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR EARL HAIG.

At St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, London, on February 9th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Earl Haig, but owing to a change course after one and a half hours' good ringing, the bells were brought round: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, jun., 3, A. E. Darvill 4, W. W. Fox 5, J. Hurrell 6, J. Dafters 7, C. Moulton 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, February 11th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, East Ilsley, Compton, Newbury, and the local ringers. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock and Mr. G. Caldwell, of Abingdon, were also present. Service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Lowsley), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. by Mrs. W. A. Lowsley, assisted by other ladies, when 22 sat down to tea.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. W. A. Lowsley in the chair, supported by the branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

Ten new members were elected from Hungerford tower.

The next meeting was fixed for Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies, for providing the tea, were proposed by the secretary and seconded by Miss S. Davis.

Mrs. Lock and Mr. G. Caldwell then played several tunes on the handbells, which were very much appreciated. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were brought round.

'IRENEUS PISTOR.'

We are glad to record a further valuable addition to this fund this week, and would ask all those who intend to contribute to send their donations as soon as possible.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following further subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	150	4	11
Ringers of West Clandon, Surrey	10	0	0
Bellringers of All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath	13	0	0
Collected at the Manchester Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association	1	2	0
York Minster ringers, per G. Horner	1	1	0
Collected at the meeting of the S.E. Division of the Essex Association, per R. C. Clark	12	0	0
All Saints' Society, Allesley, and friends	1	0	0
Collected at a meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association	15	6	0
Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall Rectory, Notts	2	0	0
Anonymous	5	0	0
T. B. Worsley, Bolton	5	0	0
T. Barlow, Bolton	2	6	0
E. E. H., London	3	0	0
J. Parker, Edmonton	10	0	0
G. W. and Mrs. Fletcher, Edmonton	10	0	0
W. Hobbs, Harlow, Essex	5	0	0
J. E. and Mrs. Groves, Birmingham	10	0	0
W. H. Curson, Grangewood	2	6	0
	£163	8	5

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at Lyminster on Saturday, February 18th. There was a representative attendance from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester, Billingshurst, Heene, Shipley, and members of the local band. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Minor. Tea for members and friends was kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Duval, at the Parish Rooms. The Vicar also presided at the business meeting which followed, when the following new members were elected: P. Slaughter, of Lyminster, R. Rayner, Itchingfield, Frank Preasy, Peter Powell, and the brothers Albert, Charles, E. J. Percy and W. Merritt, of Shipley.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: A. W. Groves, secretary; Messrs. G. Norris, Tucker and Adams, representatives on the Central Committee; and Messrs. Lindup, Retley and Hills, committee of advice.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Billingshurst. After the vote of thanks had been accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for granting the use of the bells, and for providing the excellent tea, the company again visited the belfry for further ringing, the Vicar and curate being interested spectators. It is encouraging to note that Lyminster has now a very keen band of young ringers.

Arundel bells being available, some of the members called there on their way home, and were welcomed by the Rev. C. J. Winn, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich were rung here. Some of the bells do not run quite like tops, but the Vicar stated that the authorities hoped to have them put in order as soon as the funds are available.

Thanks are due to all those who made the local arrangements, and also the ladies who provided for the wants of the visitors at the tea table.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 15th, 29th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; 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.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock, service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand, also certificates, 3d. each.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Silverdale (8 bells) on Saturday, March 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 12th and 26th, at 7.30. St. Mary's Lambeth, Tuesday, the 20th, at 8.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, on or before Wednesday, March 7th, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and annual reports ready for distribution.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsbrough Branch.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 25th at Long Buckby is postponed until March 10th. Usual arrangements.—K. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Those intending being present please notify me before Tuesday, March 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, Bath, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Red House. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton on March 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Higham on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Lasbrey. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, March 7th. All outstanding subscriptions for 1928 should now be paid.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Annual meeting on Saturday, March 10th. Sheffield Cathedral bells (12) available from 2.30 to 5.45 p.m., St. Marie's (8) from 2.30 onwards. Business meeting in St. Marie's Presbytery, Norfolk Row, at 6 p.m. prompt, when Canon Dolan will preside. Principal business: Annual report, election of officers and passing of new rules. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of the Forest branch to be held at Lydney on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 3.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, which will be held in the Church School Room. All ringers who intend to be present for tea must let the branch secretary know by March 8th. — Oliver Thomas, 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready early. The Vicar (Rev. Lambert) desires short service, 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Schoolroom, provided by ladies. Will members desiring same send word to Mr. W. Hemmings, The Avenue, Royston, near Barnsley, before March 8th? All ringers welcome. Business meeting after tea in Schoolroom.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at Sawston on March 10th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman. Will those requiring tea notify by March 7th?—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting for the election of district officers, etc., will be held at Hersham (Walton Station) on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Church Room, 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Oatlands Park bells (8) available from 3 to 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 6th.—Guildford District meeting at Guildford, March 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Owing to special business, it is hoped that at least one representative from each tower in the district will be present. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please let me know if you require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 2.45. A social and dance will be held at Acton, Saturday, April 7th, for Isleworth Bell Fund, tickets 1s. 6d. Details later.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—A half-yearly business meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17th, at St. Giles' Church. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Service in church 8 p.m., followed by business meeting in Parish Room.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. Cheap tickets to Boxmoor Station. Frequent bus service to Hempsstead. Let me know early if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. **EXTRA NOTICE.**—Will those who have received notices from me, and mean to answer, please do so by March 9th at the latest? Thanks.—W. Ayre.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by March 14th. Full particulars for meeting will be sent to tower secretaries by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, as matters of vital importance will be discussed. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting, Lambeth, Saturday, March 17th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Short service, tea and business till 6. More ringing till 7.30. A social hour is being arranged to follow, handbells, songs, etc. Please be prompt, and send me a card if you desire tea by March 14th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly given by the Vicar and Parochial Church Council. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending being present please notify me by the 13th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 p.m.; as these bells have recently been rehung a good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Come to Bushey, March 24th, and have an enjoyable Saturday afternoon and evening. Particulars next week.—C. H. Horton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and other business. Full particulars will appear later. Will all those interested in the future of the association please reserve this date?—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing.

etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, February 26th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Hood (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, H. E. Booth 2, F. R. Blewitt 3, A. E. Winterton 4, A. G. Hunt 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Lichfield of five new windows in the north aisle of the Parish Church, four of which are memorial windows.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, February 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Flower 1, F. Fraser 2, J. Hurrell 3, H. Wood 4, C. A. Bines 5, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 6, W. Watchorn 7, W. Anderson 8.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, W. Atkinson (conductor) 2, L. Townley 3, E. Towers 4, T. Haslam 5, F. Martindale 6, I. J. Heap 7, W. Salmon 8. Rung for the 60th birthday of the tenor ringer.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, 1,376 Oxford Treble Bob Major by: F. Borrett 1, G. Curson 2, G. Hawlett 3, E. Whiting 4, H. Fulcher 5, H. Adcock 6, G. Gower 7, T. Adcock 8.

FAIRFIELD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, O. G. Farmer 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, B. Guy 4, H. Adcock 5, G. J. Winter 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8. All Sunday service ringers. First quarter-peal on the bells since they were recast.

GUILDFORD.—For evensong on February 12th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes) in 55 mins.: H. Radford 1, S. Radford 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. Thorn 6, G. Tompsett 7, E. Radford 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, G. Gibbs 10.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 79. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAFER 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	JAMES HURRELL 6
HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
ALBERT E. DARVILL 4	RICHARD STEERS Tenor

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.

A birthday peal for Jack Dafters and Richard Steers.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM MADGWICK 5
STEWART SANDFORD 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN BURLS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	EDWARD J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian G. Goodship, of Reading.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*RONALD AXLETT Treble	SAM TAYLOR 5
STANLEY R. DOBBIE 2	W. J. WALKER 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 7
WILLIAM SPICE, JUN. 4	*HARRY SPICE Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE, SEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The Spices in this peal represent three generations.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.)

On Thursday, March 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BRO. BERTIE O. SOLDEN, 'Good Intent Lodge' Treble	
*BRO. S. F. MILLWARD, P.G., C.A.M.U. 'Perseverance Lodge' ... 2	
†BRO. ARTHUR W. ROBINSON, 'Ambrose Lodge' 3	
BRO. THOMAS LAW, 'Victoria Lodge' 4	
BRO. FRED HOPPER, P.G. 'Victoria Lodge' 5	
BRO. TOM HAYNES, 'Victoria Lodge' 6	
BRO. JOHN T. HENSMAN, 'Good Intent Lodge' 7	
BRO. FRED WILFORD, P.G. 'Victoria Lodge' Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRO. F. WILFORD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the Loyal 'Good Intent' Lodge, No. 266 (Northampton District), M.U.I.O.O.F.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	THOMAS W. CHOWN 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	WALTER MALINS 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
JOHN W. CHANDLER 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were recently augmented from three old bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	TOM WILDE 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in the tower.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS MABEL HENDERSON 2	Treble	WILLIAM L. GOFTON 5
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2		ADAM DEAS 6
JAMES E. GOFTON 3		STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
† WILLIAM BROOKS 4		THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Burt.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEOFFREY MILTON 2	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2		GEORGE R. JONES 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3		† ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
HARRY F. HOLDEN 4		JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALBERT J. HUGHES.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First in the method as conductor. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the cutting of the first sod for the erection of the Port Sunlight Works.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES L. RUTLEDGE 2	Treble	JOSEPH ROWELL 5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2		JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
GEORGE A. PICKERING 3		JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4		JOHN STUART Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY 2	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2		THOMAS C. LARKEY 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3		SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 4		EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT 2	Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2		REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3		OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
BERNARD WELLS 4		Cecil NICE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. NICE

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

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OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SIMPKIN 2	Treble	JACK BAILEY 4
JAMES F. GEORGE 2		SAMUEL HUNT 5
FREDERICK BROWN 3		RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

WILLIAM MOSK 2	Treble	ALPHRED J. BERRY 4
BERT HARRISON 2		GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ARTHUR COOK 3		WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

MORETON VALENCE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD COMPTON 2	Treble	THOMAS PRICE 4
LESLIE BARRY 2		ARTHUR HARMER 5
WILLIAM JONES 3		WILLIAM MAYO Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM AMBLER 2	Treble	JOE GREENWOOD 4
THOMAS SENIOR 2		ROBT. W. JENNISON, SEN. ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 3		ROBT. W. JENNISON, JUN. ... 6
JOHN W. COULTON 4		JOHN W. COULTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER 2	Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2		WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3		CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* 200th peal.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. WEBB 2	Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2		WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
HAROLD HARDY 3		THOMAS B. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Brocklebank, of Grisedale Hall, Lancashire.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN TARGETT Treble	*ERIC C. WADMAN 4
*HERBERT W. PEARCE 2	REGINALD F. BECK 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 18 cwt.

NOEL WILES Treble	*ALBERT FLEET 4
EDMOND J. HOBBS 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

* First Treble Bob peal inside.

EGG BUCKLAND, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat (approx.).

*HARRY F. S. MYERS ... Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
ALFRED W. MYERS 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	G. HARRY MYERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Rung by two fathers and their four sons.

ELKSTONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER YEEND Treble	HAROLD HALFORD 3
ALFRED COOK 2	FREDERICK BLOWING 4

JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER YEEND.

This is the first peal ever rung on these fine-toned bells, which were rehung twelve months ago by Messrs. Bond, of Burford. This tower, it is hoped, will contain six or eight bells in the future. The ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. Knock, churchwarden, before and after the peal.

HOLBETON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, Rev. E. B. James' plan. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM B. RICHARDS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 4
WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. EVERARD S. POWELL.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung in Devon and by the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	LEONARD E. WOOLLARD 4
BERT W. SMITH 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 720 College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EDWIN BROMLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	GEORGE BURT 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Daphne Elizabeth Lambert, daughter of the ringers of the 3rd.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Wednesday, February 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10	

Composed by J. RILEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: WILLIAM J. MAYHEW.

The witness tolled for the 8 p.m. service during the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	*FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
*HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Ten in hand.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS SPLICED.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

A	2345678	B	2345678
Bob Major	3527486	Double Oxford	4263857
Hereward	4263857	Double Bob	3527486
Bob Major	2345678	Double Oxford	2345678
5,184.			
23456	W M H	23456	M W H
A 45236	— — —	42356	— — —
24536	— — —	34256	— — —
52436	— — —	B 62453	— — —
A 43526	— — —	46253	— — —
54326	— — —	24653	— — —
A 63542	— — —	B 35642	— — —
56342	— — —	63542	— — —
35642	— — —	56342	— — —
A 26543	— — —	B 24635	— S —
52643	— — —	B 63245	— — —
65243	— — —	26345	— — —
A 32654	* — —	32645	— — —
63254	— — —	B 64325	— — —
26354	— — —	36425	— — —
A 35624	S — —	43625	— — —
A 62354	— — —	B 62435	— — —
36254	— — —	46235	— — —
23654	— — —	B 23465	— — —

Repeat five times, but omit

* bob Wrong in parts 2-4-6.

Repeat five times, but omit

* bob Wrong in parts 2-4-6.

Where the courses are not marked A or B, either may be rung. Thus, from these compositions, peals may be rung in two or four methods. To reduce to 5,088, omit one set of three calls home. These peals are on the three-lead course plan, and, combined with frequent change of method, should be both musical and interesting to ring.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to congratulate the Rev. H. Law James for producing the Major, Royal and Maximus, bearing the above name, but, I would like to ask him why he did not give us the Minor?

Perhaps, in the present chaotic position of our knowledge of the laws of extension, it would be very inconvenient and awkward to explain why Cambridge Surprise Minor should become Lincolnshire Surprise when extended to Major, Royal and Maximus.

My personal opinion is, that the Rev. H. Law James has discovered the true extension of Cambridge Surprise Minor, but how we are going to call the method he has now produced 'Cambridge Surprise Major', after ringing something else under that name for over a century, is a very real difficulty. The question is further complicated by the fact that we have already a 'NEW Cambridge Surprise,' also over a hundred years old. Our only way out of the impasse appears to be to use some such title as 'Modern Cambridge Surprise,' but, even this only transfers the onus of ringing out the old and ringing in the modern to a later generation. Let us settle it now if we can.

The method we know as Cambridge Surprise Major has never been really satisfactory, and it is quite safe to assert that, if it were produced to-day, it would be condemned as illegitimate because of four bells laying a whole pull at the same time, when the treble is dodging in 3-4. This defect was recognised quite early in the history of the method, and efforts were made to rectify it. In 1822 New Cambridge was produced by the simple expedient of moving the extreme made by 2 and 6 when the treble is dodging in 3-4, to the cross section where the treble passes from 3-4 to 5-6, thus:—

CAMBRIDGE.	NEW CAMBRIDGE.
2 6 1	2 6 1
6 2 . 1 . . .	6 2 . 1 . . .
6 2 1	2 6 1
2 6 . 1 . . .	6 2 . 1 . . .
6 2 . 1 . . .	6 2 . 1 . . .
2 6 . . 1 . .	2 6 . . 1 . .
2 . 6 . 1 . .	2 . 6 . 1 . .
2 . 6 . . 1 .	2 . 6 . . 1 .
. 2 . 6 . 1 .	. 2 . 6 . 1 .
. . 2 . 6 . 1	. . 2 . 6 . 1

It will be seen that the ultimate effect is exactly the same in both cases, and is quite independent of the operations of the other bells.

Although New Cambridge eased the difficulties of composition, it never really became popular, and to-day it is almost dead. The defect of four whole pulls occurring at the same time was still present, although not quite so obvious. Really, there is no excuse for continuing to ring old Cambridge or New Cambridge, especially now that we have such an excellent alternative.

The Rev. H. Law James has come along, and with a master stroke transferred the extreme which occurs on 2-6, with the treble in 3-4, to a Court shunt (with dodge) on 2-6, with the treble in 5-6. I have previously explained that an extreme is only a particular case of the Court shunt. See now the effect:—

2 6 1
6 2 . 1 . . .
2 6 1
6 2 . 1 . . .
6 . 2 . 1 . .
. 6 . 2 . 1 .
. . 6 2 1 . .
. . 2 6 . 1 .
. . . 6 2 . . 1
. . . 2 6 . . 1
. . . . 2 . 6 . 1

Again, the final effect is exactly the same. Notice how the 2nd's, dodge, lead, of Cambridge becomes 4th's, dodge, 3rd's. At one stroke he has eliminated the four whole pulls occurring at the same time, got rid of an unnecessary Court shunt on 7 and 4, with its attendant false course-end, and eased the difficulties of composition enormously.

If the paragraph on Cambridge Surprise, which occurs in my article on Superlative Surprise in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of January 7th, 1927, is referred to, it will save repetition and perhaps make the matter clearer.

In what the Rev. H. Law James calls 'Lincolnshire Surprise Major' four pairs of bell Court shunt in the half-lead, each of which is neutralised by a Court shunt on the same pairs of bells in the second half-lead.

The bells Court shunting are 46 and 87 above the treble, 26 and 85 below the treble. With plain hunting, the half-lead-end is 86745231. If we apply these shunts successively in their proper order, first all those above the treble and then all those below the treble, remembering that the effect of a Court shunt is to make the two bells concerned change places with one another, the result will be the order of the bells at the half-lead-end. Thus:—

Plain hunting produces 86745231,
+ Court shunt on 46 produces 84765231,
+ Court shunt on 87 produces 74865231,
+ Court shunt on 26 produces 74825631,
+ Court shunt on 85 produces 74528631,

which is the half-lead-end of the method.

It will be noticed that the 3rd has not taken part in any of these shunts. It is therefore necessary that the 3rd should make 7th's place under the treble at the half-lead-end, so that it will be in the same positions relative to the treble in both half-leads.

In Royal the Court shunt on 26 is delayed until the treble dodges in 7-8, and in Maximus it is further delayed until the treble dodges in 9-0.

In Major each Court shunt is responsible for a false course-end, so that there are four false course-ends. Old Cambridge Surprise Major has five Court shunts, and therefore five false course-ends. To show that the Court shunts govern the false course-ends, examine the following variation of Cambridge, where the four whole pulls acting at the same time have been got rid of by adding an extra dodge to the treble in 3-4 to separate the Court shunts.

	12345678	
	21436587	
	12463587	
	21648375	Court shunt on 46.
	26143857	
Extreme on 26	62418375	
	62143857	
	26418375	
	62148735	
	26417853	Court shunt on 87.
Court shunt on 47	62471835	
	26748153	
	27641835	
	72468153	
	27648513	Court shunt on 85.
	72465831	
	74256813	
	47528631	

Although an extra dodge is added to the treble in 3-4, we still have the same false course-ends, as Cambridge, Major, without addition or alteration. We are still tied to Middleton's peal, but because of the longer courses we need no more than 21 for a peal, and as a result there are more variations to the peal.

In conclusion, I will tabulate the pairs of Court shunt bells from Minor to Maximus of the Rev. H. Law James' method. Shunts above the line act above the treble. Shunts below the line act below the treble:—

		46		
Minor		26	45	
		46	87	
Major		26	85	
	46		80	97
Royal		26	95	
	46	80	te	97
Maximus		26	95	

The progression is regular and constant.—Yours truly,

W. TAYLOR.

LANTERN LECTURE IN ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

AN APPEAL FOR THE BELFRY RESTORATION.

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, by kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. sec. of the Midland Counties Association, gave a most interesting lantern lecture in St. Margaret's Church, entitled, 'Famous bells, bellringing and carillons.' The fine peal of 12 bells were rung before the lecture, and ringers were present from Anstey, Belgrave, Billesdon, Croft, Chilvers Coton, Hinckley, Ratby, St. Saviour's, Syston, and the two Wigstons. The lecturer showed a goodly array of slides of bells the world over, covering Russia, China, Spain, South Africa, France, and carillons from Holland and Belgium. In the midst of the lecture, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in front of the chancel by C. H. Webb 1-2, E. R. Whitehead 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, J. Morris 7-8, during which a collection was made towards the belfry restoration fund. The lecturer then continued, and finished with a photo of St. Margaret's Church, giving a brief history of its building in 1444, and the gradual evolution of the bells from a heavy four to the present 'fine ring of twelve. He explained that the ringers had undertaken the restoration of the belfry, giving all their funds to the purpose, and doing all the work of erecting a new ceiling, stripping and repointing the walls. They now wanted a new floor to make a worthy belfry to a worthy church. Still a few more pounds are needed to complete this scheme, and an appeal is made to all those friends who have had the opportunity of ringing here, or who admire the bells. Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MARRIAGE OF A DARLINGTON RINGER.

On Saturday, February 4th, the marriage took place of Mr. Norman Park, a member of the Holy Trinity band, at Holy Trinity Church. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon Cosgrave, officiated, and as the happy couple were leaving the church, the bells were rung in the rounds and 'fired.' Later, touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Bob Minor were rung. The ringers then proceeded to the church mission room, where a reception was held. The Rev. H. Sharpe, curate of Holy Trinity, proposed the health of 'The bride and bridegroom,' which was replied to on their behalf by Mr. W. H. Porter, who in the course of his remarks gave some kind and useful advice, which should be highly encouraging to Mr. Park in his ringing outlook.

On Wednesday evening, February 8th, in the belfry at Holy Trinity Church, an eight-day mantelpiece clock in oak case, the gift of his ringing friends, on the occasion of his marriage, was presented to Mr. Norman Park.

Mr. W. H. Porter said that to make the presentation to Mr. Norman Park gave him very great pleasure, as it took his thoughts back to about 25 years ago, when he took part in the ringing for Mr. Park's father's wedding. He hoped the gift would remind Mr. Park of the happy hours he had spent in the belfry in the past, and the happy hours he would be able to spend in the future.

Mr. Park thanked the ringers for their kindness in making him a present, and assured them that the belfry would still have his first consideration.

The Rev. H. Sharp said that he could not understand the sound, good fellowship which was to be found amongst bellringers. It appeared to be of a kind that one rarely found in other social institutions. They must be men of great patience, seeing how difficult it was to get a move on with learners. He thanked the ringers for their kindness to him, as far as he had got in the art of ringing.

Mr. C. Todd, ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, wished Mr. Park and his wife many years of health and happiness, and hoped he would get much enjoyment from ringing. A touch of London Surprise Minor was rung on the bells, and the proceedings concluded.

PLYMOUTH.—On March 1st, in 28 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: George Godard (first 720 Cambridge) 1, W. Wonnacott 2, E. W. Marsh 3, W. J. Rundle 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, February 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Howard 1, *E. Haynes 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. E. Austin 4, *W. Holwell 5, E. H. Finch (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

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Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor	6	
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	6
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	
London Surprise Major	2	
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
Doubles, 3 methods	2	
Minor, 1 method	5	4
Minor, 3 methods	2	1
Minor, 4 methods	2	1
Minor, 6 methods	1	1
Minor, 7 methods	83	42
Minor, 10 methods (including 7,200)	2	2
Minor, 14 methods	1	1
Surprise Minor, 7 methods	2	
Treble Bob Minor, 7 methods	2	
	200	87

WORPLESDON VETERAN'S DEATH.

On Thursday, February 23rd, there passed away at Worplesdon, Surrey, Mr. Henry Jelly, who was 78 years of age. He had been a ringer for 60 years at Worplesdon Church. He was interred in Stoughton Cemetery on February 28th, and in the evening the Worplesdon band rang a 720 of Oxford Bob with the bells half-muffled: T. Scholfield 1, S. Petter 2, G. Chandler 3, R. Tickner 4, C. Slyfield 5, H. Blackman (conductor) 6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, A. Walker (first extent inside) 2, F. Bennett 3, J. Goacher 4, N. Harding 5, G. Grover (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of six at Worthen, Salop, which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., are to be rededicated by the Bishop of Hereford to-morrow (Saturday), at 7 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in Devon has been rung by a resident band of the Devon Guild, and conducted by the president. It is another milestone in the history of ringing in Devon, and will delight no one more than that pioneer of change ringing in Drake's country—the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Mr. Harry Withers, who was performing on Saturday on the carillon at Croydon Foundry, recently opened a carillon for Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in Scotland. It is reported that he was to be seen in kilts, following the occupation of a Scotsman who walked about with his mouth open, because there was a nip in the air.

Among the visitors to Croydon on Saturday was Mr. Kelly, of St. Patrick's Cathedral company, Dublin.

Three generations of one family took part in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Tunstall, Kent, on 'leap year day.' They were the 'Spice' of the band.

To-morrow is the anniversary of one of those early long peals which helped to make ringing history. On March 10th, 1784, the College Youths rang a peal of 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark, the record length of 'Twelve-in' at that time.

The first peal of Treble Twelve had been rung by the College Youths on the same bells 26 years before—to be exact, a hundred and seventy years ago next Monday.

Another memorable anniversary occurs next week, for it was on March 14th, 1727, that the first peal was rung on the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. This was a 6,006 Grandsire Cinques by the London Scholars.

BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, STAINES. FUNDS WANTED FOR RESTORATION.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Staines, are unsafe and require overhauling at an estimated cost of £214. An appeal has been issued for funds, and £119 has been subscribed, with the promise of £14 when the £200 has been raised.

The bells were cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1734, so it is not to be wondered at that the bearings, etc., want attention. Although the bells themselves are sound, they are dangerous to ring.

The Parish Church is very poor and can only just meet expenses, so an appeal is made to all interested in campanology, as well as to the townspeople towards the cost of putting them right.

Donations will be acknowledged, and should be sent to Mr. W. Lloyd, parochial hon. treasurer, Bridge Street, the Vicar or churchwardens.

'PRACTICE AT A PENNY A NIGHT.' AMERICAN IDEAS OF ENGLISH RINGERS.

The 'Christian Science Monitor,' published in Boston, U.S.A., had a long article in a recent issue dealing with the Boston Guild and a photograph of some of the ringers in the tower, among them, in addition to Mrs. Shurtleff, being Mr. Richard Newton, formerly of Manchester.

The report speaks of the formation of the Guild by the late Dr. A. H. Nicholls, and endeavours to describe change ringing. It also refers to the formation of the College Youths—information evidently gained from an interview with Mrs. Shurtleff, but, unfortunately, for strict accuracy, rather garbled. For instance, the article concluded thus:—

'It takes approximately three hours to ring a peal which, on the 5,041 ring, brings the ringers around to the scale once more. There have been famous records in peals, some of them taking 24 hours and more to complete. There are many Guilds of bellringers in England—the Guilds of Cumberland and Middlesex Youths; and the Guilds are practically always known as "Youths," though their members have generally passed the three-score mark in years.

'Mrs. Shurtleff did not know how long it would take to bring change ringing into the state of popularity now enjoyed, for instance, by the carillon, which is comparatively new to the United States, because change ringing requires much practice, and while there are always excellent sets of bells available for the practice they are usually in belfries in thickly settled neighbourhoods, whose residents do not welcome hearing the bells for several hours at a time when there is no holiday.

'The chief advantage of the great bell towers in England and the opportunity they presented for the practice of bellringers practically whenever they wished to practice—and the prevailing price is 1d. a practice period, scrupulously paid to the parish—is that the towers are in general much higher over the square, and partly by reason of this, partly because generations of English people have been familiar with the sound of the bells and think no more of it than the usual audible accompaniments to life.

'So the bellringers of England are free to practice three or four nights a week at a penny a night, and no complaints are made by the community. Mrs. Shurtleff spoke particularly of one famous peal of 40,000 strokes rung on eight bells, "and the English neighbours liked it."

'ALL ENGLAND' GATHERING AT CROYDON.

RECORD ASSEMBLY OF RINGERS.

GREAT CONCOURSE ADDRESSED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

There was a remarkable response on Saturday to the invitation extended to the ringers of England by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to visit the Croydon Bell Foundry, where they have recently completed the largest bell ever cast in England, and the biggest in the world that has

ever been tuned. No fewer than 2,400 people, almost all of them ringers, made the journey to Croydon, coming from nearly 450 towers; and they had a marvellously interesting day. They saw for themselves the great progress that has been and is still being made in the bell

founder's craft, and found on exhibition the largest 'ring' of ten bells that has ever been assembled. Coupled with this there was on view, among many other things of interest, a completed carillon, upon which demonstrations were given, and they enjoyed the hospitality of the firm extended with a generous hand. The gathering was given added importance by the presence of the Primate of All England—sufficient in itself to make it a memorable occasion—and the evening was spent in merriment.

As was briefly explained in our last issue, the bells which were the principal attraction in the foundry are to be added to the carillon shipped to America about two years ago for the Park Avenue Church. A new church on Riverside is now to contain these bells, the former carillon of 55 having four larger and five smaller bells added, bringing the total up to 64. Previously the heaviest bell was 9½ tons; the new bass is 18½ tons, and its size and tone must be seen and heard to be fully appreciated. Another attraction was a carillon, the gift of two doctors of Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A., to the Male Clinic in that city, and will be dedicated to the American soldiers. It is the duplicate of one sent to Toronto University, which was dedicated last October.



TUNING THE GIANT.

The 18½ ton Bourdon Bell on the Tuning Machine with Mr. C. F. Johnston inspecting his handiwork.

These and other attractions brought together a record gathering of ringers, many of whom began their pilgrimage to Croydon on Friday, when those travelling from the most distant parts of the country left their homes for the Metropolis. On Saturday morning large numbers made their way to Clapham Park to ring on the very tuneful peal of eight bells at St. Stephen's Church, the first peal which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston installed after the war. The bells of Croydon Parish Church were also open, and here the visitors found heavier metal to pull on, but they enjoyed it to the full.

A TOUR OF THE WORKS.

The works' doors opened about 1.30 to admit the visitors, who, from that time onward, arrived by train, bus and tram continuously for the next two and a half hours. Although about 2,500 people passed through the works, so well had the arrangements been made, that there was no serious congestion, and everybody was able to see all that was on view in comparative comfort.

In the first great shop, where, for the moment, the numerous lathes and other machinery were silent, the chief object of interest was the carillon for Rochester, U.S.A., towering aloft in its massive frame, with the large bells (the bass is $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons) hanging at or just above ground level, so that a close inspection could be made. 'Up in the sky,' as it were, were the smaller bells, but there are no really tiny ones in this carillon of 23, which covers two chromatic octaves with the exception of the two lowest semitones. The carillon, although limited in its compass, provided a complete illustration of modern equipment.

The bells hang in their frame of steel and iron, their clappers are connected with the clavier, the manual which for centuries has been the keyboard of the artists who have made this form of music the national music of Holland and Belgium. It is by the clavier still that expression can best be imparted to a carillon, and no mechanical device yet invented can fully rival the touch and the life given to the bells by an accomplished carillonneur. But carillonneurs are born, not made, and in countries like America, where carillons are only now beginning to find favour, expert players are not always to be found. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, however, have overcome this difficulty in two ways. They have a dual device which enables a carillon to be played from a keyboard resembling a piano keyboard, or automatically on a principle somewhat similar to that of the pianola.

At the base of the Rochester carillon was to be seen a complicated-looking piece of mechanism—complicated, that is, to the uninitiated, but in reality so simple that it is hardly likely to get out of order. It is the electro-pneumatic control. When the representative of 'The Ringing World' pressed a button marked 'Start,' there was a quiet whirr as the electro motor gathered speed, and a needle on a pressure gauge sprang to life, responding to the rising pressure of air in a large cylinder. At 20lb., reached in a very short space of time, the piano keyboard could be operated, and any music within the compass of the carillon could be played, the bells responding immediately to a light touch on the notes.

Without being too technical, it may be explained that levers and wires connect the hammer of each bell to a small pneumatic chamber, the air pressure in which is maintained by the supply from the large cylinder. When a key is depressed, electric contact is formed, and a valve is opened which liberates air from the chamber, and in this way the levers are operated and the clapper strikes the bell. Pressure on another button puts the motor out of action. While the bells are in the tower, the keyboard could be a mile away, if desired.

The automatic player is controlled by a special switch. A paper roll is inserted, with small slots which mark the notes. As the paper passes over a roller, so a copper finger comes into contact with the roller beneath, wherever a slot occurs. The finger touching the roller completes the electric circuit, and the particular bell in the carillon is struck by the same means as if the keyboard were used. It is all very ingenious, and is another proof of what our bell foundry are doing to keep pace with the times. This particular mechanism has been developed entirely in Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's works, and, what is also interesting, is the fact that the paper rolls are actually cut on the premises.

In this first shop, also, was part of the huge girder frame which will be installed in Riverside Church, to take the completed carillon, when the bells from Park Avenue are wedded to those now at Croydon into one great whole.

More commonplace to ringers was the peal of eight bells for Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, hung in their new steel and iron H frame. The tenor is 12 cwt., and to the old six two trebles have been added.

Passing upstairs, visitors had the opportunity of inspecting the carpenters' shop and part of the clock factory, where, among other things of interest, were clocks in various stages of construction, and the 'master clocks' for electrical clock installations.

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS!

The foundry was the next department on the tour of the works. Here the gigantic furnaces, each capable of holding many tons of metal, the great ovens for drying the moulds, the mighty copes which form the outside section of the moulds, and the other things incidental to the actual casting of the bells were on view. Then a peep was permitted into a tuning shop, where one might come to close quarters with the machine that puts the Simpson harmonics into a bell—or would it be more correct to say removes all superfluous bell and leaves the Simpson harmonics?

Everywhere, as one passed round the extensive works, bells were to be seen, from tiny ten-pounders (or less) for the top end of small carillons, to the $18\frac{1}{2}$ ton giant, enthroned in his frame in what is known in the foundry as 'the cathedral.'

But before going on to describe the climax of the visit, let us look around at some of these bells, bearing in mind incidentally that there were in the foundry on Saturday bells covering—with the exception of one semitone—six full chromatic octaves—a collection such as never before has been brought together in one building. There were bells in all sorts of stages of production, from a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton bell just out of the mould, with all its surface blemishes waiting to be removed when the tuning machine gets down to its job, to the finished article ready to take its place in steeple or carillon. One interesting carillon was that of 32 bells for the Regal Cinema, London, which leads the way in an entirely new departure. It is to form part of the most ambitious organ ever designed by an English organ builder, and its place in the instrument will be so perfectly controlled that the effects of the bells are likely to be a reminder of fairyland. The bass bell is $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and the carillon will be operated on the electro-pneumatic plan from the organ keyboard by means of stops.

By contrast, one saw some of the great bells intended for Louvain. This is to be a magnificent carillon of 48 bells, which will be placed in the new Louvain University that is to be opened on July 4th by the King of the Belgians. The University is the gift of America, and the bells are given by four American engineering societies, who, with the knowledge of what the Croydon firm have done in the way of carillons, placed the order with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston without competition.

A relic almost of veneration was on view. It was a bell cast in 1655 by Hemony, and so perfectly tuned by that old master that it would be difficult to improve upon it. An examination of the interior showed that the tool used for its tuning must have been much the same as those at present in use. The lines showed horizontally round the bell, and though the appliances used must, of course, have been very primitive compared with the complicated and efficient machinery of to-day, the bell had evidently been on a lathe of some kind. The bell, although nearly 300 years old, has retained its tune and its tone, and offers a proof that those who argue that 'skimmed' bells will not retain their tone and quality are wrong.

'THE ENTHRONED KING.'

And then, at last, the visitors arrived at the ultimate object of their tour. In the new great tuning shop, where is to be found the biggest bell-tuning machine in the world, a machine which can deal with a bell up to 30 tons in weight, they came upon the ten largest bells in the factory. Along two sides were ranged nine upturned giants, the 'baby' of the family being a little chap weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. In succession came the brothers and sisters, increasing in size and weight until the 6th was $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons, the 7th about 8 tons, the 8th about $11\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and the 9th a low D, $13\frac{1}{2}$ tons. And then the enthroned king, a magnificent regal monster, swinging in his great frame of massive iron and steel. Mere statistics hardly convey the conception of this mighty bell's appearance, nor can words describe what its tone was like when it fell upon the ear, with deep, solemn roar.

Apart from its qualities as a bell, the casting itself is an artistic product. Upon the waist are four lifesize figures, representing angels. These were designed by an eminent American sculptor, and the casts shipped to England for the bell. Round the sound-bow is the inscription:—

'This bell, together with low D, D sharp and F, also certain treble bells, was added to the Laura A. Speiman Rockefeller carillon when the carillon was removed from the Park Avenue Baptist Church to the Riverside Church, New York, 1928 A.D. For the first time in history a carillon compass of five octaves is here achieved and exceeded.'

Time and again, as visitors passed round the works, they had heard the deep low boom of this bell in the distance; but they waited with expectant awe to see the giant in actual operation. Two or three men put all their strength into the heavy rope that, carried over pulleys, enabled the bell to be swung, and soon the cavernous mouth began to swing higher and still higher, while the enormous counter-balanced tongue moved the faster until at length it met the bell at the top of its swing, and a roar like a sudden, great chord from a huge organ struck the ear, and the vibration of it could literally be felt through one's body. It is the greatest bell sound that has ever been heard in England—a perfect blending of all those mysterious characteristics which in modulation of tone and accuracy of pitch go to make the perfect bell. That great Bourdon was, both in sound and appearance, the admiration of every one of the 2,500 ringers who heard and saw it. The bell has a diameter of $122\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and is 8 ft. 9 in. high. Its clapper weighs 9 cwt., and with the headstock the total weight is 25 tons.

It is hung on ball bearings, in a frame weighing $14\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and is so beautifully adjusted that actually one man can swing it. But it is also fitted with two wheels and electric apparatus, especially designed to ring the bell automatically. The $9\frac{1}{2}$ ton E and $5\frac{1}{2}$ ton G bells, both in New York already, are also being hung in ringing frames, and will be operated in the same way.

Bourdon dwarfs the nine other members of the family who go to make up a minor ring of ten (No. 8 is E flat instead of the usual E in such a peal). The E bell is already in New York, being the $9\frac{1}{2}$ ton

bass bell of the original carillon). But had it not been for Bourdon, the magnitude of the other bells on view would have been better realised. They seemed almost insignificant against Bourdon, yet the biggest were comparable with the previous largest bells cast in this country. Big Ben and Great Paul are the only two bells in England heavier than the 8th and 9th of this Brobdingnagian peal, the total weight of which is 67½ tons. They are not all destined for the same tower. When they leave the foundry they will part, never to meet again. The four back bells are going to augment the Riverside carillon, the next three are for a carillon at Cohasset, near Boston, Mass., and the three top bells are for Louvain.

CATERS ON THE HEAVIEST RING.

Standing mouth uppermost, they had had fitted for them a special clapping arrangement, with bell rope attached, so that they could be chimed, and their massive tones were heard frequently during the afternoon in courses of 'Original' Caters. This was done by a band of Middlesex Association ringers, whose operations were watched with interest by the spectators who thronged the works. The ringers were Messrs. C. T. Coles, C. W. Roberts, C. H. Kippen, G. R. Pye, F. I. Hairs, G. H. Cross, A. W. Coles, E. P. Duffield, W. Pye and D. Cooper.

Quarter chimes, which were similar to those which will be heard over New York, were demonstrated. At Riverside, they will be operated by a great electric clock, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are constructing, and will chime either 'Parsifal' or 10-bell change quarters. The hour will be struck on the Bourdon with a 9 cwt. hammer. It will be the most powerful clock in existence, having a reserve power equal to double that of 'Big Ben.'

In addition to the demonstrations with the big bells, there were other activities in the foundry. The back six of the Houghton-le-Soring peal (having false harmonics) were rung, followed by six bells of similar weight and pitch from the Rochester carillon, with accurate five-tone harmonic tuning, by way of contrast; and the marked difference in the effect must have made an impression upon any who were wavering in their opinions.

The back diatonic ten of the Rochester carillon were chimed in courses of Treble Ten and Erin Caters by Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, and fine recitals were given on the carillon by Miss Nora Johnston, who is easily the leading lady carillonneur—or should it be carillonneuse?—in the world, and Mr. Clifford Ball, the carillonneur of Bourneville. Many favourite songs were included in the recital, and visitors were charmed not only by the skill with which the pieces were executed, but by the delightful effects of the bell music.

There were a number of distinguished visitors during the afternoon, including the Duke of Argyll, the Bishop of Guildford, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon. They were all deeply interested in what was to be seen and heard, and, like the less illustrious folk, doubtless spent an instructive time.

Mr. Johnston had, most happily, been able also to secure the attendance of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson. They arrived soon after four o'clock, and were received by Mr. Johnston, who conducted them round the foundry. Both showed the greatest interest in the products of the factory, watched with evident pleasure the performance of Miss Johnston on the carillon, and were afterwards photographed in front of the great bell. The Archbishop being invited by the battery of camera men to hold the bell rope.

In the course of the afternoon, as the visiting ringers completed their tour of the foundry, they found a service of private omnibuses at their disposal to take them to the Parish Church and to St. Peter's Church, where they enjoyed short touches on the bells. Soon after half-past four o'clock the great halls began to fill for the 'tea party,' and, despite the size of the company, so well had the catering arrangements been made that everybody was comfortably accommodated and quickly fed.

In the Baths Hall, Mr. Johnston presided at the principal table, and was supported by the Archbishop and Mrs. Randall Davidson, his mother, Mrs. Johnston, the Bishop of Guildford, Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Canon E. S. Woods (Vicar of Croydon), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, the Duke of Argyll, Miss Nora Johnston, Sir Frank and Lady Newnes, Capt. Bennett, V.C., etc. Each table had a separate hostess, who looked after the needs of her guests, and the meal passed off merrily. As soon as tea was over, a band of ready helpers cleared the tables to make room for the company from the other halls, no fewer than four buildings having had to be engaged to accommodate the big party. While this movement was in progress, the guests were entertained by Miss Johnston and Mr. Ball, who gave a recital on the smallest carillon in the world, which was tucked away in a corner of the platform. It consists of 32 bells, with a bass of only 1 cwt., and its shrill notes filled the great hall to an almost overpowering extent. The bell tuner's greatest difficulty is the very small bells, but Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in this tiny carillon, have shown what can be done by the application of scientific principles.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION.

When the massed company had assembled,

Mr. CYRIL JOHNSTON said: This is an extraordinary occasion. This is a great gathering of ringers from every corner of this country of England and Wales, from 435 belfries, represented by 41 of the 45 county associations and diocesan Guilds, including 21 ringing clergymen and

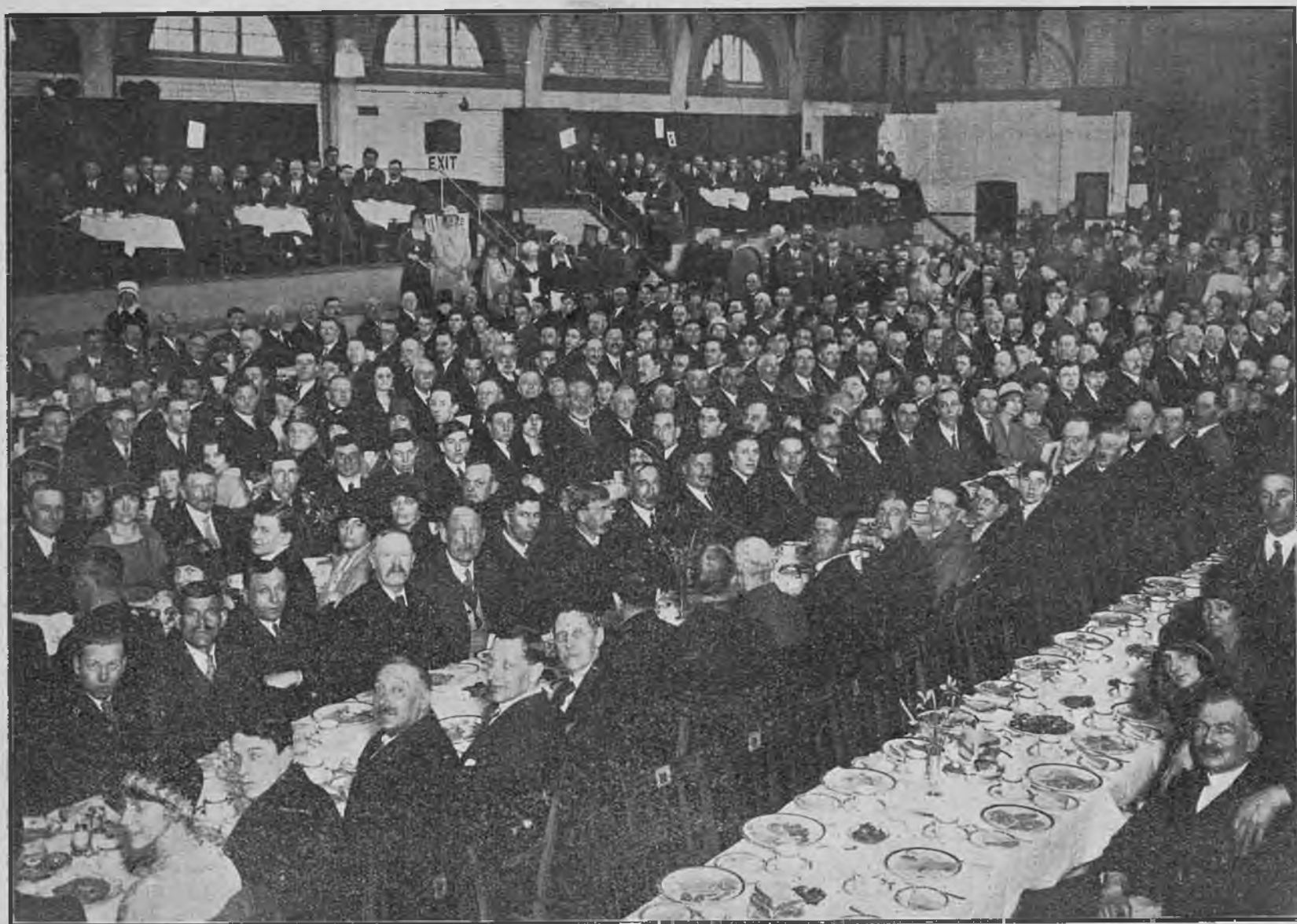
71 ringing ladies (applause). I cannot pretend that you have all come to Croydon to-day to see the big bell, because we are honoured by the presence of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson (applause). I have tried to find one or two historical facts, and I find that the Archbishop who was primate for the longest period was Archbishop Warren, who held that post for 32 years, from 1503 to 1535, and the next to hold the longest record in the tenure of that office is our present Primate (applause). Another extraordinary and most interesting thing is that he celebrates the 25th year of his tenure of the office this year. I understand also that he celebrates his 80th birthday in three or four weeks' time, and that next November he and Mrs. Randall Davidson will celebrate their golden wedding (applause). If my staff, my family and I have had a hand in bringing together the greatest concourse of ringers ever held to offer their felicitations in advance to his Grace and Mrs. Randall Davidson, then, indeed, we are highly honoured (applause). I will call on his Grace to address you (applause).

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said: I cannot help telling you how deeply I am impressed by the sight of this great assembly here to-night, and all that it means in the way of a gathering of people responsible for something that matters intensely in the life of our country to-day. We simple folk who do not understand or know the inside either of the making of a bell or of belfry work in the ringing of bells, have had to-day a time of excitement and marvel. We have looked at the outcome of the handicraft of great artificers, who are producing bells of a very wonderful kind to ring both on this side of the Atlantic and the other, as well as in what we have regarded as one of the homes of bells, Belgium and Holland across the seas. The making of a big bell is a mystery wholly beyond the vision of many hundreds and thousands of those who ring, and certainly outside the range of almost all those who do not, and we have stood in awe, literally, before the magnitude of what we have seen as a work accomplished and of the production of such results as are now happily possible in our own motherland. I wish God-speed to the artificers and to their handiwork—a handiwork that is meant to have a character of its own in the bell messages throughout this motherland. The ringing of bells is not so recent an art as the making of a bell. I look round this hall, and I imagine there are few here who could not give me an expert lesson as to how to carry on the craft of ringing bells. This is carried on in every part of England and Wales, but it remains to outsiders like myself a marvellous mystery. We amateurs talk in a glib and easy way about a peal of bells, or ringing a peal, but I am told that to ring a peal with the greatest number of bells which you use—that is, the maximum for a peal of twelve bells—would take 479 million years (laughter). I am afraid that is not quite correct. There are 479 million changes, which would take thirty-seven years to ring. At a time when modern science is bringing to our knowledge and within the range of our hearing or our learning a vast number of things which until a little while ago were not within hearing or touch, one wonders what it may come to when bellringing reaches its perfection and wireless communication and broadcasting reach perfection. We constantly in this country hear Big Ben—I am not speaking of the merits or demerits of Big Ben as a big bell—and the other day it was heard simultaneously in London, in America, in South Africa and in Australia, and one begins to wonder what that means, as ingenuity increases in the realm of sound communication throughout the world. We are only taking hold of something which has existed all along, but it is an immense thought for bellringers, as an example of what happens in our common life, of something which we can put out in the way of leadership, or a message, or stimulus, or sympathy.

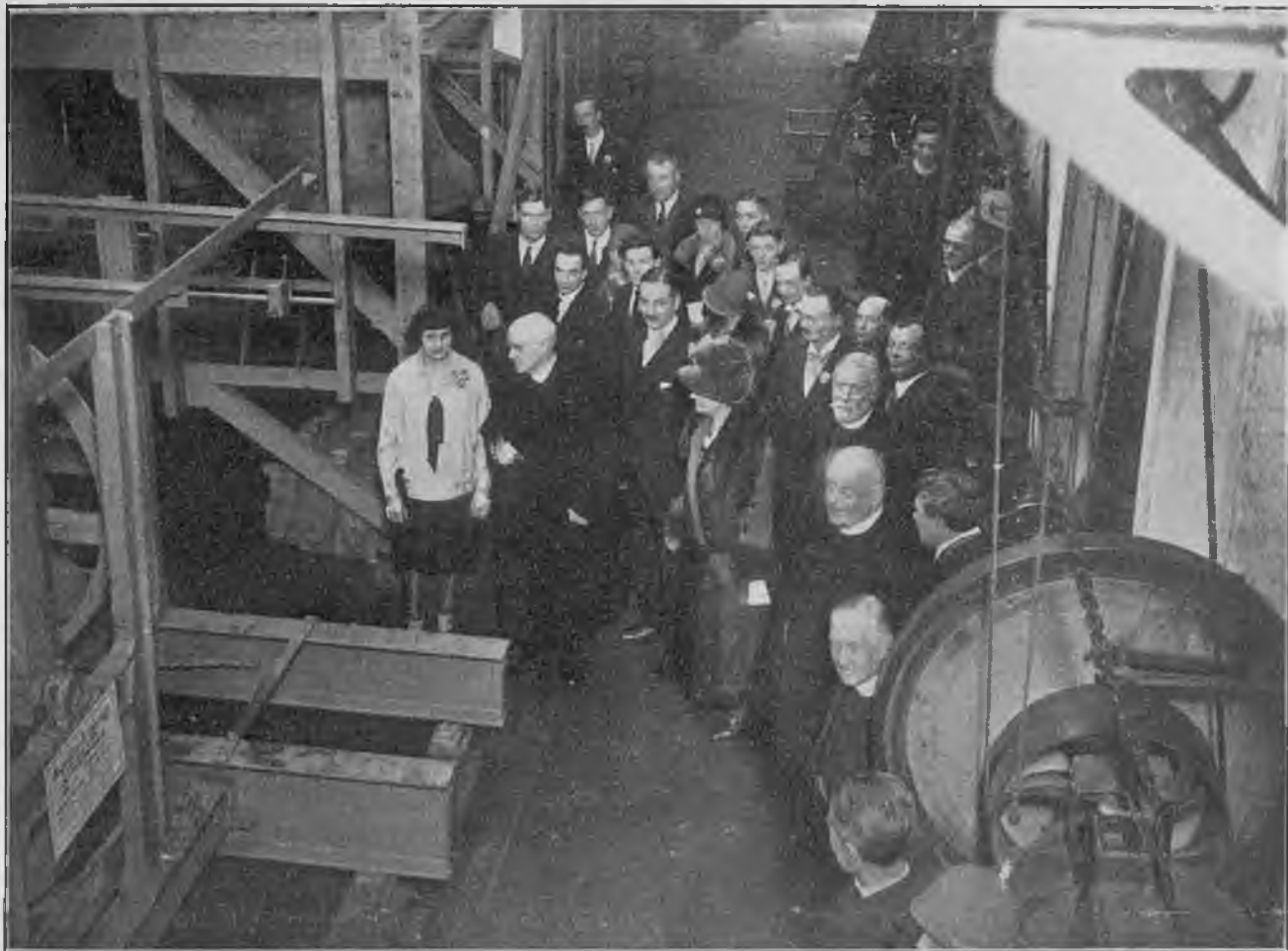
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BELLRINGING.

All these things come with our bells and spread far beyond where we have any knowledge and far beyond anything we can dream of to-day. You know well what is the responsibility belonging to bellringing in the land: it is a message which goes out of cheer, of sympathy, or, it may be, of guidance, into all kinds of homes. Wedding bells, or the passing bell, Easter bells or Christmas bells or new year's bells—all have their own message, and the responsibility of bringing that message to those to whom it is sent is surely a gigantic one; and when I look round this hall and think how that responsibility is concentrated in this gathering, it makes one thank God and take courage (applause). We wish success and God-speed to the great craftsmen and the outcome of their craft, and we think of what it will mean for those to whom the message goes, and the responsibilities of those who hold the bell ropes in sending that message in the hope that the hearts, the sympathies and the conscience of a great many men and women may be stimulated thereby. I have heard people say that the ringing of the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral at four o'clock every day is literally looked forward to as something indicative of the highest things towards the close of the day's work. In this and in other ways you know probably better than I do, because you are often talking about it and often in touch with those who tell you how much the sound of the bells means to them, you are responsible for doing something that does really matter for the well-being of your country and the world. I should like to say, then, to Mr. Johnston and others engaged in the craft, how grateful we are to those who make these things practicable in our common life, and, I believe, infinitely fruitful of good (applause). I should like to say one word to you of wel-



READY FOR TEA !
A SECTION OF THE VISITORS IN THE BATHS HALL.

[Photo C. Friend-Smith.]



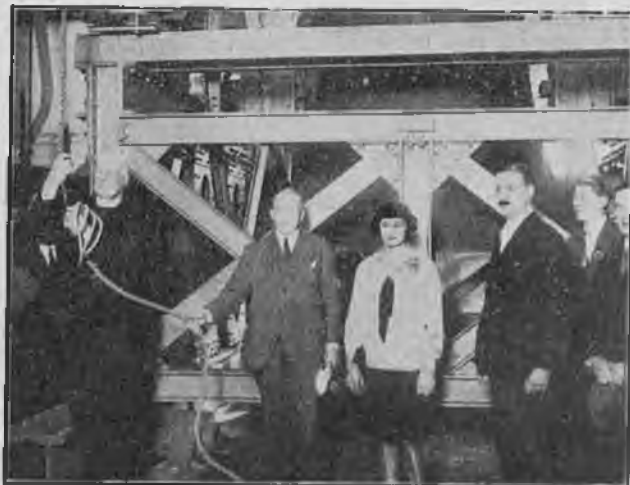
Above: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Mrs. Randall Davidson, the Bishop of Guildford, Canon Coleridge, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston, and other distinguished visitors, inspecting the Rochester carillon.

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Left: THE 18½ TON BELL, in its massive frame, showing the giant headstock and wheels.

Below: Canon Coleridge at the rope of the Bourdon Bell, with an illustrious 'Strapper,' the Duke of Argyll.



come to Croydon, which is in my own diocese, and welcome you to a place that is a centre of so much that you care about, and to wish you God-speed in your work in the days to come (applause).

MAYORAL WELCOME.

The MAYOR OF CROYDON, in a speech of welcome to the ringers, said he had lived in Croydon for a long while, but he did not think he had ever seen anything quite like that gathering. And not only that; he thought they should thank Mr. Johnston for the fact that, with his helpers, he had produced that enormous bell which they had seen that day—the largest bell that had ever been produced in this country, and which redounded not only to his credit but also, if he might claim it, to the credit of Croydon itself (applause). Croydon, as they knew, was a very large town, but it was made much more important than it otherwise would be by the work which was turned out by the Gillett and Johnston Foundry (applause). Just imagine what size Croydon would reach if they had several people with the ability to stamp their mark on the whole of the world and be recognised in the way in which

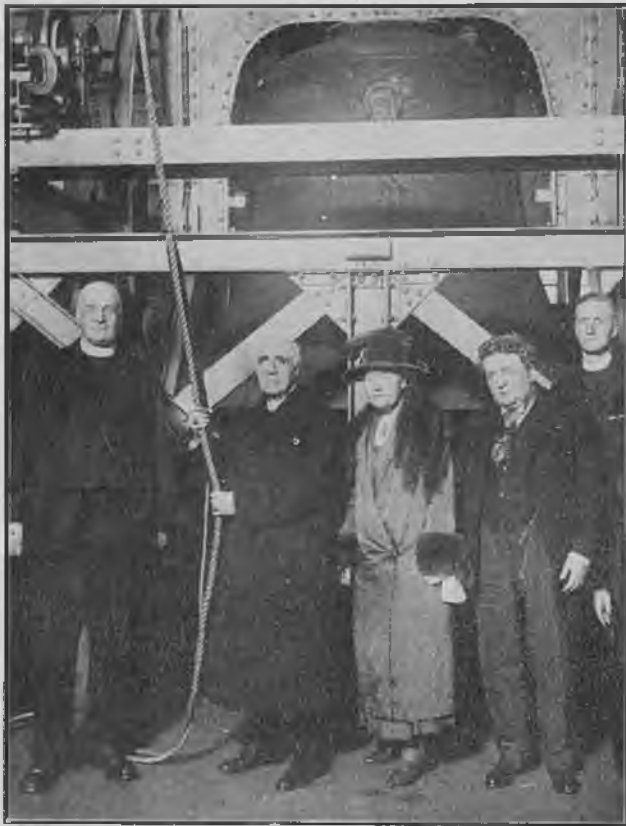
wanted them to know, having come from all parts of the country, that the old saying that a prophet was without honour in his own country did not apply as far as Mr. Cyril Johnston was concerned (applause). He had known Mr. Cyril Johnston a long time, and when the Archbishop had kindly come there to show honour to Mr. Johnston, he (the Mayor) felt justified in giving that same honour, speaking on behalf of the town of Croydon (applause). He did want to tell them how proud and glad they were, and how deeply they were indebted to his Grace for coming to the town and saying such nice things about them and their esteemed citizen, Mr. Johnston (applause).

CROYDON AND THE ARCHBISHOP.

CANON WOODS said he desired to add a word or two to the welcome and appreciation which the Mayor had already spoken. The Mayor had spoken in the name of the whole community of Croydon. He (Canon Woods) would like to speak as Vicar of the parish in which they were at that moment assembled, and, on his own behalf and that of his brother clergy, to offer them a welcome. He was also proud in their name, and in that of the religious community of Croydon, to welcome that great man and great Christian leader, the Archbishop of Canterbury (applause). There might possibly be some of them in that room who hardly realised that they were in the diocese of Canterbury, but it was true that Croydon was an island, separated geographically rather a long way from their cathedral, their mother church, and their Archbishop, but they appreciated their connection and were proud of it. There might be others who did not realise the long and intimate connection there had been between the Archbishops of Canterbury and Croydon. For 900 years the Archbishops of Canterbury had had the closest connection with that place. Archbishop Langfranc, in the 10th century, was the first Archbishop who had a residence in Croydon, and for many centuries the Archbishops had their residence just by the old Parish Church. It was a great ancient and honoured link, of which they in Croydon were very proud. Croydon had always been proud of its Archbishops, and he took leave to say that it had never been prouder than it was to-day (applause). Continuing, the Vicar said he would like to add his very cordial thanks and appreciation to Mr. Johnston and his family and firm for their very generous and public-spirited action that day (applause). The sights and sounds which they had seen and heard in that great bell foundry would remain for many a year in their memory. It had been of extraordinary interest to see and hear that wonderful great bell of 18½ tons, and then they had had in those halls one of the biggest tea parties that it had ever been their good fortune to attend (applause). They were very grateful both to the Archbishop for coming among them and to Mr. Johnston and his family and firm for all they had done for them that afternoon. Canon Woods concluded by saying that he was pleased to meet so many bellringers, and he hoped they would sometimes think of what bellringing really meant. They lived in days that were not altogether easy, but they looked for better times to come, and he hoped, as they pulled their ropes Sunday by Sunday, that, after all, it was as Tennyson said, they were ringing out the old, ringing in the new, ringing in the Christ that is to be (applause).

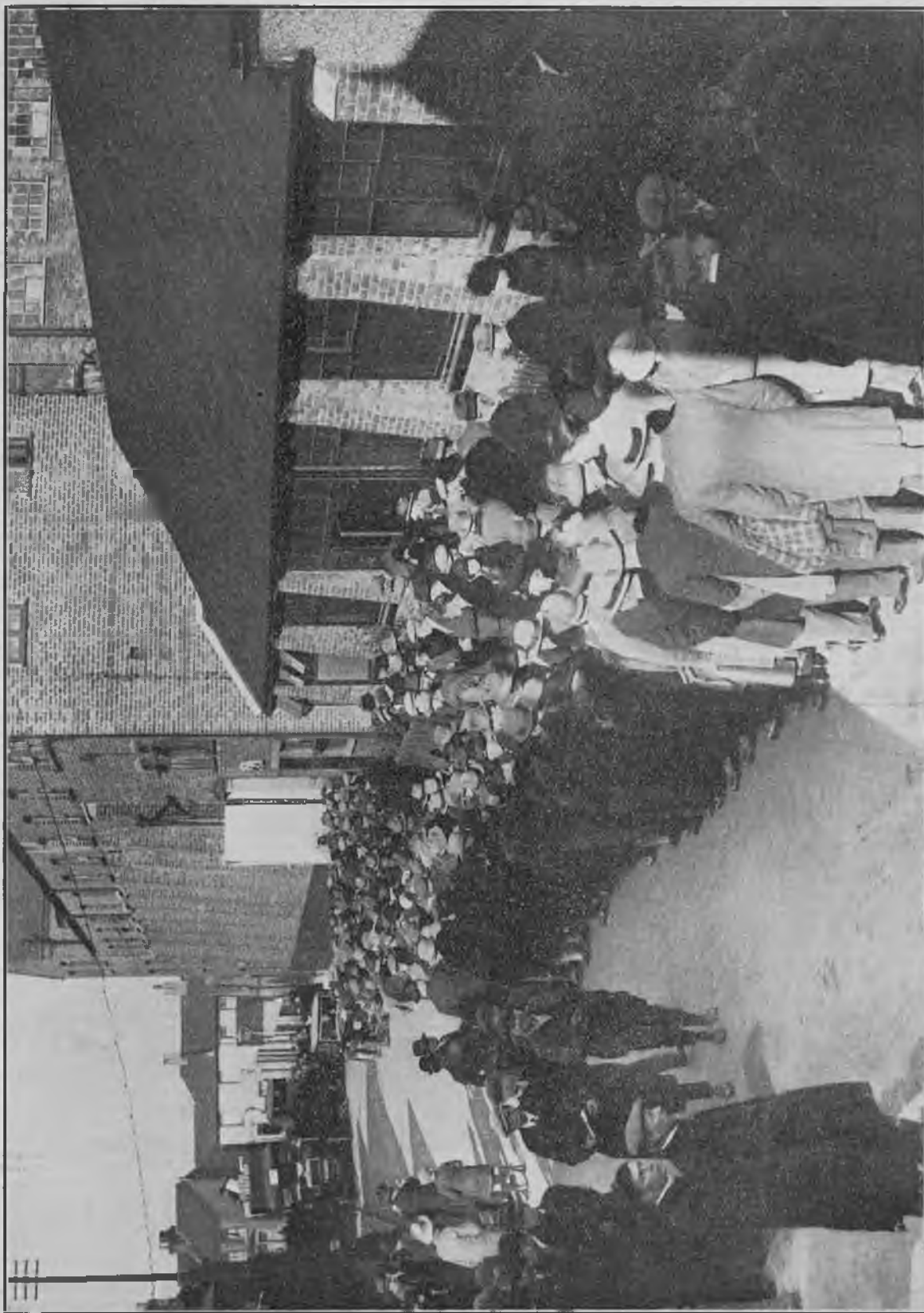
MR. JOHNSTON'S THANKS.

MR. JOHNSTON: It is very difficult for me to do justice to all the kind words that have been said by his Grace, by the Mayor and by the Vicar. You can imagine what it must mean to our staff, to my mother, my sister and myself, to hear from his Grace's own lips his gracious appreciation of to-day's sights and of our tea party. As far as the Mayor is concerned, I have been thinking, while he was speaking, that if I had a very expensive post to offer to a first-class publicity man, I could not do better than engage the Mayor (laughter and applause). On the other hand, I do appreciate, and I know my staff do very deeply, all the things he has said about us and our work. With reference to the Vicar, I do not know what to say. He has not been in Croydon very long, but he made his mark directly he got here. I could tell you a lot of things about him, but I do not think I will (laughter). At any rate, the Prince of Wales, in a speech this week, has been reported as saying that 'C' is the favourite initial letter of the manufactures of Worcester. I should like to tell you that 'B' is the favourite letter of the manufactures of Croydon—bells, beer, bells and Bishops (laughter and applause). Bell foundries have many ramifications to unravel, just as ringers have. The bell founder, if he wants work to fill his factory, has to visit certain places to find out how to secure the contract. When he goes to a village or a town—I am now going to tell you one or two secrets, because we are all friends here, and I know they won't go any further (laughter)—when he visits a village or town where the bells are to be restored or some new ones added, his first job is this: he need not bother about measuring the bells or the tower; he has got to find out whether the key to the situation is the duke, or the village blacksmith, or the Rector's wife (laughter and applause). 'The Ringing World' told us last week that we are living in a time of boom in bell restorations. It looks as though we are, and, fortunately, we are only repeating history. Three hundred years ago, when better methods of casting and tuning were known than for long afterwards, methods which have been rediscovered and improved upon in this country in recent years—the progress of the bell founding industry is going hand in hand with the progress made in the art of change ringing—three hundred years ago the Hemony brothers of Amsterdam, who were the greatest



The Archbishop, Mrs. Davidson, the Mayor of Croydon, the Vicar of Croydon, and Canon Coleridge in front of the great bell.

Gillett and Johnston had been recognised (applause). He had been thinking how it was that this infinite capacity of Mr. Johnston had been allowed the play it had, and he could not help remembering that his father was a very prominent member of the Town Council for some years. He must have been proud of Croydon, because he worked so well for it, and his son had followed in his footsteps as far as business men were concerned (applause). He did not know that it was his place as Mayor to invite him to follow his father on the Council, but he would promise him this, that if he would only do that he would get such a welcome as they were giving him that day. They wanted men of whom they could be proud, and when they found such a gathering as that, brought together practically by the commercial genius and the love for his work which Mr. Johnston must have, he could not imagine any better person to help the town in other directions (hear, hear). But in saying that, he did not wish him to sacrifice anything he was doing in his business, or to give up time necessary to its maintenance for municipal work, which they lesser lights could see to in the meantime (laughter and applause). He said this because he



ARRIVING AT THE WORKS.
THE QUEUE OF VISITORS ENTERING THE FOUNDRY.

masters of their art—until the present day (laughter)—turned out 50 carillons in 40 years. The output of the Croydon Foundry in the last five years had been 25 carillons, and it is perhaps interesting to note that whereas in 1913 and 1919 the output of bells was actually 36 in number, weighing 16 tons; the output of bells last year rose to 400 in number, weighing 200 tons (applause). You may think we are all for progress. We are! We are for progress all the time, and yet I have the greatest respect and love for historical things. There is a bell in the foundry 300 years old, by Hamony, that many of you may have seen and heard this afternoon, and we would not break that bell up for worlds. It is a good bell. If it had been a bad bell it should have been replaced by a new one and kept as an interesting relic, but not as a musical instrument to grate on the ears of those who understand music.

I do wish sometimes that the diocesan authorities, where there is any question of restoration in dispute, would hear at first hand the bell founders' reasons for this or that kind of restoration. If they could hear them at first hand, I believe sometimes where there are difficulties—there are not always difficulties—a great deal of misunderstanding might be removed.

(applause). The Editor of 'The Ringing World,' for his leading article (this week), used the heading, 'How the associations have helped.' He was referring to something else, but it is most appropriate for me to quote it now, because without the assistance of the 41 association secretaries we could not have organised this gathering. I do want to thank from the bottom of my heart all those secretaries who have so nobly responded to the call and entered into the spirit of the whole thing. It was really impudent of us to ask them to help us, but they sent out the forms, and the statistics which we required came in from them, almost all of them, by the last day we had given them. In addition to the secretaries, almost the whole of Croydon has rallied round us in support, including the Rotarians, Toc H, and 50 lady hostesses organised by the wife of one of our churchwardens. They have come to the rescue, and to them all we are deeply grateful. I also want to thank the Vicars and Rectors of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon, for throwing open their towers to the ringers for as long as they were required; the steeplekeepers who got the towers ready and who have been in attendance all day, and my own staff, about 70 strong, who have worked like Trojans. I do not know that they have worked on the making of clocks and bells for the last few days, but for the organisation of this tea party, and to get ready all those great bells which you have seen and heard this afternoon (applause). Then I want to thank all the different authorities with whom we have had to negotiate for the five different halls. They have been as good as gold in giving us every facility. We have also had a picked band of the Middlesex County Association, some of the finest ringers in this country, who came to practise a week or two ago, and who this afternoon have chimed Bob Caters at the foundry on that great ring of bells. In addition, we have had Mr. Withers and Mr. Hall from Birmingham, and another lady who has been playing on the carillon in the foundry (applause). I know you cannot all get home to-night, but when you do go home I hope you will all have a safe and happy journey. I thank you, your Grace, Mrs. Davidson, my lords and all of you for having given us so much of your time this afternoon, and trust it will long live in your memory as it will in those of my family, my staff and myself as one of the happiest days we have ever had (applause).

THE DIOCESAN TENDENCY IN RINGING GUILDS.

(Canon H. F. COLERIDGE, who was loudly cheered on rising to speak, said it was his invariable custom when at breakfast in the morning to take 'The Times,' put it up in front of him and read down the first column. The births did not interest him very much; the marriages still less (laughter). All his friends had been married many years—they all had a wife but him. But he did look down the lower part of the column, and hardly a day passed but one found some old friend or acquaintance had passed from this world. That was his usual practice every morning at breakfast, but he had hardly opened his paper that morning before he saw an advertisement announcing that the bell foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston would be open to everyone who chose to come during the next week between 2.30 and 5.30, and on two evenings, on payment of 1s., to go to the Croydon General Hospital (applause). There was not one of them present that evening, said Canon Coleridge, who would not gladly have paid a shilling for so good a cause, in return for all they had seen and enjoyed. But they were not asked to do it; they came there by the invitation of Mr. Cyril Johnston, free, gratis and for nothing (applause). He could assure Mr. Johnston they had all enjoyed themselves immensely, whether they were big or small (laughter), important or unimportant. They had heard and seen that huge bell of over 18 tons, and they had, perhaps, hardly realised that on the table in front of Mr. Johnston at that moment was the tinkle of that carillon. So there were great bells and small bells, and all in between were important, and all ringers were very important people. There was a great feeling throughout the country that ringers were more and more appreciating their position as church workers (applause). When he began ringing 57 years ago, diocesan associations were hardly thought of. One was formed three years afterwards—the Devon Guild of Ringers. That was the first county or diocesan organisation. Very soon others followed, some like the Oxford and the Gloucester and Bristol being diocesan, others like the Kent being county organisations. He was bound to say he

thought the time was coming, and it had been touched upon in their paper, 'The Ringing World,' when these county associations would be merged, as it were, into diocesan associations, for the simple reason that they felt themselves church workers, and they wanted to feel very much the same as the choirmen, and so on. They had their festivals, and they wanted to be, he would not say patronised, but certainly recognised, by the Bishops and the clergy of the dioceses (applause). Look at that gathering! Fifty years ago, what ringers in England would ever have thought that the day would come when some 2,400 ringers, for the most part, would come together in a big mass to be spoken to by the Primate of all England? (applause). They would never have thought, for example, that a diocesan Bishop, like the Bishop of Guildford, would come among them in a new diocese and do what he had done. He (the speaker) believed he was going to show the way in England, just as the Diocese of Oxford showed the way in the days of Bishop Wilberforce. Those in high authority took the greatest interest in the work of the ringers, and in proof they had those distinguished men with them on that occasion. He had on his left, from Scotland, the Duke of Argyll, who was the proud owner of ten bells at Inverary. He had come there and shown a great interest in the proceedings, and who could tell what might be the outcome of it? Perhaps the whole of Scotland would be covered by bells (applause). Last year, continued Canon Coleridge, when he addressed them he told them that by the kindness of Mr. Johnston they left the hall as companions of the bath (laughter). The gathering that night was so big that Mr. Johnston had had to engage three other halls besides, and they would leave that day with a certain hall mark as distinguished ringers impressed upon them (laughter), a hall mark which no other ringers, except those there that night, would be able to claim (laughter and applause). They had to thank Mr. Johnston most warmly, and although others had spoken about him and thanked him already, he would like, as the mouthpiece of the ringers that evening, to convey their best thanks to Mr. Johnston, Mrs. and Miss Johnston, and the staff and everybody else who had done anything whatever that day for their comfort, their pleasure and their instruction (applause).

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S CONGRATULATIONS

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, having cabled on Friday to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., the donor of the bells, informing him that they were to be demonstrated for the first time at Saturday's great gathering, have received the following cabled reply:—

'Many thanks cable. Cordial congratulations distinguished gathering important occasion.—Rockefeller.'

The BISHOP OF GUILDFORD said they had listened to five most interesting speeches, full of point and full of humour, which were what he might call the finished utterances of practised speakers. Now, at long last, he was to address them, and he thought that what he ought to do was to imitate the other speakers by bringing his oration into a finished condition as soon as possible (laughter). He was there, he supposed, as the representative of the newest of the diocesan bellringers' Guilds—he could think of no other reason why he should be honoured with an invitation to be present on that memorable occasion—and there were two points only upon which he would detain them. It had been said by the last speaker and by others that the bellringer was coming more and more to regard himself as a church worker. He (the speaker) entirely agreed with that opinion. But he wanted to go a little further. He wanted the bellringers not only to regard themselves as church workers of real importance, with an important task to fulfil for the Church, but that the Church itself should regard them in that light (applause). He was venturing to suggest in their new diocese, where they were untrammelled by past traditions, that there should always be a representative of the belfry on every Church Parochial Council (applause). Then there was one other point: it was this. If they were going to regard themselves as church workers, they must regard themselves more and more as part of that clamant voice of Our Lord, which called mankind to the worship of God, and he was going to ask them, as the outcome of that very remarkable gathering, remarkable not only for its size and for the way in which it had been gathered together from every part of England, from Cornwall to Newcastle, from Sussex to Carlisle, but also because it was honoured by the presence in his own most wonderful year of their great Archbishop—he was going to ask them, as the outcome of this, to come to the determination that, as they handled the ropes, the voice of the bells should awaken in their own hearts the voice of prayer, that the sounds might be heard as a spiritual power, and that they might be part of that great army of those who, with the angels and arch-angels, were leading others to God (applause).

This concluded the speechmaking, and Mr. Johnston then called for three cheers for the Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson. These were lustily given, and then there was a call for three cheers for Mr. Johnston, which, needless to say, were just as cordially given, while the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' made the rafters ring. This part of the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

The rearrangement of the hall for the concert which was to follow then rapidly took place, while the 'pocket' carillon was played by Miss Johnston and Mr. Ball.

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After the speeches there was a short interval, during which the hall was transformed into a vast concert room, and during this period old friends from many parts of the country had the opportunity of exchanging greetings and comparing notes, which many of them amplified later at the end of the hall opposite the stage. All agreed that it was a wonderful day and a wonderful gathering.

MUSIC AND DANCING.

The programme had been arranged by Capt. Howard Freeborn, who was also M.C. during the afternoon at the foundry, and after an overture by Goddard's band he opened the vocal music with the song, 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes.' Miss Winifred Rodd sang 'Linden Lea,' and then a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on handbells by a band of Middlesex County Association ringers: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. W. Pye, Mr. F. I. Hairs and Mr. C. W. Roberts. Such a performance is remarkable under any circumstances; in face of the distractions of such a great audience, not all of them silent by any means, it was a great achievement, for it was a perfect course. The same can be said of the course of Stedman Cinques rung by St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. P. O. Laffin, F. W. Perrins, A. Walker, G. F. Swann, A. E. Norman and W. Cave. Miss Nora Johnston had a great reception for her recital of Hans Andersen's fairy story, 'The Clown and the Columbine,' told with striking dramatic effect, to Coleridge-Taylor's trio accompaniment of violin (Mrs. Colt), violoncello (Miss Viola Robinson), and pianoforte (Mr. C. W. Wilson). A feature of the entertainment was the tunes tapped on a fine set of handbells by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who, after two encores, was again recalled, and roused great enthusiasm with 'The Froth Blowers' Anthem,' in which the company joined. Songs were contributed by Mr. Copley Hewitt and Miss Odette de Foras, who were also associated in a duet, and by Miss Winifred Rodd, an enjoyable musical programme being brought to a close with handbell selections by the five Brett-Smith brothers, who are masters of this delightful form of music.

Quickly afterwards the floor was cleared, and from ten o'clock until midnight the company, still numbering some hundreds, enjoyed dancing to the strains of Goddard's band.

Yes, it was a wonderful day, and will live long in the memories of those privileged to enjoy the hospitality of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A BUSY FOUNDRY.

Something of the activity which is being carried on in the Croydon Foundry may be gathered from the following list of contracts which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand:—

BELLS.

Ringing Peals.	No. of Bells.	Weight of Largest Bell.
		Cwts.
Northampton, St. Peter's	8	15
Ruardean, Glos, St. John's	8	15
Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, St. Michael's ...	8	13
Frittenden, Kent, St. Mary's	8	13
Stoke Fleming, South Devon	6	14
Sulgrave, Northants	5	14
Stanford-on-Avon, Northants, St. Nicholas' ...	5	13
Moreton, Essex	5	11
Worthing, Sussex	6	10
Perranzabuloe, Cornwall	6	10
St. Merryn, Cornwall	6	7
Thanington, Kent, St. Nicholas'	3	6
Carillons and Chimes.		Tons. Cwts.
New York, U.S.A., Riverside (additional bells) ...	11	18 5
Louvain Library, Belgium	48	7 0
Wellington War Memorial, New Zealand	49	5 0
Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A.	23	3 10
Norwood, Mass., U.S.A.	48	3 10
Cohasset, Mass., U.S.A. (additional bells)	8	5 2
Mariemont, Cincinnati, U.S.A.	23	2 0
Dumbarton, Scotland, St. Patrick's	23	0 16
Jerusalem, Palestine	23	0 16
Beamish, Co. Durham, St. Andrew's	11	0 16
London, Regal Cinema	32	0 6
Hilvarenbeek, Holland	24	0 7
Breage, Cornwall	8	0 6
Stanbridge, Dorset	6	0 5
Single bells	7	1 0
Total number of bells on order	418	
Total weight		234 tons.

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A POLICEMEN'S GUILD.**METROPOLITAN MEN BAND TOGETHER.**

There has just been formed in London from the ranks of the Metropolitan Police the Metropolitan Police Bellringers' Guild, the objects of which are to draw together the bellringing members of the Force, to facilitate practice, and to encourage others to take an interest in the art.

The Guild has the approval of the Commissioner of Police (Sir W. H. F. Horwood), and already there are over 20 members.

Inspector William Bottrill has been elected the first Master, P. C. Digby is hon. secretary, and Station Sergt. Porter is treasurer. Four stewards have also been appointed, and practice takes place on Wednesdays at St. Clement Danes, in conjunction with St. Clement's Youths.

Having received official recognition, the members will obtain special facilities for any special ringing occasions.

The Exercise will give a welcome to this new Guild, which will have the good wishes of all for its future growth and success. Already the Guild has a band competent to ring Cambridge Surprise Major, but present activities are directed to instructing the less proficient.

OLD LONDON RINGER'S DEATH.

Many readers will learn with regret that Mr. Thomas Bernardin, one of the oldest bellringers in London, has just passed away at the age of ninety. He was quite a familiar figure to many in religious circles in South London, retaining his health almost to the last, and up to a few weeks back was regularly seen taking his daily walks and visiting the various churches in which he was interested.

He was appointed as steeplekeeper to St. Botolph's Church, Aldgate, in 1865, and retained that position for nearly 45 years, when he retired, being succeeded by his son-in-law. Mr. Bernardin again took over the bellringing during the period of the Great War, while his son-in-law was serving with H.M. Forces.

During Mr. Bernardin's lifetime he had rung the bells in the majority of London churches. His last ringing was at Bethnal Green Parish Church, Christmas, 1921, when he rang a number of call changes, at the age of 83.

He was elected a member of the Society of College Youths, September 28th, 1886. For many years his hymn playing on the bells on Sundays was listened to and appreciated by many of those in the vicinity of St. Botolph's Church, as well as the passers-by. Some of his favourite hymns that he played were the well-known tunes of 'Abide with me,' 'Rock of Ages,' 'Sun of my Soul,' 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah.'

He was also an accomplished handbell ringer. He was a devout and intelligent Christian, and up to a few weeks before his death regularly attended Sunday and mid-week services, as well as the prayer meetings at the Union Congregational Church, Tower Bridge, London.

TOWER AND ELECTRIC CLOCKS.

Name.	Description.	No.	Dials.	Size.	Weight of Hour Bell.
				Ft. In.	T. C.
New York, Riverside.	Quarter clock.				18 5
Louvain Library.	Quarter clock.				7 0
Peruvian Corporation.	Striking clock.	4	4	0	1
Eastbourne.	Striking clock.	4	4	0	
Louisville, U.S.A.	Ting Tang.	3	7	0	10
James Walker, Ltd., London.	Electric (with master clock).	2	3	6	
Woking U.D.C.	Electric (with master clock).	1	2	0	
Greenwich, Roan School.	Electric (with master clock).	32			
General Post Office.	115 Electric master clocks.	190			

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES THANKED.

Mr. Cyril Johnston has sent the following letter to secretaries of Associations and Guilds acknowledging their help in arranging the all-England ringers' meeting:—

Croydon Bell Foundry,
March 6th, 1928.

Dear Sir,—I must write and thank you for your assistance in the organisation of the all-England ringers' meeting.

The way in which honorary, general and district secretaries and officials of bellfries responded to my request for detailed information was splendid.

Although I had no official claim on their services, everyone concerned seemed to enter into the spirit of the affair wholeheartedly, and my staff and I are deeply grateful to you for all the work and trouble which must have been incurred.

The Archbishop and Mrs. Randall Davidson evinced a keen interest in the many aspects of ringing and ringing Guilds and associations, and the fact that many travelled to Croydon from all parts of the country, in many cases from considerable distances and in such numbers as to create a record for the greatest meeting ever held in the borough, was a source of no small gratification to our fellow townpeople.—Yours sincerely,
(Signed) CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,472 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Watts 1, F. Bird 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, A. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, G. Jordan (conductor) 8. Longest length of Cambridge on an inside bell by the ringer of 2nd and 5th.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

(Continued from page 139.)

ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, Mr. Albert Walker expressed pleasure on behalf of St. Martin's Guild that they had with them representatives of so many other associations, whom he thanked for kindnesses extended to him when he had gone 'abroad' from Birmingham. They had with them that night the three principal bell founders, and the hon. secretary of the Central Council. Amongst the societies represented were the College Youths. They were very pleased to welcome the Master, Mr. Joseph Hawkins, and took that opportunity of congratulating him on having reached the highest position in his society. There were also represented the Essex Association, the Surrey Association, the Sussex Association, the Lancashire Association, the Midland Counties Association, the Oxford Guild, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, the North Wales Association, the Ladies' Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Worcestershire Association, the Staffordshire Association—he was sorry Mr. Knight, of Wolverhampton, was not present, so that he might thank him for the opportunities given to St. Martin's Guild for twelve-bell peals now that their own bells were requiring attention—the Warwickshire Guild, the Bath and Wells Association, the Salisbury Guild, the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the London County Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Chester Guild and others. He had to couple with the toast the names of Mr. Elwell, of the Chester Guild, and Mr. Colin Harrison, of the Sheffield District Society. Those of them who had read 'The Ringing World' would have seen Mr. Harrison's suggestion for a national organisation of ringers, and he hoped that, whatever might be the merits or demerits of such a scheme, each individual association would, when they met, discuss the proposal. It might be a practicable proposition, or it might not, but it was worth consideration. In any case, it would take a long time to mature. They must, at any rate, admire Mr. Harrison for the way in which he had put his views forward and invited criticism (applause).

Mr. Elwell, who first responded, thanked St. Martin's Guild for the hearty welcome and the excellent time given to the visitors. The Guild was doubly fortunate, first in the ideals and example set by that great ringer, Henry Johnson, and then in the way his memory was honoured and his tradition kept alive. They had heard, continued Mr. Elwell, something of the great ideals of churchmanship and of service for which their work stood, and they did not intend to yield one jot or iota to the men of the past in the efforts which they made to improve and keep alive the practice of their art. These men need not go to sleep fearful lest they of the present generation were going to spoil the heritage which they were handing down to them. Alderman Pritchett had spoken of the link between the ringing Exercise and Freemasonry. A little time ago Mr. Pritchett suggested that they should establish a lodge of Freemasons for ringers. That excellent idea fell through, owing to the difficulty of a place of meeting, since the Central Council was held at a different place each year. He (Mr. Elwell) respectfully suggested that the matter might be reconsidered in the light of establishing the lodge in connection with that annual gathering in Birmingham. It would be nice if there could be a St. Martin's Guild lodge which could meet in connection with that gathering, and he threw out the suggestion as one worthy of consideration (applause).

YORKSHIRE'S LEAD.

Mr. Colin Harrison also acknowledged the indebtedness of the visitors to the Birmingham ringers for their hospitality, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who seemed to keep 'open house' at Baker Street. In view of what it was proposed to do at Birmingham in the way of recasting the bells, he could not do better than tell them what happened at York. In Birmingham they had made ringing history with their records and their achievements, and surely they should have bells which were not only worthy of their city, but of the country (applause). Mr. Walker a few years ago did them a good turn in Yorkshire when at their Yorkshire commemoration dinner he frankly stated his opinion upon the condition of York Minster bells. The outcome of that speech was that they had the present magnificent ring of twelve. He hoped, now that they had the assurance that Birmingham bells would receive the consideration of the church authorities, when the proper moment came they would consider the matter with an unbiased mind, would take their local ringers into their confidence, and would study and inwardly digest all that the respective contractors had put before them. He felt quite sure that whichever bell founder took on the job they would get a peal of bells worthy not only of St. Martin's Guild but of the City of Birmingham and the band which was going to ring them (applause). Mr. Harrison went on to remark that he thought it would be out of place at that time to enlarge on what he had said in 'The Ringing World' on the question of a national association, and which might rob the paper of any interest which might ensue from it during the next few weeks. He concluded by expressing thanks to the Birmingham ringers for their kindness, and said he hoped that the success of that gathering which had been so well maintained in the past would continue unbroken in the future, and that the Johnson dinner would remain as the blue ribbon of ringing festivities (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' first referred to the bells of St. Martin's. He said he hoped it was a fact that the bells were going to be recast. He was fairly close to the Rector in one or two senses, but at that moment he was not assured that the bells were going to be recast. Certainly they needed it—no one could deny that. Mr. Smith expressed emphatic views as to the placing of the contract for such an undertaking, and hoped the Vicar and churchwardens would have no hesitation in their choice. Mr. Smith then went on to speak in kindly terms of 'The Ringing World' and its Editor, and, the toast having been cordially honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'The Chairman,' and said that the Rector, who had always taken an interest in his own ringers, had by this time doubtless learned to understand and appreciate ringers in general. He felt sure it had given him great pleasure to preside over that important and most pleasurable gathering (applause).

RESPONSIBILITIES REALISED.

In replying, the Rector referred to the comments of Mr. Paddon Smith with regard to St. Martin's bells. There was a time, he said, when Mr. Smith thought there were no bells to be compared to St. Martin's, but he had changed his mind of late. The Rector and churchwardens realised their responsibilities in the matter, and were prepared to do their duty by the bells. Whatever was right in their judgment would, of course, eventually be done. They had given the matter serious consideration for many months, and he was quite sure that in whosever hands the work was placed it would be well done, and that they would eventually find complete satisfaction. He wanted to take that opportunity of assuring them that the matter was receiving their attention, and there was no need to be in the least anxious about the fulfilment of the responsibility which lay on the shoulders of himself and his wardens. They had the interest of the great ringing craft at heart, and would do their best to keep up the high traditions of St. Martin's (applause).

The musical programme was, as usual, of a very delightful kind, consisting of songs by St. Martin's Quartette, whose singing gave great pleasure. Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London) once more 'brought down the house' with her handbell ringing, playing 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes,' 'Love's old sweet song,' and as an encore 'Land of hope and glory.' A perfect course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, and members of St. Martin's Guild also contributed handbell selections, which were warmly applauded.

Many of the visitors stayed over Sunday, when there was quite a series of happy gatherings throughout the day for ringing and social intercourse.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Cramlington on February 18th in beautiful weather.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry of the church, presided over by the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge). It was pointed out that the annual report is held up for the want of the bellry returns. Some bellries have sent no returns, some sent returns with no names of members, and some with names of members, but no addresses. Those who have not sent in complete lists are requested to do so at once.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, when 22 (including the Vicar, the Rev. Allen) sat down. The ladies connected with the church provided the meal, and also looked after the needs of those present. Mr. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and to the ladies for their kindness.

The Vicar welcomed the association to Cramlington, and hoped they would make their visits as frequent as possible. He offered the bells and a welcome at any time.—Mrs. O. Simm, who is always so very kind and hospitable to visiting ringers, also replied.

The fine peal of six (tenor 20 cwt.) was kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise. After tea, a course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells.

The following towers were represented: Durham Cathedral, Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's (Newcastle), St. George's (Jesmond), St. Ignatius' (Sunderland), St. Mary's (Gateshead), All Saints' (Gosforth), and the local ringers.

At the tea, a collection was taken on behalf of the 'Ironvess Pistor' fund, and amounted to £1 5s.

The next quarterly gathering will be held at Stockton on Whit Monday.

AN INTERESTING PEAL.

The peal at Egg Buckland, by two fathers and their sons, was especially arranged to enable the conductor to call a peal on February 29th, and also that two families might score a peal together. It is probably the first time in history that this has been done on 'leap year' day. The conductor has now only a few more dates to complete the 366, and he has conducted a peal on nearly every one of them.

The band desire to thank Rev. Johnson for giving permission at the last moment. It had been arranged to attempt the peal at St. Stephen's, but a Lenten service prevented it. It is interesting to note that the two seniors rang peals together over 30 years ago. The band stood in the order of their ages from treble to tenor—a unique performance.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am rather diffident in asking you to publish a few further remarks following 'A Plain Ringer's' letter in your issue of the 10th ult., as I think that we now begin to 'split hairs,' but, rightly or wrongly, I feel that it is a little necessary because of the absolute difference between work and rows, which are, paradoxically, practically one and the same thing.

I may have missed your correspondent's point, but, to split the aforesaid hair, if Stedman's 'change' refers to the alteration between the figures 1.2 and 2.1, then the difference between 214365879 and 123456789 is not a 'change,' as your correspondent states, but 'changes.' Will he be consistent and say that the conductor shouts 'rounds next changes'? However, this is not the point; my quarrel is with his statement that there is 'nothing between rows' and his ridicule of the 'heads.'

First, I am going to say that a row is the result of certain work; next, that a row causes certain work; that they are different and that they are the same thing, according to which way your readers like to view them. But I am coming back to Mr. Trollope's point, that the difference (or similarity) must be fully realised in the proper understanding of what is practice and what is theory.

I am no expert, and have taken it upon myself to answer your correspondent from his own point of view—a plain ringer's. I do most emphatically state that the realisation of the difference between rows and work, between lead-ends and lead-heads, has been of the utmost use to our band in one particular branch of practical ringing—that of splicing methods. Personally, I had the greatest difficulty in appreciating the simplicity of splicing methods, until I realised that the only difference between a lead of (say) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise Minor is the work between rows 11 to 14 of each; that in the one method the rows appear in this order: 11-12-13-14; and that in the other method identical rows appear thus: 11-13-12-14.

Your correspondent's gentle sarcasm anent Mr. Baker's masterly (and obscure) definition is, perhaps, excusable, and I reiterate that I could wish the modern theorist would always offer the explanation that is contained in Mr. Trollope's articles. Frankly, I have not the slightest idea what Mr. Baker means, and I am unashamed to say so. The point is that his explanation is offered to readers of whom 99 per cent. are in the same boat as myself. But let us stick to our point of the lead-heads and the practical ringer.

I am going to ask 'A Plain Ringer' to write out a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and to divide this course into leads by drawing lines between the rows which constitute the treble's full lead. The back stroke row now becomes the 'head' of the following lead. I am going to ask him to rearrange these SAME LEADS in this order in the course: Nos. 1.4-2.5-3, and he will now have a plain course of Ringers' (or Primrose) Surprise, without having altered a single row within the lead blocks. Can he do this if the backstroke row is treated as the lead 'end'? I think not. This is the ice that the lead-heads cut, and which has enabled practical ringers to splice six Surprise methods in a 720 by ringing only three.—Yours sincerely,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

SIMPLE AND COMPLEX TRANSPOSITION ROWS.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of April 21st, 1922, you published for me an article on 'Pivot bells,' from which I quote the following: 'First, it will be best if I explain briefly what is meant by the term "pivot bell." In all properly-constructed even-bell methods, with the treble a plain or dodging hunt, there is, in addition to the treble, another bell that has returned at the lead-end, to the position which it occupied in the fundamental row or other lead-heads. This bell we call the pivot bell, and the lead-heads and lead-ends of Single Court Bob Minor will best illustrate what I mean.'

That which next follows is an amplification of the former article.

Lead-heads and lead-ends of Single Court Bob Minor:—

1st lead-head	123456	S.T.R.	proving value	123456.
1st lead-end	153624	S.T.R.	"	153624.
3rd pivot bell.				
2nd lead-head	135264	C.T.R.	"	142635.
2nd lead-end	165432	S.T.R.	"	165432.
5th pivot bell.				
3rd lead-head	156342	C.T.R.	"	164523.
3rd lead-end	146253	S.T.R.	"	146253.
6th pivot bell.				
4th lead-head	164523	C.T.R.	"	156342.
4th lead-end	124365	S.T.R.	"	124365.
4th pivot bell.				
5th lead-head	142635	C.T.R.	"	135264.
5th lead-end	132546	S.T.R.	"	132546.
2nd pivot bell.				

The letters S.T.R. stand for Simple Transposition Row.

The letters C.T.R. stand for Complex Transposition Row.

It is the lack of knowledge of little details like these by Practical Ringers which make all the difference between them and the Theorists.

—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

PRESENTATION TO AN INSTRUCTOR.

Great regret was expressed by the ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill, Hants, when it became known that their captain (Mr. E. H. Ballam) had to leave the parish after being with them for five years. He was unexcelled for his keenness and patience in training, and under his tuition extents in the following methods have been rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Minor, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At a meeting held in the belfry on February 14th, a clock in a wall-nut case was presented to Mr. Ballam by the Vicar and Mr. Aird (churchwarden), as a token of esteem and gratitude for his splendid work in the past, from the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Woolton Hill.

BURTON RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 1st, of Mrs. Charlotte Emma Stone, of Burton-on-Trent. Mrs. Stone was the wife of Mr. Edward I. Stone, who was for many years a chorister and ringer at St. Paul's Church, and was also the mother of Mr. A. P. G. Stone, a present member of the society. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Goodacre (Vicar), the choir being in attendance. In the evening was rung with bells half-muffled, after meeting short for a quarter-peal, 600 Grandsire Doubles on the back six: G. F. Newman 1, M. Swinfield (conductor) 2, J. H. Swinfield 3, H. A. Rabbetts 4, J. Slade 5, R. H. Dove 6. Later, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Gilbert 1, J. Swinfield 2, R. H. Dove 3, M. Swinfield (conductor) 4, L. C. Smith 5, H. A. Rabbetts 6, J. Slade 7, G. F. Newman 8.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

Another old ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. James Coram, of 182, Brighton Road, Crewton, Derby. Deceased worked for many years on the Somerset and Dorset Railway at Highbridge, Somerset, and always rang at the old Parish Church at Burnham. On removing to Bristol he threw in his lot with St. Thomas' Guild, with whom he stayed until he went to Derby, to finish his days with his son.

Although he rang but few peals, he could always be relied on when there was ringing to be done. A true friend to all who knew him, he lived to the good old age of 80, and though bedridden for three years he was looked after by the devoted partner of 56 years of married life, and who, a little older than he was, is left to mourn her loss.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch held at Freiston recently was well attended. Members were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Sibsey, Skirbeck, Stickney, and the local band. The visitors included Mr. T. Vaughan, of Peterborough. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and touches of Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. A short service was conducted by the president of the branch (Rev. J. R. Trotter), who is also the Vicar of Freiston with Butterwick. Afterwards, all repaired to the Bull and Dog Inn, and did ample justice to a knife and fork tea as the guests of the president. Immediately after tea, the business meeting was held, the president being in the chair.

The Rev. J. R. Trotter was again unanimously re-elected as president for the ensuing year, and was thanked for his past services. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. J. Phillips was also re-elected secretary and treasurer, as were also Mr. W. E. Clarke and Mr. A. Sharp to the offices of Branch Ringing Master and Guild representative respectively. Swineshead was chosen as the place for holding the next meeting.

A pleasing feature of this meeting was the fact that thirteen new ringing members joined the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for his kind hospitality, was proposed by the Rev. Canon Hodge and seconded by Mr. R. J. Westland, Vicar's Churchwarden. Mr. Kent, people's warden, was also present.

During the evening an informal meeting was held in the belfry, when it was decided to send the sum of two guineas as a contribution from the branch to the fund for assisting Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor').

Ringing was kept up in various Minor methods.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.

23456 M. B. W. H.

24536	1	x	2	2
54326	1	x		1
32546	1	x	2	1
26543	2	x	1	2
23645	x	1		1

Twice repeat.

First rung at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, for the M.C.A. on Saturday, January 7th, 1928.

'IRENEUS PISTOR'

Donations this week to the fund for assisting Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, include contributions from the United States. Will those ringers and bands who desire to help this cause, and have not yet done so, kindly forward their contributions as soon as possible, as the fund is shortly to be closed.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following further donations:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	163	8	5
Ringers of St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent		7	6
Ringers of All Saints' Church, Waldron, Sussex	10	0	—
St. Mary's ringers, Wallasey	1	0	0
St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey		4	6
Ringers of Woburn, Beds	10	6	—
Dudley and District Guild, per H. Sheppard	1	1	0
Ringers of the Church of the Holy Saviour, Leicester	10	0	—
Collected at a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, per R. W. Stannard	8	0	—
Miss Vera C. Pitt, Thorington, Essex	5	0	—
Richard Newton, Boston, U.S.A., late of Manchester City Police Town Hall bellringers	1	0	0
Joseph Goodhead, Wellesley Hills, Mass., U.S.A., late of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, Staffs	10	0	—
	£169	14	11

AN ACROSTIC.

'ALFRED TOWNSEND BAKER.'
7.8.7.8.

Alfred Townsend Baker,
Long known as 'Ireneus';
Fun and laughter, mirth and glee:
Refreshing fruit, Alf's given us.

Each one should in glad return,
Do his best for stricken 'brother,'
Teaching all who care to learn,
Our true love for one another.

Urgent is our brother's need
(Never wasteful, always thrifty).
Stricken he has been, indeed;
Eyesight lost, and only fifty.

'Nemo' told us of his plight;
Durst we then forget Alf's trouble?
'Brothers' all must give their mite,
And naught lose if they give double.

Kindly render those to date,
Each one, and all, of many ranks.
(This line only metre mate),
Respectively our hearty thanks.

OWEN KAY.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.

The annual meeting, held at Holbeton, the home of the president, constituted a record, as far as attendance was concerned, about 70 members and friends being present. The Lord Bishop of Plymouth gave the address at the service, laying special emphasis on the value of team work and service rendered by labour.

The Bishop presided at the business meeting, supported by Lady Mildmay, Rev. E. S. Powell, Rev. Maitland Kelly, Rev. F. W. Moore, Major and Mrs. Jerram, Mr. W. H. Marsh and members from St. Andrew's, Charles', and Emmanuel, Plymouth, Holbeton, Plympton, Kelly and Lifton.

The report stated that generally progress was being made in numbers, methods and striking. The most notable feature was the increasing demand for even-bell methods, for of 21 peals rung during the year, 14 had been in even-bell methods. This number of peals was the largest recorded in any year by the branch. Advancement in Surprise methods continued, the practices at Stoke on Thursdays being well attended. The Vicar of Plympton (St. Maurice), has granted one night monthly for practice in higher methods.

The officers were re-elected, and it was decided to accept the Bishop's invitation to hold the next meeting at Stoke, Plymouth, in April.

Mr. A. T. Westcott moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his address and presiding at the meeting, to Lady Mildmay for her presence, to the organist and choir for their services, and to the ladies for providing the tea.—This was carried by acclamation, and the Bishop, replying, said he had a great surprise that day. He did not realise until he came that he would have to preach to such a large congregation. He congratulated the Guild on the splendid work they were doing.

Lady Mildmay, in a nice speech, thanked the members for their kind words. She had no idea she was a member of such a splendid organisation. The service and meeting had been an inspiration to her, and she hoped she would be able to attend many more meetings of the Guild, which she wished every success.

The Bishop presented the Misses Molly and Jessie Davenport with Guild certificates.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Guthla's Church, for evensong, on March 4th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 72 of Double Court: E. A. Sneath 1, H. M. Day 2, J. O. Landan 3, H. Holmes 4, W. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 4th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,216 Norfolk Surprise Major: R. Sanders 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. Nudds 4, W. Hewett 5, E. F. Pike 6, J. T. Kentish 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, March 4th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 21 mins., by the following: S. Woods 1, W. Jones 2, J. F. Smith 3, G. R. Edwards 4, W. Wilcox (conductor) 5, R. G. Edwards 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the local band. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1st and 5th.

MARGATE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 26th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Gadsdon 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Trusler 3, H. Baker 4, C. W. Player (conductor) 5, F. Reeves 6, A. A. Saxby 7, H. Lude 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—For morning service on Sunday, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins.: H. Flower 1, R. Brett Smith 2, F. Fraser 3, W. Anderson 4, H. Wood (conductor) 5, W. Simmons 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 47 mins.: A. Dule 1, E. Truman 2, *T. Davidson 3, S. Wiltshire 4, R. Pearce 5, L. Ambrose 6, *F. Morrett 7, F. Lambeth 8. * Longest touch in the method.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. J. Woods (first quarter) 1, J. R. Harridge (first quarter) 2, G. Miles (conductor) 3, J. Leggett 4, W. D. Leggett 5, A. Beabow 6.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, February 19th, for evening service, a quarter of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. D. Kemp 1, T. Smith 2, E. G. Swift (first quarter of Triples) 3, J. H. Lucas 4, Percy E. Jones 5, F. Corko (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8. Rung by entirely a local band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. T. Prior 1, H. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

MORETON CORBET, SALOP.—On Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Venables 1, H. Vickers 2, F. Jones 3, H. Austin 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, J. Arrowsmith 6. All except the conductor are regular Sunday ringers at above church.

LONDON.—At All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Sunday, January 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. R. Pye 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, H. Belcher 3, A. W. Coles 4, J. Bennett 5, W. Miller 6, C. W. Roberts 7, W. Glover 8, W. Pye 9, E. J. Trimmer 10. Rung, by special request, for evensong.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On January 15th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

STANDISH.—At St. Wilfrid's Church, on Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,316 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Taylor 1, J. Grounds 2, T. Grounds 3, A. Morgan 4, J. Grey 5, W. E. Austin 6, J. Booth 7, E. Birchall (conductor) 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church on Sunday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: *A. Wiffen 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, G. Lindridge 3, G. H. Melbourne 4, G. Wiffen 5, *H. C. Reason 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. * First in the method.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on January 15th, for evensong (1,263 changes), a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: H. W. Mance 1, E. A. Reeve 2, W. F. Ellingham (first quarter in the method) 3, W. Essery 4, W. J. Dean 5, C. F. Mitchell 6, R. Dyas 7, H. H. Mance (conductor) 8, H. Mance 9, L. Mannering 10.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: P. C. W. Robinson 1, E. Jennings 2, W. Nevinston 3, T. B. Newton 4, H. Hardy 5, T. F. Hewerton 6, W. Robinson (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8. Arranged for P. C. W. Robinson, of the Manchester Police Force.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, S. Gardener 8. Rung by the local band.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On January 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): P. Green (first quarter of Major) 1, W. Lincoln 2, H. Devonish 3, E. Clark 4, Dr. Spencer Phillips 5, A. Richell 6, A. Head 7, George Green (conductor) 8.

LAVENTHAM.—On Sunday, January 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, F. L. Leeks 4, L. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, F. A. Poulson 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 15th, 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carington Road, Chorley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and annual reports ready for distribution.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 25th at Long Buckby is postponed until March 10th. Usual arrangements.—K. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, Bath, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Red House.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Annual meeting on Saturday, March 10th. Sheffield Cathedral bells (12) available from 2.30 to 5.45 p.m., St. Marie's (8) from 2.30 onwards. Business meeting in St. Marie's Presbytery, Norfolk Row, at 6 p.m. prompt, when Canon Dolan will preside. Principal business: Annual report, election of officers and passing of new rules. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton on March 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Higham on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Lasbrey. All outstanding subscriptions for 1928 should now be paid.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of the Forest branch to be held at Lydney on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 3.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, which will be held in the Church School Room.—Oliver Thomas, 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenfirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready early. The Vicar (Rev. Lambert) desires short service, 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Schoolroom, provided by ladies. All ringers welcome. Business meeting after tea in Schoolroom.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at Sawston on March 10th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting for the election of district officers, etc., will be held at Hersham (Walton Station) on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Church Room, 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Oatlands Park bells (8) available from 3 to 4.15 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.—Reopening service after rehanging and tuning of Six Ancient Bells, Saturday next, March 10th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be rung in early evening.—F. C. Clare, Vicar.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Owing to special business, it is hoped that at least one representative from each tower in the district will be present. All ringers are cordially invited. — W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please let me know if you require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 2.45. A social and dance will be held at Acton, Saturday, April 7th, for Isleworth Bell Fund, tickets 1s. 6d. Details later.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. Cheap tickets to Boxmoor Station. Frequent bus service to Hemstead. Let me know early if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. **EXTRA NOTICE.**—Will those who have received notices from me, and mean to answer, please do so by March 9th at the latest? Thanks.—W. Ayre.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by March 14th. Full particulars for meeting will be sent to tower secretaries by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, as matters of vital importance will be discussed. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting, Lambeth, Saturday, March 17th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Short service, tea and business till 6. More ringing till 7.30. A social hour is being arranged to follow, handbells, songs, etc. Please be prompt, and send me a card, if you desire tea, by March 14th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., free of charge to all who advise me of their intended presence at the meeting. We are looking forward to a large attendance.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly given by the Vicar and Parochial Church

Council. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending being present please notify me by the 13th inst.? —Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 p.m.; as these bells have recently been rehung a good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting for the election of district officers, etc., will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 17th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in S. Nicolas' Church 4.45. Tea (1s. each) at the Prince of Wales Assembly Room, Woodbridge Road, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, March 13th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, March 17th. The 6 bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please let me know how many will require tea by Tuesday, March 13th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Half-yearly business meeting postponed to Saturday, March 24th, at St. Giles' Church. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Service in church 8 p.m., followed by business meeting in Parish Room.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, March 24th. Bells of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and Hebburn will be available after 2.30. Tea at Co-operative Café at 5. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, before the 21st.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, not later than March 20th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the following business: (1) Proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. (2) Proposed new rules. (3) Report re association certificate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at the Institute) 5.15. Meeting 6 o'clock. Members requiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey —
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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—A lantern
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 o'clock on 'Somerset Church Towers' by C. F. W.
 Denning, Esq., President of the Bristol Society of Archi-
 tects. Doors open 7.30. Admission 6d. The Rev.
 W. S. Hazeldine will preside.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The jubilee meeting of
 the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be
 held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life
 Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for
 visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to
 take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing,
 etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme,
 ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at
 St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business
 meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrange-
 ments (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d.,
 tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will
 members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra
 accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928
 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th.
 Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for
 Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will
 be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.,
 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Tomlinson, Ring-
 ing Secretary of the Lancashire Association, has removed
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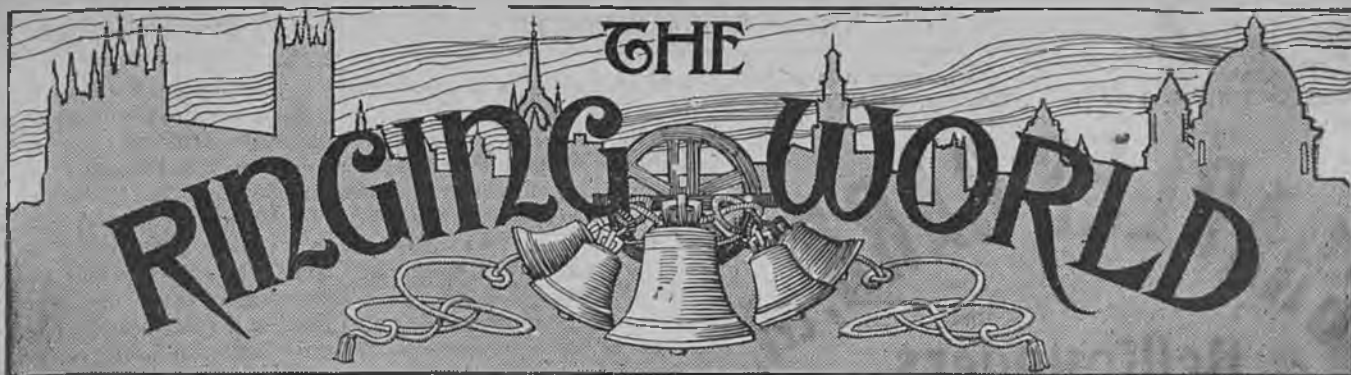
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THINGS THAT MATTER.

Matters of interest and importance to all associations were raised at a meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association the other day, when the need for more keenness among members between meetings and the desirability of having more than one person in a tower capable of conducting were stressed. The Dunster Deanery Branch finds no lack of interest displayed in its meetings, and, indeed, it is to be congratulated upon the fact that, in a district where travelling facilities are none too good, the annual meeting attracted about eighty members. It seems, however, that, having come out of their towers for these official gatherings once a quarter, they return to their shell and are content to remain quiescent until the next meeting comes round. There are many associations in which similar conditions prevail. Well-attended meetings are, of course, a sign of interest, but they are not necessarily an indication of progress. They only achieve their fullest purpose when they help to maintain an enthusiasm which impels members to go out into the highways and byways, as it were, helping others and improving their own standard of ringing. Ringers are too often content to leave everything to their officials, instead of 'pulling their weight' and realising that, however good and willing their officers may be, they cannot unaided carry the organisation to success for ever. Members of an association have responsibilities as well as privileges, and, if more thought were given to the former, associations would be able to do even greater work than they are doing to-day.

The other question which was raised at the meeting referred to is one of vital importance to the future of the Exercise, and one which has several times been the subject of articles in this journal. It is essential to the continuity of progress in any tower that there should be more than one ringer capable of acting as conductor. There can only be one leader in a belfry; but there can and should be more than one person able to conduct. If conducting is continually monopolised by one man, there comes a time when, if from any cause he is removed, the band is in danger of collapsing, or in any event of receiving a serious setback while someone else learns the technicalities of the job. Every conductor should at least have one understudy, but, better still, several. It need not mean a usurpation of authority in the tower; but it is a step in the campanological education of the band; for there can be no question that the more real knowledge a man has of conducting, the safer he will be as a ringer. Sometimes, of course, the absence of an understudy in a tower is due to the deliberate intention of the conductor,

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who is jealous of his position, but more often, we believe, it is due to that spirit so prevalent in the Exercise, of leaving things to the other man. As long as there is someone in the belfry willing to do the extra thinking that conducting calls for, ringers are content to let things slide, particularly if the conductor is really capable. But it is a mistake. Let the best man be commander-in-chief by all means, but he should have lieutenants to succeed him if he wants to see his work live after him. An army without a leader becomes a rabble; and that is what happens in the campanological sense when a band is left without a conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.	
*CYRIL TUDOR Treble	*ALEX. HOWE 5		
†JACK WITHERS, JUN. 2	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 6		
†JAMES VAUGHAN 3	*FRED HOBBS 7		
*JAMES TURNER 4	*ALFRED HOBBS Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN WITHERS, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells by a local band. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5		
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	*SAM W. CHAPMAN 6		
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7		
ALBAN DISNEY 4	†FRANK HASLUM Tenor		

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on more than six bells, first in the method and first attempt. † First peal and first 'attempt.'

JARROW GRANGE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.			
ANDREW TULLEY Treble	JAMES E. SCOTT 5		
JOSEPH ROBERTSON 2	JAMES L. GRAY 6		
*HENRY HALL 3	ADAM DEAS 7		
†EDWARD A. HERN 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor		

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
RICHARD J. COLLINS Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5		
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6		
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7		
ROYDEN DAVIES 4	CHARLES H. PERRY Tenor		

Transposed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Stith, wife of Mr. Ernest Stith, a much respected member of the association, with whom much sympathy is felt.

NOTTINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
FREDRICK A. SALTER ... 3	FREDRICK W. BAILEY ... 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 3). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
This composition, containing 2,528 changes of Double Norwich, and 2,512 Plain Bob, is now rung for the first time.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST NOY Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Green and Kentish. It was Mr. E. Barnett, sen.'s, 700th peal, and was rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	FRED PRICE 6
WALTER E. MOORE 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

First peal by Mr. W. E. Moore, who was actively concerned in the restoration of King's Norton bells. The best thanks of the band are tendered to this gentleman for his splendid hospitality after the peal, which was rung as a birthday compliment to him.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	*TOM WILDE I 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol in the tower.

DUNMOW, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in C.

*PERCY GREEN Treble	WALTER H. SMITH 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
ARTHUR HEAD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
*JOSEPH JENNINGS 4	*ERNEST RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS LOCK Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE R. FYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM FYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FYE.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
RONALD G. JONES 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
GEORGE MILTON 4	A. J. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

SYDNEY BROWN Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM... .. 5
*JOHN BEATTIE 2	†JAMES INGHAM 6
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob inside. † First peal of Treble Bob.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS 5
JOHN KING 2	JAMES WARD... .. 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	GEORGE BASHFORD 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
SIDNEY H. HOPPER 2	HARRY WHEELER 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 3	ALBERT HEATH 7
JACK S. ROBERTS... .. 4	HARRY HATTON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

First peal on the bells since augmented from six by Mears and Stainbank last May.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark.

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT COOPER Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
S. J. HUGHES 2	CHAS. WM. COOPER 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
JOHN PRICE 4	*FRANK WALKER Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SID THOMPSON Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 4
JOHN BASS 2	CHAS. WM. COOPER 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	WILLIAM A. BEDDARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BASS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	WILLIAM BOLWELL 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. W. Bolwell, of Devizes, Wilts, who was staying in Cambridge, and it was his first peal of Minor. He was elected a member of the Ely Association previous to starting for the peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	†LEONARD STILWELL 4
*PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* 50th peal. † First Surprise peal and 50th peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*TOM CLARK Treble	C. ALLEN HEWITT 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. K. Fenn, who is temporarily taking charge of the parish for a period of six months.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4
FELIX J. SUTTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
FREDERICK BROWN 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The above band represents six towers, viz.: Burton-on-Trent, Kegworth, West Hallam, Loughborough, Leicester, and Cotgrave. The Vicar (Rev. Le G. C. Bouchier) kindly entertained the band to an excellent tea after the peal. This is the 108th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung peals.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6 cwt.

OWEN WILLIAMS Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
JOHN E. WHELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHELDON.

This is the first peal on the bells in seven Treble Bob methods. T. Hurd hails from Burslem, the others from Norton.

5,720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY JOHN A. BURFORD.

23456 M. W. H.

54283 Bobs at 1, 4, 6, 11, 13, 16, 17.

25463 —

45382 —

35264 —

42563 —

52364 —

63425 —

42635 —

62534 —

35426 —

42356 —

54326 —

25346 —

34256 —

23456 —

Contains the extent of the 6th wrong and right. Rung as a level 5,000 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on December 24th, 1927, by omitting the three consecutive middles.

9,600 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY E. C. GOBEY.

Kent.	Oxford.
23456	2 3 4
42356	— — —
63542	— 4 —
56342	— — —

Nine times repeated, calling Oxford at 2.4 in 3rd course of 1st and 6th parts, in lieu of one at 3. The extent of the tenors together. Rung at Loughborough on December 24th, 1927, conducted by the composer.

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SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry indeed to have to reply to Mr. Craven's remarks in his letter, dealing with Lincolnshire Surprise, in which he reproduced the figures of practically my first attempt at arranging figures. Does he mean to be sarcastic, or does he intend to place me in the same class as Mr. James? If so, I must say he is doing me a great honour. I myself am not ashamed of what I did, as I tendered an explanation at the time it was pointed out to me. Where have these figures turned up from? As I understand they were deposited on the rubbish heap some 18 months ago, but some people have remarkable memories. I enclose, however, two more methods, which I hope you will publish, and of which I am not ashamed to have under my name, and if Mr. Craven will please refrain from publishing anything more of my first attempt I shall be truly thankful, not that I mind, as I know that all our experts were once beginners.—Thanking you and all concerned, Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

WYCLIFFE SURPRISE MAJOR. WARWICK SURPRISE MAJOR.

12345678	12345678
21354768	21354768
12537486	12537486
21357846	21573846
23175864	25178364
32718546	52713846
32175864	52178364
23718546	25713846
32781564	27531486
37285146	72354168
73281564	73251486
78325146	37524168
87352416	73254618
78534261	37526481
75832416	35724618
57584261	53276481
75834621	35726841
57586412	53278614
53784621	52376841
35876412	25738614
53867142	52378164
58361724	25731846
85637142	27538164
86531724	72351846
68513742	73215486
86157324	37124568
86513742	37215486
68157324	73124568
61875342	71325486
16785432	17352846
61874523	71538264
16847253	17583624
16482735	17856342
18642735 = Bot	15786342 = Bob.
False course-ends.	False course-ends,
24365	which number five, form
43265	one round block from
32465	which 30 true courses are
	obtainable.

MUFFLED BELLS AT LLANBRADACH.

The sudden death has occurred at Llanbradach of Arthur Williams, one of the ringers of All Saints' Church. After only five days' illness of bronchial pneumonia he passed away on Tuesday, February 28th. He was interred at Ystrad Mynach on Saturday, March 3rd. A wreath in the shape of a bell was given by his fellow-ringers. He will be greatly missed, as he was a regular Sunday service change ringer.

On Sunday week, for morning service, the bells were rung half-muffled. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the back six: O. Stevens 1, F. Stevens (conductor) 2, L. Stevens 3, H. Cassel 4, W. Burgess 5, W. Fisher 6.

For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, by: L. Stevens 1, A. Addicott 2, F. Stevens 3, G. Cook (conductor) 4, H. Broughton 5, H. Cassel 6, W. Burgess 7, C. Stevens 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for ringers of 1st and 8th. No. 2, 4 and 5 came specially from Caerphilly to assist the local band.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.—On Monday evening, February 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins., being 120 Plain Bob, 180 Double Court, 360 Kent and 600 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Copeman 1, F. Clarke 2, F. Mapes (conductor) 3, E. Bennett 4, W. Chenery 5, C. F. Goodman 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the reopening of the above bells.

A CONSPIRACY. THE PLOT.

June 24th, 1927, was the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Royal Memorial bells at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, also Mr. William Willson's 25th year as organiser and conductor of the St. John's Society of Ringers. We (the society) had a feeling that something ought to be done to mark the occasion, and unanimously decided to keep 'Father' in ignorance of the fact. The next point was WHAT? Knowing that he had been presented with battle axes, swords, spears and shields, and has also used a lot of ink during the course of his career as a ringer, we (the society) thought that probably his inkpot must be getting a little the worse for wear, so we wrote to Woking about it.

THE EXECUTION THEREOF.

The annual dinner of the society was held at the Wyvern Hotel on Saturday, February 25th, when the Vicar, Rev. H. V. Williams, presided, and there were present the members, their wives and friends.

After a splendid repast and the toast of 'The King' had been drunk, the plot was revealed.

Mr. J. Smith in a few words broke the news, and on behalf of the society asked the chairman to present to Mr. Willson a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved. All who know 'W.W.' will agree that it takes a lot to get him guessing, although it is rumoured that one night at 11.55 he 'got America', but at 12.5 he went to bed because London and Daventry had closed down. But we had him guessing on this occasion, and left him to regain his faculties while we dealt with Mrs. Willson.

Mrs. Smith, on behalf of the ladies, asked the chairman to present a handsome rose bowl for, as he very aptly put it, being the wife of Mr. Willson. That left Mrs. W. bowled out in every sense of the word.

W.W., who was slowly but surely recovering, said he was almost at a loss how to express his feelings, but he managed very well indeed. Mrs. W. also was almost too full for words.

After all the excitement, a very pleasant evening was spent with music, songs, recitations and handbells, and everyone voted it the best annual gathering we have had.

A CONSPIRATOR.

A PROBLEM FOR THE MATHEMATICALLY MINDED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Knowing the fondness of the ringing fraternity for an argument, I venture to propound the following: Is it a fair method of comparison between peals, assuming other things to be equal, to compare them on the basis of:

TONS OF METAL DISPLACED = WEIGHT of all bells of 'ring' in TONS x No. of changes.

The word 'displaced' is in itself open to criticism and misinterpretation. It certainly cannot be regarded as 'work done' in the strictly mechanical sense, as so many unknown factors enter into it. For example, a light ring of badly-going bells would possibly take up much more effort in pulling through a peal than a modern, well-hung ring of heavier weight. And again, if the ringing is slow, more effort is required each time, and this is accentuated if a bell goes badly.

Is there, then, any means of comparing—in actual figures—the respective merits of, say, a 5,040 on a ring of six badly-going bells with a 20 cwt. tenor, and a (say) 7,000 (or so) on a lighter ring (with, say, a 15 cwt. tenor) of recently rehung bells in tip-top condition?

Working on the basis mentioned we might have, say:—

(i.) Total weight of bells = 82 cwt.

$$\text{'Displacement' of metal (P)} = \frac{82 \times 5040}{20} = 20,600 \text{ tons.}$$

(ii.) Total weight of bells = 58 cwt.

$$\text{'Displacement' (P) of metal} = \frac{58 \times 7000}{20} = 20,300 \text{ tons.}$$

Mentally (ii.) would have imposed the greater strain, and also physically from the 'time' point of view.

Physically, one might imagine (i.) to have required the greater effort, but—DO THE FIGURES CONVEY ANY REAL SIGNIFICANCE? From some points of view it would seem so, while from others one doubts.

Perhaps you might think this of sufficient interest to open a discussion in your columns.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. NICHOLS.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Harwell, Berks, on Tuesday, March 6th, Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins.: W. Hitchman (conductor) 1, H. Palmer 2, J. E. Bosley 3, W. Cordery 4, J. H. James 5, E. Milford 6. Longest touch by ringers of 3rd, 5th and 6th, and longest away from tenor by 4th. Rung as a compliment to Miss F. Hitchman, youngest daughter of the conductor on her 21st birthday.

'LINCOLNSHIRE' SURPRISE AND 'COURT SHUNTS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Everyone has a right to change his opinions, but doing so will not alter a mathematical fact once established.

In your columns of January 7th, 1927, Mr. W. Taylor, writing of 'Superlative' Surprise, states the following:—

'The supreme test of the correctness of an extension is that its diagram must correspond to that of the original.'

In your last issue he is asking us to believe that 'Lincolnshire' Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, is a correct extension of 'Cambridge' Surprise Minor!

Such a statement as the last is so farcical that it scarcely needs contradiction; the practical ringers who rang in the first peal of 'Lincolnshire' Major will be able, if they also ring 'Cambridge' Surprise Minor, to give us their views on this question.

The supreme test of the correctness of an extension is the PLACE making. To prove this make a double method of 'Cambridge' producing an irregular lead-head on ALL numbers, and then test its round blocks.

What Mr. Taylor is pleased to call a 'Court Shunt' consists of two movements, as shown in the examples given below:—

FIRST SECTION OF TREBLE BOB HUNT PRINCIPLE.

Plain	12345678
	21436587
	12345678
	21436587
24163857 transposed by 31527486 = 12345678	
Quick 3rds	12345678
	21436587
	12463857
	21648375
26184735 transposed by 31527486 = 12463857 (a)	
Quick 4ths	12345678
	21436587
	12345678
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Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

SHUNT OR STUNT.

Sir,—It is clearer from Mr. W. Taylor's letter what 'shunt' is intended to mean than it has been from the letters of the other three people who use this elegant word.

A shunt means that something is 'shunned' or 'shunted.' In change ringing, what we want to shun or shunt is falseness of any kind. Yet these 'shunts' apparently introduce falsehood. Mr. Taylor speaks of a 'shunt . . . with its attendant false-end.' The effects of this false-end may be avoided by some move or other, which, of course, would then be a real 'shunt'; but it cannot be called a 'shunt' because that name has falsely been given to the other move. Could anything be more ridiculous?

The wantonness of the whole thing is displayed when one notices that the word is quite unnecessary. If it were omitted entirely from Mr. Taylor's letter, not only would the letter be much simpler, but it would be much more easily understood. Its use is simply a bit of 'swank.' The word 'Court' by itself is a perfectly good name, and would exactly describe the move, and contrast it more clearly with the move which he calls an 'Extreme.'

It is clear from his letter that the effect of both these moves is that two bells exchange their work. Why not, then, simply describe the moves as 'exchanges'? True, it would not be so 'swanky,' but it would certainly get more readers for the letter.

If Mr. Taylor had written that in Lincolnshire Surprise a 'Court Exchange' is substituted for the 'Extreme Exchange' in Cambridge Surprise, how much simpler the whole argument would appear.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A BOY'S PROGRESS.

At Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Sunday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: E. Baldwin 1, E. W. Twinn 2, G. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, R. Warnett 4, H. H. Chandler 5, J. Lucas 6, J. J. Pratt 7, L. Corke 8, W. Honor 9, C. Nicholls 10. E. W. Twinn is only 13 years of age, and he has rung upwards of 20 quarter-peals in the methods of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If there has been any 'hair splitting' in the points which I have raised, surely it was begun when Mr. Trollope gave us his definition of 'a change.' There are only two points in Mr. Joyce's letter in your last issue that call for any reply from me. I have never said, as Mr. Joyce implies, that a conductor at the end of a peal shouts, 'Rounds next change,' and I am quite sure that Mr. Joyce has never heard that intimation given. I referred to the use of the word 'change' in compositions of Stedman Caters, as given in print or MS., when 'rounds' comes up in the change after the course-end. Stedman, in his use of the word, was treating of a change in its simplest form only, viz., on two bells, and I hold that from that time onward the word, as used by practical ringers, has had a well-defined and undisputed meaning.

Different men have different ways of learning methods, and also of splicing them. While a knowledge of the 'difference' between lead-heads and lead-ends may have been necessary to Mr. Joyce before he could appreciate the simplicity of splicing, many ringers have been, and are, able to do it without such knowledge, because they know that methods run in groups which produce the same rows in a course, but occurring in a different sequence, according to whether you make 2nd's or 6th's, when the treble leads; and 5th's or otherwise when the treble is behind, as well as to internal variations, into which I need not go, for I do not think even Mr. Joyce got much benefit from his knowledge of lead-heads when it came to the splicing of Beverley and Surfleet, to which he refers in his letter. Cambridge and Primrose is but an example of a course composed of similar rows, with 2nd's place made at the treble lead in the one and 6th's in the other. You have only to remember this and know how every bell starts in Cambridge to be able to switch with the utmost ease from one method to the other. A knowledge of the theoretical difference between lead-heads and lead-ends is no more essential to the ringing of spliced methods than it is to the ringing of Bob Minor.

I am afraid that we have been getting a little away from the main object of my original letter in your columns in August last, which asked the Rev. H. Law James why, in his opinion, the method rung at Ipswich and called 'Superlative Surprise Maximus,' is not Superlative, and why it is not as good an extension of Superlative Major as is his own extension to Maximus of Shipway's Superlative Royal? Those questions have never yet been answered, although I hope that the incursions into somewhat side issues have not been without interest to your readers.—Yours faithfully,

A PLAIN RINGER.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 3rd, when about 35 members attended, representing Blechley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, and the local ringers. There were also visitors from the Towcester and District and Beds Associations. The Guild form of service was used, which was conducted by the Vicar of Newport Pagnell, Rev. L. Moxon, who is also chairman of the branch, and he gave a very interesting address. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, where a nice spread had been prepared, and was much enjoyed. After tea, the Secretary announced that he had no special business to bring forward, only to remind members that the annual festival was the next meeting, which he hoped all would attend.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman for making arrangements for the service, also to those responsible for the catering, which was suitably responded to. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

'FAREWELLS'

At the Parish Church, Luton, Beds, on Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: S. E. Armstrong (first quarter in the method) 1, A. King 2, F. Hunt 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Bookwood 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Armstrong on his leaving for Alton, Hants.

On wishing the Luton band goodbye, he thanked them for the courtesy shown him during his six months' sojourn in Luton. During this period he has learnt the methods of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major.

At All Saints' Church, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, for morning service on Sunday, 336 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Boulter 1, Miss Amy Laurence 2, E. Flewelling 3, J. Gibbs 4, H. E. Flewelling 5, W. Boulter 6, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8. First 336 by the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th, and first quarter-peal by the treble and tenor men, and first inside by the 2nd ringer. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Jones on leaving to take up the duties of caretaker at Christ Church, Swindon. He goes with the best wishes of his colleagues for a successful career, both as vergor and ringer. All the above are service ringers at Wootton Bassett, except B. Guy, who hails from Fairford.

RESTORATION AT BROWNEDEGE.

On Sunday, March 4th, the recast ring of eight bells at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Browneledge, were rung for the first time by the Preston Parish Church Society. The opening ringing was with muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the late Rector (the Rev. Father Turner, O.S.B.), who passed away the day after the bells were blessed, February 6th. It was he who decided to make a thorough restoration, the old six being recast and made into eight, with a new frame, while the clock was renovated and Westminster chimes fitted. The pity is that he did not live to see his scheme completed.

After service, the bells were rung open to Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, opportunity being given to several visiting ringers to have a pull. Further ringing took place after evening service, the methods being the same, with the addition of Treble Bob.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work in a highly successful manner. The bells hang in two tiers, and the tenor is 16 cwt. in F. All the latest mechanical improvements have been added, and a good circle formed in the ringing room.

Mr. J. P. Fidler was present on behalf of Messrs. Taylor and Co., and took part in the ringing. The Rector, Fr. Wilson, O.S.B., personally thanked the Preston Society for their great kindness, and in the evening a vote of thanks was accorded to the reverend gentleman for his consideration in providing refreshments. A local band has been formed, and will make a start when the clock is completed.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS' LOSS.

On Monday, March 5th, the funeral of the Very Rev. John Storrs, the late Dean of Rochester, took place. The service was held in the Cathedral, which was filled to overflowing by those who desired to pay a last tribute of respect to the late Dean, who was very popular.

The bells which he loved so well were rung half-muffled before and after the service. He was laid to rest in the Cathedral Cemetery, the Bishop of Rochester officiating, accompanied by all the Canons and clergy in the district and the Cathedral choir.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) was rung with muffled bells: P. Springham 1, H. Poulter 2, T. Beaumont 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, F. Belsey 5, H. Springate 6, C. Winsor 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, J. Haigh 9, C. Norris 10. The ringers feel they have lost a dear and respected friend, to whose generosity and influence they have got a fine peal of ten bells.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At All Souls' Church, on Saturday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins., to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Gertrude Markland: C. Pike 1, A. Holden 2, R. Holden 3, H. Wallbank 4, J. Kay, jun., 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, J. W. Kay 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, March 8th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Richards 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Davies 3, P. Heath 4, A. Parnell 5, W. Heath 6, G. Large (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

LONDON.—On Monday, March 5th, at St. Mary Abbots, on hand-bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,330 changes): Challis F. Winney (conductor) 1-2, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 3-4, W. E. Judd 5-6, G. C. Rice (first quarter-peal 'in hand') 7-8.

OVER, CAMBS.—For practice on Monday, March 5th, a 720 London Surprise: H. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, A. W. T. Ginn (first on an inside bell in the method) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

WOOLWICH.—On Monday, March 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. G. Martyn (first quarter) 1, A. Grove (Ord. Art., R.N.) 2, W. Watchorn 3, T. H. Culver 4, C. E. Palmer (first quarter away from tenor) 5, B. Aldridge 6, F. J. Cullem, jun., 7, C. Fairman (first quarter) 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Saturday, March 3rd, after meeting short for a peal, there was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: W. Lamboll (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Butler 2, W. V. Webb 3, K. White 4, F. H. Abbott 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, G. E. James 7, H. Appleton 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Tuesday, February 28th, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1,442 changes of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: F. Morris, 1, R. Fishwick 2, Peter Crook, jun., 3, Peter Nuttall 4, J. Kay 5, G. Pincott 6, Peter Crook (conductor) 7, R. W. Moseley 8. The ringer of the 3rd is aged 14 years.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Atkins (first quarter) 1, A. J. Green 2, W. Neale (first with a bob bell) 3, L. Smith 4, E. Lambert 5, T. Roberts (conductor) 6, R. Foddy 7, G. Foddy 8.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Hoare 1, B. Saunders 2, G. Fairbrother 3, W. Unsted 4, G. Frost 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. George's Church, 720 College Exercise, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Annable's London Surprise (first 720 by all the band), 720 London Surprise, 720 Carlisle and 720 Woodbine by the following band: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6.—On February 23rd, 720 Norwich Surprise: V. Goatcher 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, R. Strudwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. First 720 by all the band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Little ringing is now being done in Boston, U.S.A., and district, but it is hoped to have a good-going peal of eight in the magnificent tower of Groton School in the near future. New headstocks and ball bearings are to be fitted.

Groton is 38 miles from Boston. 'It seems a long way to go for a ring,' as Mr. Dick Newton tells us, 'but not so far in a Lizzie.'

His many friends will be glad to see the name of Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, appearing again in the peal reports. After a long abstinence from peal ringing, through a serious illness, Mr. Wilford, as recorded last week, conducted a 'centenary' Oddfellows' peal at Northampton.

The bells at Christ Church, Jarrow, were hung, a peal of six, in 1832. The first peal on them was rung on February 22nd, 1905—twenty-three years after they were cast! They were augmented to eight in 1919. The second peal on them was rung on March 7th, nine years after the octave was completed. Visiting bands are made heartily welcome by everyone but the bells. The fact of there having been only two peals rung on them speaks volumes for the 'excellence' of the 'go' of them.

It is worthy of note that Messrs. Tully and Sykes, who rang the treble and tenor on March 7th, 1928, are the only two survivors of the band who rang in the first peal on the bells in 1905, and they are both agreed that the Points' Committee should allot them at least nine points each for having promised to go and try again when the next pair of trebles is a matter of ten years old—not before! 'Uncle Justacuss,' who supplies this information, adds that someone tied the foundation stone to the 7th.

Congratulations to that talented and delightful College Youth, Challis F. Winney, who, born at Nayland, Suffolk, reaches his 70th birthday to-morrow.

Among those who were elected members of the Sussex Association at the last meeting of the Central Division was Mr. J. Whitehead, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, where is installed the newest ring of eight in Sussex. Mr. Whitehead's name was inadvertently omitted from the report of the meeting sent to us.

A hundred and fifty years ago to-day a peal of 6,240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 5 hrs. 22 mins., this being the greatest performance ever done by any society. It was rung for the Cumberland Youths by a band of Norwich ringers. John and James Frowse rang the tenor.

To-day is also the anniversary of a memorable performance at Debenham. On March 16th, 1767, 'was rang in this steeple a peal of ten thousand and eighty changes Bob Major by the Debenham company. 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.'

The first true sixty courses of Stedman Caters (out of course) ever rung was on March 17th, 1846, in a peal of 7,025 at All Saints', Poplar, composed and conducted by Henry Haley.

The ringers of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, have been entertained to supper by their Rector, and they spent a very enjoyable evening with toast and song.

THE LATE MR. CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Before visiting Croydon on March 3rd, a brother ringer and myself from County Durham paid a visit to South Kensington Museum in order to see the late Mr. J. Carter's 'Campanmutaphone,' having read a description of the same in 'The Ringing World.'

After several inquiries we found it on the first floor of the new buildings. With it was also a splendid model of a belfry (six bells) made by Mr. T. Horrex. We should be greatly obliged if you or any reader of 'The Ringing World' could inform us if the machine can be seen in operation, and, if so, what steps are necessary to have this pleasure.—Yours faithfully,

A. COATES.

Darlington.

THE ROCHESTER, U.S.A., CARILLON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the front page of the interesting account of the All England gathering at Croydon, printed as a supplement to 'The Ringing World' in your last issue, the first word of the sixth line from the bottom of the page contains two of the twenty-six letters of the alphabet which have been struck in their wrong places, namely, the letters 'l' and 'e' in the word 'Male.'

It may interest some of your readers to know that Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A., is the Mecca of the surgical world. That Rochester, a small and until recently a little-known country town, has become one of the most famous cities of the world is due to its fortune in being the birthplace and the scene of the labours of two of the master surgeons of the world, the two brothers, Drs. William and Charles MAYO—doubtless the donors of the carillon mentioned as the gift of two doctors of Rochester.

The letters 'l' and 'e' in the word Male should be 'y' and 'o' in the word 'Mayo.'—Yours faithfully,

J. LEONARD JOYCE.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The question of the formation of a national association of ringers is a revival of what took place at a well-attended meeting of ringers held at Reading during the Church Congress some 45 years ago. Two excellent papers having been read, which appeared in 'Bell News,' a discussion that followed brought out the view that it would be desirable a national association of ringers should be formed, although no active steps to bring such into existence were taken.

Some years after, a meeting of ringers from various parts of the country was called at the Inns of Court, Holborn, by the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, and the Central Council came into existence, the annual meetings of which for about 18 years I attended as the representative of 'Bell News,' as I did the Reading meeting.

Without the slightest word of disrespect toward a single member whom I had the pleasure of meeting, notwithstanding its excellent work in the past, and, may be, in the future, the Central Council has never appeared to me to be a national association, as referred to at the Reading meeting, and I have no hesitation in expressing the view that a national association is wanted. There are many questions besides those of a technical type that such an association could deal with, especially membership of more than one association, except honorary of the various branches, as the associations, etc., would become. With rules by which every belfry in the country should be visited and reported on every year, greater would be belfry reform, and the more would ringers become recognised as church workers, and the more popular would be the progress of the science.

B. KEEBLE.

55, Vine Street, Romford.

'HALF THE DIFFICULTY.'

Dear Sir,—As soon as a system of national affiliation is evolved, which allows free and unrestricted peal ringing in every society or association, half the difficulties of overlapping territorial and diocesan organisations will disappear. The initial reason for the formation of such associations was, and is, the promotion of the belfry to its sacred function, and no one will deny that it has been successful. For divine service, ringers are welcome in any tower, no matter from what part of the country or association they come. If it is for peal ringing, a secular matter, we get the ridiculous formality of electing the visitor a member in the tower, and penalising him in sums varying in amount almost as much as there are numbers of associations. Is it really worth while?—Yours,

Nottingham.

A. COPPOCK.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MR. COLIN HARRISON'S RETIREMENT.

Despite wintry conditions, about 60 members visited St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, for the annual meeting of Sheffield District Society, the gathering being of a very representative character. The fine-tuned peal of eight, with tenor 25½ cwt., were constantly engaged from 3 p.m. until after 9 in the evening, except for the time occupied by the business meeting.

Canon Dolan gave the visitors a hearty welcome and spoke in high praise of his own ringers, who were a band of which he was most proud.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a clear gain of £1 9s. on the year's finances, plus 5s. 2d. bank interest, the total assets at December 31st last being £11 17s. 3d., and 12s. 2d. cash in hand. The total membership is approximately 320, and it would appear that this will be the society's maximum, as most towers in the district are affiliated to the society, and future policy will be directed to maintaining the membership at its present standard. A total of 32 peals had been rung during the past year, comprising no less than 17 distinct methods, and of the 32 rung 13 of them had been Surprise peals. Fifteen members had conducted the peals, which ranged from Minor to Maximus and from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton was re-elected president; Messrs. A. Knights, J. Flint, J. Holman and C. Severn, vice-presidents; J. E. L. Cockey, treasurer; A. Craven and C. Haynes, trustees; J. Thorpe and W. Stubley, auditors; R. Harrison, jun., was elected secretary; and G. Lewis, assistant secretary.

The best thanks of the society were accorded Mr. Colin Harrison for the services he had rendered during the last three years. He is vacating the post of secretary on taking up an appointment with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. He takes with him the good wishes of the members, who expressed the hope that his future would be as happy and successful as his connection had been with the Sheffield District Society.

New rules were adopted, and from henceforth the name of the society will be 'The Sheffield and District Society of Change Ringers,' and its area of activity will be a radius of 20 miles around Sheffield.

The suggestion of a united gathering with the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division), the Barnsley and the Doncaster District Societies, was warmly welcomed, and the proposed place of meeting is Ecclesfield, on June 16th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COMPLETING THE ORGANISATION.

Members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild showed considerable interest in their first district meeting, which was held at Hersham on Saturday. There was an attendance of over 40, the following towers being represented: Chertsey, Egham, Hersham, Otlands, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Weybridge and Walton, and visitors from Banstead, Feltham, Guildford, Hounslow, Leatherhead, London, Tunbridge Wells, and Woking.

In the afternoon, Otlands and Hersham towers were open for ringing, and the methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Rev. E. R. Brittain (Vicar) conducted the Guild's service in Hersham Church, Mr. A. Chittenden, the organist, also kindly giving his aid. While admitting he had no technical knowledge of bells, the Vicar gave a most interesting and inspiring address, in which he urged his hearers to uphold the standard of their high calling.

Tea in the Church Institute was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. W. N. Willis (Vicar of Ottershaw), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary), Mr. A. Chittenden, etc. In a general statement, the Hon. Secretary said that the number of towers coming into the Guild under the affiliation scheme was increasing. Twenty-five had already paid the affiliation fee, and he had every reason to believe that all the towers, where there were ringers belonging to the Guild, would support the project. In the Chertsey District there were twelve towers. Ten of these had come into the Guild, and in the case of one of the others (Chobham) the affiliation fee had been paid, but for the time being the ringers refused to join. The total membership of the Guild up to that day was 428 (applause), and of these there were one honorary and 51 ringing members in the Chertsey District. It was apparent from the membership that several towers had not got a full complement of ringers, and he urged the district, as one of its first duties, to do its best to help the local bands to bring their numbers up to full strength.

The chairman and the Rev. W. N. Willis were elected honorary members, and eleven ringing members and one compounding member were elected.

THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Two nominations had been received for the office of District Ringing Master, viz., Mr. W. T. Beeson (Walton) and Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey). Mr. Chaffey withdrew his name, remarking that he could give just as much help to the Guild by having a free hand.—Mr. Beeson was thereupon elected.

Mr. J. B. Hessey, who was for some years district secretary of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, had been nominated as hon. district secretary, but declined to stand, partly on the ground of indifferent health. Mr. Chaffey was therefore prevailed upon to undertake the duties, and unanimously elected.

There was a ballot for the ringing members on the Executive Committee, and Mr. Hancock (Ottershaw) and Mr. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton) were elected. The Rev. W. N. Willis was elected as the hon. member on the Executive Committee from the Chertsey District.

Chertsey was selected as the place for the district annual meeting in 1929, and the following towers were chosen for other meetings: Eight-bell towers: Wallon, Chobham or Weybridge, Egham; six-bell towers: Ottershaw, Thames Ditton.

It was resolved to accept in principle the scheme of weekly combined practices on the practice night of the tower to be visited, the details being left to the District Committee to work out.—Mr. A. H. Winch, who is responsible for the scheme in the Leatherhead District, said that district had embarked upon the plan, and the first meeting that week at Dorking had been a great success, several ringers being able to ring their first courses in fresh methods.

Several proposals for furthering the work of the Guild, which will have the consideration of the Executive Committee, were put forward, and the meeting also discussed the question of diplomas for young ringers—referred to the various associations by the Central Council. It was resolved that the proposal should be supported.

The Hon. General Secretary called the attention of the members to the project which was being carried out by the Winchester Diocesan Guild to erect a memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, and asked the members to give it all the support possible.

The Secretary also reminded the members that at the inaugural meeting it had been resolved to hold a summer festival at Epsom on June 30th, and he was pleased to be able to inform them that he had secured the promise of the president, the Bishop of Guildford, to preach at the service, and to join them afterwards at tea.

The meeting closed with cordial thanks to the Vicars of Hersham and Otlands for the use of the bells and to the ringers at those churches for the arrangements made. Thanks were also extended to the Vicar of Hersham for conducting the service and for his address, and also to the organist.

Afterwards, the little ringing chamber at Hersham was filled to overflowing, and touches in a variety of methods, including London Surprise Major, were rung.

The remaining district meeting to complete the organisation of the Guild will be held at Guildford to-morrow.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week, the weather being all that could be desired. The ten bells were available from three o'clock, and were kept merrily going in various methods until 4.30, when the usual Guild service was said in church, conducted by the president of the Guild, the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps (Vicar of Dudley), who also gave an eloquent and interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a substantial tea was in readiness. The following ladies kindly presided at the tables: Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Blaker, Mrs. Goodman, sen., and Miss Bessie Sheppard. Upwards of one hundred members and friends sat down, representing the following towers: Bilston, Hradley, Coseley, Dudley, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Smethwick, Tipton, Sedgley, Rowley Regis, Kingswinford, Netherton, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, etc. At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Phelps, supported by the churchwardens (Dr. Blaker and Mr. W. Shuttleworth) and Mr. Harry Mason (vice-presidents). The chairman gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Dudley on behalf of himself as Vicar, the churchwardens, and the Parochial Church Council.

After routine business had been disposed of, the hon. secretary presented his annual report, which showed an improvement in the work of the Guild during the past year. An increase of new membership, compared with the previous year, was noted, seven new life members, six honorary members and 24 performing members having been added to the roll during the year, which spoke well for the popularity of the Guild.

The balance sheet was then read, and showed a balance at the bank, after meeting all expenses, of £12 5s. 6d.

The Rev. Canon Phelps was again unanimously elected president, and, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, he was heartily thanked for his past services to the Guild. The following vice-presidents were also re-elected: Messrs. J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, Arthur Spittle, C. E. Lloyd, M.P., F. R. McDowell, H. Mason, and the Rev. F. J. Chaverton, Vicar of Rowley Regis. The churchwardens (Dr. Blaker and Mr. W. Shuttleworth) were also elected as vice-presidents.

Mr. John Goodman, jun., was again elected Ringing Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) was also re-elected unanimously, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to him for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year.

Mr. S. J. Hughes was again elected hon. treasurer, and Messrs. F. Evans and T. H. Justice were appointed auditors. Several new members (life, honorary and performing) were added to the roll.

At this point, Mr. Mason offered to Miss Sadie Pigott the hearty congratulations of the members present upon her restoration to health after a long and serious illness. Miss Pigott thanked Mr. Mason and the members for their good wishes.

The hon. secretary made an appeal to the members on behalf of Mr. A. T. Baker ('Ironous Pistor'), in his sad affliction, and the result of the appeal was that the sum of one guinea was sent to 'The Ringing World' fund.

It was mentioned that if any band required assistance they should write to the Ringing Master, 45, Holcroft Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton, Staffs. The committee also desire it to be known that there is a Guild practice at the Dudley Parish Church on the first Monday in the month at 7.45 p.m., at which all ringers will be welcomed.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. John Goodman, jun., was passed to the president for his warm welcome, for his kindness in conducting the service in church, and for his eloquent address, also for the use of the bells and schoolroom. Thanks were also given to the ladies for presiding at the tables, and those ladies who had prepared and served the tea and looked after the comfort of those present. It was also desired to offer sincere thanks to the donors of the tea, the funds for which were provided by subscriptions collected by the hon. secretary from members of the Dudley Parish Church congregation, who are all staunch supporters of the Guild. Thanks were given to the assistant organist, Mr. R. Pasfield, for his kindness in presiding at the organ. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their past services, and to all who had in any way assisted in making this meeting the most happy and successful one that the Guild had ever had. The President briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and the wardens gave a few encouraging remarks.

The president then closed the meeting with prayer.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Ponsnett, and the annual peal will be attempted at Dudley, the arrangements for same being left with the Ringing Master.

BELL HANGERS REQUIRED?

At Hartshorne, Derbyshire, on Saturday, March 3rd, 1,440 Grand-sire Doubles: P. W. Grace 1, F. Brown 2, R. H. Dove 3, F. R. Boulstridge 4, J. W. Cotton 5. First 720 conducted by R. H. Dove, second by J. W. Cotton. A greater length was impossible owing to the bad 'go' of the three back bells. The ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Langhorne) afterwards.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The meetings of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association are always well attended, and the annual meeting at Cutcombe on February 25th drew a large number of ringers to that place, there being nearly 80 members present from Cutcombe, Wootton Courtenay, Timberscombe, Old Cleeve, Winsford, Chipstable, Huish Champflower, Porlock, Selworthy, Dulverton, Milverton, Carhampton, Exton, Withypool, and Minehead.

The Rev. A. C. Jenoure (Vicar of Cutcombe), at whose invitation the gathering was held there, officiated at the service in the afternoon, which was the association's special form. Miss Hayes was the organist. On this occasion the president of the branch, Rev. T. S. Dawson, gave the address, preaching a very effective and helpful discourse from the words, 'Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.'

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and at the business meeting, which followed, the chair was taken by the branch president.

Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary) presented a report for the year 1927, which stated that four meetings had been held and well attended. The association heartily thanked all the clergy and Church Councils for the welcomes given and for providing teas and rooms free for the meetings. Twenty-two performing and four hon. members had been elected. Several members had fallen out through not paying their subscriptions, and there were several names proposed as members and hon. members last year, but no subscriptions received. As this rather muddled up the books, the hon. secretary thought it would be a good plan to pay the first subscription when a member was elected. Regret was expressed at the loss of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, the Rev. J. C. L. Isard, and Mr. W. Newberry, who had left the deanery; and also by the deaths of Mr. J. Bulpin (Watchet), Mr. J. Kent (Selworthy), and Mr. J. Sully (Carhampton).

The company stood in silence for a moment in memory of those who had passed away.

A statement of accounts for 1927 showed on the receipts' side a total of £10 5s., made up of ordinary subscriptions £9 15s., and tower fees 10s. Of this amount, £7 had been sent to the diocesan secretary, and there was a balance in hand on the local fund of £4 6s. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. T. Newberry, seconded by Mr. H. Holloway, the accounts were passed.

MORE KEENNESS WANTED.

Mr. J. Farmer (Timberscombe), commenting on the good attendances at the meetings during the year, wished that more keenness was shown between the meetings. For instance, he said, they had a meeting and practice every month at different towers; but beyond the band belonging to the tower where the practice was held hardly anybody turned up. 'When I learned ringing first,' said Mr. Farmer, 'members would go anywhere, rain or shine, but they won't go out now if it is a little rough.' He suggested that it would make for greater keenness if there were more conductors. In some towers there was one conductor who conducted all the time, and it would be a good plan if everyone were to learn conducting (hear, hear). If that was done, there would be a good deal more interest taken, he was sure, and ringers would get to know the methods better.

The Chairman observed that if they took these remarks to heart they would, he thought, profit by it.

Mr. Stacey also expressed a similar hope during some little discussion on the suggestion.

The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected branch president, by acclamation, as was Mr. G. Stacey as hon. secretary, the latter being cordially thanked for his services. Mr. Stacey said he knew they all tried to help him all they could, and if they would all do their best to look up members in arrears with their subscriptions he would be very glad. He did not like to see towers drop out of the association because their members had not paid their subscriptions. He promised to do his best as secretary for another year, but hoped that they would look out for somebody else to take his place.

Mr. W. A. Hawkins was re-elected hon. auditor and Mr. W. Hoyle (Minehead) Ringing Master, with appreciations of their services. The Chairman especially thanked Mr. Hoyle, who, he said, had done a great amount of work in getting round to different towers. They ought to thank him for his past services, and hope that they would profit by his help during the coming year (applause).

Mr. H. A. Phillips (Timberscombe) was re-elected representative on the Diocesan Committee, and thanked for his services during the year.

Four new members—Messrs. Montague Cook (Carhampton), John Turner (Old Cleeve), Edward Kent and Fred Kent (Selworthy)—were proposed and accepted.

Places suggested for the next quarterly meeting were Monksilver and St. Decuman's, and the latter place was approved by a large majority on a vote being taken.

CARHAMPTON'S DIFFICULT TASK.

The Chairman referred to the condition of Carhampton bells. Through the gudgeon of the fifth breaking, the bells were now out of action, and they had a scheme of restoration on hand. At a meeting of the Church Council it was decided to recommend that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston should carry out the work, at a cost of £430, of recasting and rehanging the bells, with steel cage, and everything new, the six bells to be rehung in such a position as to allow for two (Continued in next column.)

ASPENDEN'S OLD BELLS.

Mr. Richardson's interesting account of the above bells, and his desire for further information as to the method rung in the peal of 1746, has led me to search various authorities for the desired information. Unfortunately, I have been unsuccessful. However, the following may be of interest to your readers: Sir Henry Chauncy, Kt., who lived at Yardley Bury, Herts, in his 'Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire,' published in 1700, states: 'Almost two miles distant from Wakeley, towards the east, stands Aspenden, so termed from the asps or adders which frequently breed in the vale. . . . The church is erected upon a side hill, near the Manor House, in the Deanery of Baldock, in the Diocese of Lincoln; whereof the chancel and church are covered with tile; and at the west end of the church a square tower is erected, where hangs a small ring of five bells, with a short shaft or spire built upon it. . . . Ralph Freeman, Esq., An. Dom. 1644, gave the treble bell to this parish church.'

The Freeman family appear to have been generous benefactors, not only to the poor of the parish, but to the church also. The manor of Aspenden was purchased in the fifth year of James I. by William and Ralph Freeman, who were London merchants. From William descended Ralph Freeman, whose name is inscribed on the tenor. He died on November 26th, 1714, aged 88 years, and was buried at Aspenden. William, whose name appears on the treble, succeeded to the estates. He died on February 6th, 1749, and was buried at Braughing, to which church he gave the first three bells, which are dated 1745. The gift is thus noted in the parish books: '1744, March 30.—William Freeman, Esq., of Hammells, gave three bells to Braughing and made frames and flooring of the bells new, and gave a new flooring for the ringers to stand on by nailing it upon the old one about seven foot higher. 1745.'

The following are the inscriptions upon the Aspenden bells:—

1 and 2.—'The gift of Wm. Freeman, Esq., Robert Phelps, Londini Facit 1736.' (Diameters, 25, 25½in.)

3.—'Robert Phelps made me 1738.' (Diameter 27in.)

4, 5, 6.—'George Chandler made me 1681.' (Diameters, 29, 30½, 32in.)

7.—'Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1871.' (Diameter 37½in.)

8.—'Ralph Freeman, Esq., George Chandler, made me 1681.' (Diameter 40½in.)

The seventh bell was previously inscribed: 'George Chandler made me 1681, Henry Holbeam, C.W.'

Thomas North, in 'Bells of Hertfordshire,' gives the Aspenden peal as 1764, but assuming Mr. Richardson's date, 1746, correct, may we not associate the peal of Triples rung at Braughing on September 30th, 1746, which is recorded in the belfry, with the same band? A checking of names might give the desired information. Perhaps our ringing friends at Braughing can solve the problem! G.W.C.

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more to be hung when they had the money (hear, hear), 'but I want to make sure of the money first,' added Mr. Dawson. They had to raise £440 before they could attend to the present business, and that was a tremendous task for Carhampton. They were going on quietly however. At Christmas time they raised £40, and since then in other little ways they had been going on with the fund. It was a tremendous pull on Carhampton because they had no gentry in the parish except one or two who were not permanently staying there. 'So if you can excite any interest,' added the chairman, 'on behalf of our little peal at Carhampton we shall be most grateful.' He was hoping to get the job done before this year was out. He was now in correspondence with regard to the facilities, etc., and, he added, 'as soon as they are done I shall invite the association to have a meeting at Carhampton, and you will have nice new bells with all the latest devices. But help us to get them as soon as possible' (applause).

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. C. Jenoure for his welcome to Cutcombe, and to the organist and all who had helped to make the occasion such a success. Thanks were also passed to the officers and the chairman, and the ringers then returned to the tower, where, during the afternoon and evening, many touches were rung.

TAUNTON DEANERY.

The annual meeting of the deanery was held at Taunton recently, when the Bishop of Taunton addressed the gathering from the chancel steps of St. James' Church. Tea followed the service. The business meeting was then held, presided over by the Rural Dean (Rev. J. Lindsay Coursey). The Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. Merson, presented the report and balance sheet, which was received with satisfaction. The report stated that 11 peals had been rung under seven conductors. The peals that deserved special mention were Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. Hunt, first peal of Oxford by all the band; seven different extents of Bob Minor, conducted by H. Pocock, first as conductor; ten different extents of Surprise Minor by the Wilton band, Conductor G. Coles creating a record for the association and the West of England; also a peal of Stedman Doubles at Bishop's Hull, conducted by P. Merson, being 42 different 120's, the first of its kind rung in the country.

The officials were all re-elected, viz., Mr. P. Merson hon. secretary, Mr. J. Hunt Ringing Master, Mr. P. Merson member of general committee of diocese.—Seven new members were also elected—five performing and two honorary (Rev. J. L. Coursey and the Rev. E. Ogden).

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

Our fund for the assistance of Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor') of Hillsborough, Sheffield, continues to grow in a gratifying manner, but we hope that all those who intend to contribute will do so at an early date, as the appeal will be closed immediately after Easter. We are extending it to that date so that collections made at any of the numerous association meetings held during the holidays may be added to the list.

The following additional contributions are acknowledged with sincere thanks:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	169	14	11
The Ancient Society of College Youths, per W. T. Cockerill	2	2	0
Some members of the Leicester District, M.C.A., per Alban Disney	2	4	6
Harwell (Berks) ringers	3	0	
Leicestershire Association, Rochdale Branch, per W. Horan:			
Oldham Parish Church	10	0	
Milnrow	10	0	
Tadmorden	10	0	
Cross Stone	7	6	
Gladwick	5	0	
Newhey	5	0	
Heywood	5	0	
Moorside	5	0	
Tadmorden Unitarian	5	0	
	3	2	6
A. N. Wood, Northampton	2	0	0
F. Warrington, Long Stanton	2	0	0
Total	£179	8	11

CHELTEMHAM VETERANS.

The Parish Church and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Cheltenham, met on Tuesday, February 28th, and rang the 12 bells to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. A. W. Humphris and Mr. W. T. Pates (captain), the former's being on the 26th, and the latter's on the 28th. These veterans rang their first peal together on August 6th, 1883, at Upton St. Leonards.

Mr. Pates rang his first two peals at Cheltenham: Holt's Original in 1876, conducted by the late C. Hounslow (Oxford), and Holt's Ten Part in 1878, conducted by the late C. A. W. Troyt, the late J. Snowdon ringing the tenor. Mr. Pates always speaks of this as a great honour, and often comments on the fine physique of the last-named.

Mr. Pates was made captain of the Cheltenham company in 1891, which office he has held ever since. After the birthday ringing, the company was invited to the house of the captain, where his hospitality took the form of a cold supper. After some hours of sound enjoyment, the party broke up to the strains of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

DEATH OF A TAUNTON RINGER.

Mr. Isaac Creed, after an illness of seven and a half years' duration, passed away at Norton Fitzwarren, near Taunton, on the 2nd inst., at the age of 86 years, and was laid to rest in the churchyard on March 8th, amid many manifestations of esteem and respect, being carried to his last resting place by six local ringers. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss. Amongst many floral tributes was a wreath from the local band and also one from St. Mary's, Taunton, to which band in the later days of his ringing he was attached.

After the interment, the bells of the local church were rung half muffled, and in the evening two courses of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary's, conducted by Mr. J. Burge. Mr. Creed, who was a carpenter and joiner, had worked, previous to his illness, for Mr. H. J. Spiller for 36 years, and he was a most excellent craftsman. The writer worked with him 33 years ago, and has had experience of his skill in hard woods.

In ringing, Mr. Creed was no less skilful than in his ordinary occupation. He rang altogether 64 peals, conducting 41. He acted as conductor to the Norton band for a great number of years. For about ten years, from 1899 to 1909, this band accomplished some very good performances, including peals in from seven to ten Treble Bob methods. For Queen Victoria's funeral, they rang 7,440 of Bob Doubles, February 2nd, 1901; and for King Edward's funeral, 8,180 of Grandsire Doubles. Both these peals are believed to be the longest peals of Doubles rung.

Mr. Creed was of a lovable nature, and all those who came in contact with him, whether at work or in ringing, realise they have lost a staunch comrade. May he rest in peace.

J. H.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Tuesday, February 7th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Flook 1, T. Morris 2, T. Edwards 3, F. Harris 4, A. Freebury 5, S. Flook 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig. First quarter-peal for all, and first on the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT MARKET LAVINGTON.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 10th. A good number attended, and ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m. This was continued in various methods till 4.40, when the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, M.A. Tea followed at the Institute, and 27 sat down, including the Vicar, and representatives from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Southbroom, Bratton Holt, Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon, Chirton, Warminster, Potterne, Rowde, Stourton and Market Lavington.

A short business meeting followed the tea. In the absence of the chairman (on business) and the vice-chairman (attending a Guild committee meeting at Salisbury the same afternoon), the Rev. J. A. Sturton occupied the chair.

The Secretary reported that he had heard of the death of Mr. George Meade, one of the leading ringers at Upavon for many years. Mr. Meade was fatally injured by being thrown from his cycle at Ludgershall, during the gales last month. As a mark of respect to his memory, the company stood in silence for a few moments.

Eight new members were elected—five from Marden, two from Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and one from Warminster. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Westbury on the Saturday after Easter.

The Rev. J. A. Sturton welcomed those present, especially from Stourton. Mr. S. Hillier proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and for presiding over the meeting, etc., to which the Vicar suitably replied.

This concluded the meeting, and a move was made to the tower for further ringing, which was continued till 8 p.m.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor, Stedman, Grand-sire and Bob Doubles. All the ringers were delighted with the 'go' of the bells, also with the greatly improved tone of the peal, which was fully restored in June, 1927. The local band rang their first peal of Doubles a few weeks ago.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting was held at Watford, ringers coming from distant towers as well as towers close by. Tea was laid in the Parish Hall and thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. Edwards, Vicar of Watford, occupied the chair, and welcomed the association in a very charming speech.

Two new members were made.—The next meeting is to be held at Bushey.

The Vicar and wardens were thanked for use of bells and for arranging the tea and for the use of the room. Ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m.

FLAMSTEAD BELLS REDEDICATED.

The bells of St. Leonard's Church, Flamstead, were rededicated on Saturday last, after having been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have admirably carried out the work. After the service, 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. by: J. Hobbs (Redbourn) 1, E. Plummer (Woodford) 2, J. Marks (Wanstead) 3, H. W. Anstee (King's Walden) 4, H. J. Shepherd (Swindon) 5, C. R. Morss (Woodford) (conductor) 6.

STAFFORD RINGER'S FAREWELL.

On Sunday, February 5th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, Stafford, as a farewell compliment to Mr. J. J. Taylor, the conductor of the band (who has now left Stafford to take an appointment in Northampton), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, in 46 mins.: F. T. Hayle 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. E. Garbett 3, A. H. Taylor 4, R. Warrilow 5, F. V. Haggis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, W. H. Jones 8. By ringing the tenor, Mr. Jones has now rung a quarter-peal on each of the ten bells in the tower. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung on St. Mary's bells by Sunday service ringers, and is due largely to the efforts of Mr. Taylor, who, since being appointed conductor, has by his devotion and keenness for ringing, raised an efficient band of voluntary ringers. His services, so willingly given, are much appreciated, and he has left Stafford with the best wishes of all his colleagues.

'FIRST BY ALL'

It is always a special pleasure to record a 'first by all.'

At St. Michael's Church, Hallaton, Market Harborough, on February 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first quarter by all the band, was rung by: R. Russell 1, J. Norton 2, G. Geary (conductor) 3, N. Geary 4, A. Kitchen 5, C. Jones 6.

At Churchill, on Sunday, February 26th, the local band rang for evening service their first 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Shallish 1, F. Hawkins 2, F. G. Norton 3, E. J. Avery 4, G. Gilling (conductor) 5, R. A. Dare 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Croft 1, T. Smith 2, W. Phipps 3, F. Knight 4, A. R. Gale (first quarter) 5, C. W. Pipe (Life Guards) 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer (E. S. T. Farr) and F. Knight. All are local ringers.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, for evening service, Sunday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): W. Dean 1, C. A. Mitchell 2, F. C. Hawthorne (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, E. H. Mance 4, W. Essery 5, H. Dyas 6, A. Reeve 7, L. Manner 8, A. Newman (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters as conductor) 9, H. Mance 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,230 changes): P. Green 1, H. Warn 2, H. Devonish 3, E. Clark 4, G. Green 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, W. Lincoln 7, A. Head 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): N. Allnatt 1, H. Hatton 2, J. Woodroff 3, A. Heath 4, J. Roberts (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, G. Lawrence 6, W. Lancaster 7, F. Weston 8.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, on February 26th, for evensong, 1,080 Bob Triples in 38 mins.: A. Gardiner 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, Mrs. Atkins 3, R. Gilbert 4, J. Rymer 5, G. M. Atkins 6, Cyril Nichols 7, J. Lawson (longest touch) 8. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of reopening of the bells.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church for morning service, Sunday, February 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,262 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Fright 1, A. R. Manning 2, W. J. Bidnell 3, W. Bidnell 4, R. J. Birch 5, S. Mowl (conductor) 6, S. A. Gower 7, W. J. Prebble 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 26th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from J. W. Washbrook's peal) in 44 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, A. T. Greenwood 2, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 3, J. D. Harris 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, sen., 7, J. Gates 8.

RISHTON, LANCS.—On Sunday, February 26th, 1,056 Bob Major: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Balderstone 4, F. Hirst (longest length) 5, A. Lord 6, J. Hirst 7, F. Read (conductor) 8.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. John de Sapluchre, on Sunday, February 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 44 mins.: D. Grimble 1, Miss Mabel Robertson 2, Miss Helen Bill 3, G. Mayers 4, J. Rampley 5, G. Bailey 6, C. Lovett 7, J. F. Duffield (conductor) 8. This was Dudley Grimble's first quarter-peal, and the first quarter by Miss Robertson with a working bell.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 12th, in 45 mins., 1,152 Bob Major: C. Nice 1, K. Snelling 2, G. Oliver 3, N. Elliott 4, G. Lambert 5, E. J. Ladd 6, J. Wren 7, O. Sippelts (conductor) 8. G. Lambert, E. J. Ladd and J. Wren are East Grinstead ringers, and this was their longest touch of Bob Major.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, February 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: Bernard Sharp 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. Kenward 4, E. H. Spice 5, J. T. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8. This was Bernard Sharp's first quarter-peal, and a farewell quarter for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spice, who are leaving Tunstall for Gravesend.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): S. R. Roper 1, J. Austin (conductor) 2, C. Austin 3, T. A. S. Bloxham 4, W. Groves 5, J. G. Hall 6, H. Beckett 7, T. Metcalfe 8, F. E. Collins 9, W. J. Adcock 10. Arranged for visitors to the All England ringers' meeting at Croydon Bell Foundry. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Gloucester, 6th and 8th Middlesbrough, 7th Upton St. Leonard's. The rest are local men.

LONDON.—On March 4th, at Shoreditch, for evening service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: T. Bevan 1, J. Sparrow 2, A. J. Neale 3, Mrs. R. Deal 4, T. Newman 5, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 6, J. Bennett 7, R. Bullen 8, R. Deal 9, G. Card 10, L. H. Baybutt 11, C. J. Matthews 12.

NOTICE.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—To avoid disappointment to visitors and ringing friends to Derby Cathedral on Monday next (the usual practice night), permission having been given to a visiting band of change ringers to attempt a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, the usual courtesy to ringing friends will have to be excused on this occasion.—Sunday Service ringing 10 to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice night every Monday, 7.30 to 9 p.m. The Cathedral bells on Easter Monday are available for Cambridge Surprise Royal.—Write James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby, not later than March 31st.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please let me know if you require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 2.45. A social and dance will be held at Acton, Saturday, April 7th, for Isleworth Bell Fund, tickets 1s. 6d. Details later.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. Cheap tickets to Boxmoor Station. Frequent bus service to Hempsstead. Let me know early if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, as matters of vital importance will be discussed. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Next meeting, Lambeth, Saturday, March 17th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Short service, tea and business till 6. More ringing till 7.30. A social hour is being arranged to follow, handbells, songs, etc.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., free of charge to all who advise me of their intended presence at the meeting. We are looking forward to a large attendance.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly given by the Vicar and Parochial Church Council. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 p.m.; as these bells have recently been rehung a good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting for the election of district officers, etc., will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 17th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in S. Nicolas' Church 4.45. Tea (1s. each) at the Prince of Wales Assembly Room, Woodbridge Road, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, March 17th. The 6 bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Good bus service from Swindon and Hungerford, No. 69.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, March 24th, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch. — Half-yearly business meeting postponed to Saturday, March 24th, at St. Giles' Church. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Service in church 8 p.m., followed by business meeting in Parish Room.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, March 24th. Bells of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and Hebburn will be available after 2.30. Tea at Co-operative Café at 5. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, before the 21st. —George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A by-meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Percy W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Cowden on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3.0. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, not later than March 20th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the following business: (1) Proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. (2) Proposed new rules. (3) Report re association certificate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at the Institute) 5.15. Meeting 6 o'clock. Members requiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Bushey, Saturday, March 24th. Bells open from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (1s. each). Cheap trains from all stations which lead to Bushey. Number for tea by 21st.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 20th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting, and a 6-bell contest, at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, March 24th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will all those who require tea (1s. 6d. each) notify the secretary not later than March 19th. — L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—A lantern lecture will be given in connection with the above in St. Michael's (City) Parish Hall on Friday, March 30th, at 8 o'clock on 'Somerset Church Towers' by C. F. W. Denning, Esq., President of the Bristol Society of Architects. Doors open 7.30. Admission 6d. The Rev. W. S. Hazeldine will preside.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of Central Division at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Small Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Those attending please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, the 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday, April 9th. Particulars next week.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Nottingham, when various towers will be open for ringing. Full details later. Will all committee members from every district make a special effort to come for discussion on the proposed division of the M.C.A. into Diocesan Guilds, and be prepared to give their respective members' views on this matter?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early now so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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DURHAM.—At St. Oswald's Church, on Monday, February 13th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: *A. Clement 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Raine 3, J. R. Temple 4, C. F. Vasey 5, W. H. Johnson (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor. First 720 of Minor as conductor. The ringers of 2nd and 3rd hail from Willington, the rest belong to the local band.

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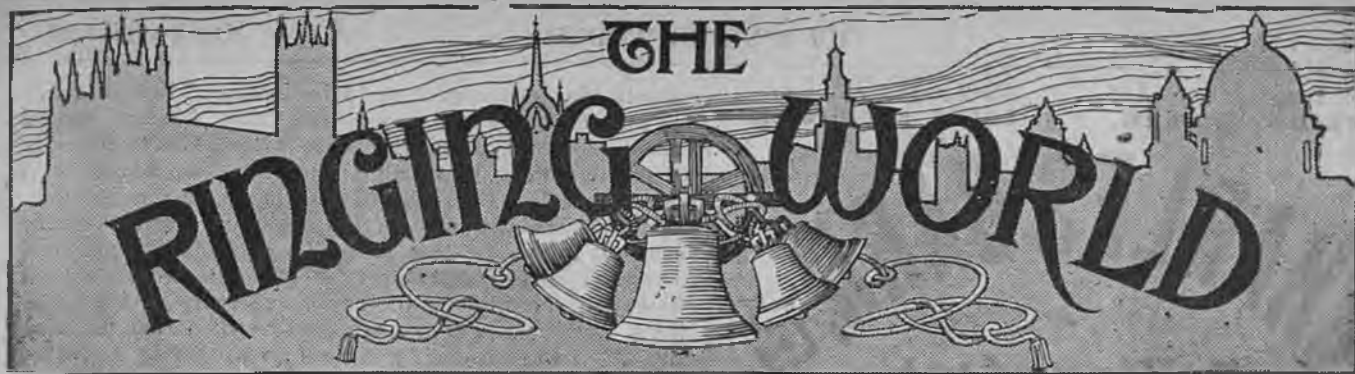
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* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the Right Rev. Dr. Chevasse, D.D., for 23 years Bishop of Liverpool, 'the friend of all men.'

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS BEVAN Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 6
*JOHN SPARROW 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
ARTHUR J. NEAL 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5	†CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BENNEY Treble	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 6
CHARLES J. CHOERT 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 7
ARTHUR J. HOING 4	ERNEST J. SAMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

The band heartily congratulated Mr. Tom Benney (who is in his 77th year) on the manner in which he rang his bell throughout the peal.

PENN, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. RODEN Treble	J. BLOORE 5
J. A. TOMPKINS 2	A. RODEN 6
J. HICKMAN 3	E. G. BOWYER 7
T. BEARDS 4	E. BEARDS Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

Rung to commemorate the consecration of the new burial ground by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on March 8th.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elisabeth,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. R. BARNES Treble	*FRANK TWIGG 5
*C. E. TOMKINSON 2	TOM WILDE 6
THOS. JONES 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON 4	*JOHN E. BEAVER Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN ... 5
Mrs. A. DONNISON 2	JOHN CRAWFORD 6
WILLIAM BROWN 3	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 7
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Crawford, who for many years was secretary of Chester-le-Street Guild.

EALING.—On Monday, March 12th, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor in 19 mins., on handbells: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, E. C. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT T. THIRKELL ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	BENJAMIN BAKER 7
HARRY BAKER 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Dover for Confirmation service.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 6216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

SAMUEL HARRISON Treble	HARRY BARNES 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER 2	*STANLEY SHEPPARD 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 3	*PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
*ARNOLD HILL 4	*HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
WILLIAM WASEY 2	GEORGE H. CLAXTON 6
RICHARD BALDRY 3	GEORGE POYNTEY 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. S. THOMPSON.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES CROFT Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
WILFRED BOOTH 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the eldest daughter of the ringer of the 8th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAVIES 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 7
HENRY WOOD 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It was his first peal in the method as conductor.

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PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD LAWSON Treble	HARRY FRANCE 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	*JOHN THOMAS MILLER 6
*JAMES MILLER, JUN. 3	FREDERICK HARWOOD 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to James Miller and H. France.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES H. JUDD Treble	JESSE POPLETT 5
HENRY A. HOAD 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
*CHARLES S. HOAD 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	†CHRISTOPHER J. WREN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Messrs. Puplett and Wren were elected members previous to commencing. Arranged as the first district quarterly peal of the year. Mr. J. Puplett hails from Tring, it being his first peal on the bells of his native village.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
GEORGE GARRISON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
FRED PRICE 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Rung on St. Patrick's Day, and to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. William Cooper, who has been a ringer at the above tower for upwards of 50 years. It was also a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the treble.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. W. THOMAS Treble	†WM. KNIGHT 5
W. THOMAS 2	W. FARLEY 6
F. LEAKER 3	J. G. JEFFRIES 7
*E. PALMER 4	*T. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. F. Winney, of London.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

*ALFRED KING Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ERNEST STONE 7
*ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method and first in the method on the bells. This composition is in five equal parts.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BROWN Treble	WILLIE HOLT 5
JAMES INGHAM 2	HERBERT MILLS 6
FRANK FIELDEN 3	STANLEY PICKUP 7
*JOHN CRYER 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in September last.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. BERRY Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	JAMES BETTS 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEOFFREY MILTON Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
HAROLD EDWARDS 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*FRED NEALE Treble	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
STEPHEN HOARE 3	EDWIN HIMS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CAPT. J. HOWARD FREEBORN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th were proposed members of the association previous to starting.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HINDLE Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
JAMES PARR 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIE AARON 3	JAMES INGHAM 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	SYDNEY BROWN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells muffled at handstroke as a token of respect for the late Bishop Chevasse, of Liverpool, who was one of the patrons of the Lancashire Association.

WEST CLANDON.—For practice on Thursday, March 15th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. V. Harding 2, Wm. J. Robinson 3, J. Goacher 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. First 720 London Surprise on the bells since the fire in 1913. First extent in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
ROWLAND MYERS ... 3	FRED HODGSON ... 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. The ringer of the 4th has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal, it being the sixth tower in which he has accomplished the feat.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*REGINALD CLEMENTS ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
†MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	*EDWARD FINCH ... 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
PERCY WEBB ... 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
THOMAS RILEY ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
*JOSEPH LAXTON ... 3	CHARLES MASON ... 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... 4	HAROLD KENT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.)

On Sunday, March 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble	CECIL NICE ... 5
*GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 7
BERNARD WELLS ... 4	OLIVER SIFFETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CECIL BISHOP ... Treble	WILLIAM T. SHORE ... 4
R. THOMAS CLARK ... 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... 5
†ERNEST F. BROWN ... 3	*GRAHAM ASHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside. Messrs. Bishop and Ashley are to be congratulated on the way they rang throughout the peal, only having rung Doubles once before. The peal was rung to mark the election of Mr. R. F. Clark, as branch secretary of the above association. The band was drawn from six different towers, viz., Puddlow, Timsbury, Chewton Mendip, Farmborough, Clutton, and Stanton Drew.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with varied callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ARTHUR W. T. GINN ... Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4
FRED C. GINN ... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The first Surprise peal on the bells. All except Mr. Gleaves are natives of Over. Arranged and rung without 6-5's at back stroke.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, Rev. E. B. James' plan.

*WILLIAM LAVERS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 4
*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung on the front six. First peal of Surprise Minor in Plymouth. Quarterly peal of the branch.

WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

*EDWARD WRAGG ... Treble	JOHN LOWREY ... 4
EDWARD LOWREY ... 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... 3	ADAM DRAS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in any method.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON ... Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the festival of St. Patrick.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN COLEMAN ... Treble	CYRIL WILSON ... 4
FRANK KIRK ... 2	AMOS SMART ... 5
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 3	THOMAS JERVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

This peal was arranged to be rung on March 3rd as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, also the daughter of the 3rd, but owing to unforeseen circumstances had to be postponed to this date.

HORSINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY ANDREWS ... Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4
WILLIAM J. COOMBS ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
PERCY H. HAZZARD ... 3	FRED A. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	FREDERICK PAGE	5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 29, VAUXBALL STREET,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor size 10 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ..	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT GOOLE.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, March 10th, and despite the wintry conditions prevailing, a representative gathering availed themselves of the kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens of Goole.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, when an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Wall, M.A., who had only been inducted to the living the previous evening by the Bishop of Sheffield. He extended a generous welcome to the gathering present, and expressed a keen desire to assist the work of the association, as did his predecessor, Bishop G. D. Iliffe, a commendable act which is greatly appreciated.

Ten was served in the Church schools, 40 members participating, and being representatives of towers at Beverley, Conisborough, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Pontefract, Selby, Thorne, York, and the local company.

The business meeting followed, the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), occupying the chair. On the motion of Mr. H. Fairlam (Selby), it was agreed that the summer meeting be held at Snaith, no previous meeting of the association having been held there before. Five new members were elected, all of Goole: Messrs. J. Waud, G. Waud, F. Stephenson, A. Smith, and Miss Miriam Smith.

A vote of condolence was moved with the family and relatives of the late Mr. James Swift Calvert, J.P., an esteemed member of the St. James' company, Sutton-on-Hull. Deceased was also a member of the Sculcoates Board of Guardians, being at one time chairman.

The retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. E. Pickard (Pontefract), who has left the country, this position being filled by Mr. H. A. Wallers (Pontefract).

A unanimous, hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, service and address, the ladies who kindly served tea, and to Messrs. M. Tate and J. Drake, who worked so assiduously for the welfare of the meeting. This was responded to by Mr. J. Drake, in the absence of the Vicar (who had previously made his apologies), and this concluded a pleasant meeting.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 17th, and for an annual meeting the attendance was very small. Whether this was due to the fact that Tickhill is rather difficult of access from the Sheffield area, or that the members are satisfied with the officers, would be interesting to know. The towers represented were Sheffield Cathedral, Barnsley, Doncaster, Arkesey, Ecclesfield, Wortley, Rotherham and Conisborough.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president) being in the chair. For the annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Area, Ecclesfield was selected, the date being June 16th.

Mr. G. Halksworth was re-elected Ringing Master, and for the committee Messrs. H. Walker (Doncaster), Panther (Wath), and Hill (Tickhill) were elected. Mr. H. Walker was elected to general committee in place of Mr. C. Harrison, of Sheffield, who had resigned on leaving the county to take up a position with Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Votes of thanks to the local company for having made all the necessary preparations concluded the meeting.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should trespass if I continued to endeavour to convert 'A Plain Ringer' to views which are peculiar to myself, and I gracefully withdraw. In any case, I admire a man who is dogmatic and is unafraid to state his case.

However, as there must be many others of your readers who look upon lead 'heads' as being something quite apart from the practical, may I supplement my last letter with a final remark, and without controversial desire?

The little book 'Method Splicing' first taught me how useful this division of the leads can be to a practical ringer; it taught me that Cambridge-Primrose is not only an example of a course composed of similar rows, but that, as rows, they are one and the same method. This will explain, in part, my remark that we splice six Surprise methods in one 720 by 'ringing' only three. I hope, one day, to offer you an enlargement on this subject, when you can spare the space. But for the moment I will content myself by saying that some time, perhaps, your correspondent and I shall ring a little 'touch' together. He shall ring Cambridge, and I shall ring Primrose, while a third man shall call the bobs.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

'BETWEEN' THE ROWS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is now some thirty years since, in the pages of 'Bell News,' someone told us that changes took place 'between the rows.' I do not remember who it was, but evidently he knew nothing of nomenclature, or he would not have misled us so long. We have now to thank 'A Plain Ringer' for pointing out that 'there is nothing between the rows'; a simple self-evident truth which only needs stating to be accepted by everyone.

What the original author of this blunder meant was that it takes two rows to make a change (like two people to make a quarrel). A change is not completed until the second row is rung. This, however, does not mean that the change is 'between' the rows. The change is 'from' one row to another. If you are not ringing rounds, you cannot get rounds without a change, but that does not mean that rounds is a change.

When it is said, somewhat loosely, that all other rows but rounds are changes, all that is meant is that the starting row is the only one that is repeated, and when that is done the ringing of changes is finished for that time.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE OCCASIONS OF MUFFLED RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Is there any rule regarding service ringing on the occasion of the death or funeral of any national or local celebrity? Should the bells be muffled, or is it incorrect to muffle them for service ringing under any circumstances?

I should imagine, of course, that this question should be decided for each individual tower by the incumbent in charge of same, but in the many cases where the incumbent takes no interest whatever in the ringing the question is left for the ringers themselves to decide, and as I am a member of a band of ringers which recently had occasion to try and settle this question for themselves, I am writing for information on the subject, as there was a very sharp division of opinion as to the propriety of ringing bells muffled for Sunday service.

Please note, I am asking for authoritative information and not for individual opinions on the subject—Yours faithfully,

P. W. CAVE.

Liverpool.

MR. CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Coates, on my way to Croydon on March 3rd I paid a visit to the South Kensington Museum to see the machine myself, and there I found the object of my visit in the organ section on the third floor. The machine itself is a fine piece of mechanism, and I, as a campanologist, consider it one of the sights of London, and no ringer should visit London without making an effort to see it. The machine is enclosed in a glass case, and in another case next to it and connected with it is hung a peal of bells (12, if my memory serves me right). I was at the museum about one o'clock, and I was told by the attendant who took me to the machine that if I had been staying in the museum until 3 or 4 o'clock I should have a chance of hearing the machine playing, but having to get down to Croydon I was sorry to have to leave it at that. Any person paying a visit to the museum to see the machine, should ask for the organ section, and I don't think they will have any difficulty in finding the exhibit.—Yours truly,

WALTER IDLE.

Dewsbury.

THE CURFEW.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Illness has prevented me from replying before to Mr. Drake's letter. Its appearance in your issue of March 2nd was a curious coincidence, as I had just tabled a resolution for the Central Council with reference to the 'Curfew, Angelus or other traditional bell.' The wording is proof of some community of ideas between us both.

To enter into the history of the curfew would involve much expenditure of time and no little demand on your valuable space, but I will answer the last query in Mr. Drake's letter at once.

The curfew rung at Seville is called 'Queda,' from the verb Quedar, meaning to stay or remain. An ancient regulation required inhabitants of the city to repair to their dwellings at the sound of the bell and remain there for the night. A firmly-established tradition ascribes this ordinance to Don Pedro the Cruel (14th century), who answers in that respect to William the Conqueror. In Spain, as in England, the restrictions have long since been removed, but the curfew continues to be rung. Actually, it is rung between 9 and 10 from October to March, and between 10 and 11 from April to September. Either time would be very early for a Spaniard to retire, as in Madrid theatres frequently open at 11 p.m.

While the Cathedral bells are used at frequent intervals for ecclesiastical purposes—in some cases for services no longer held, which fact bears out Mr. Drake's suggestion—the curfew is recognised as a civil institution and paid for out of the city funds.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

HOW TIME FLIES!*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to correct an error made by my old friend George Flavel re the touch of 1,263 Stedman Caters rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on March 6th, and which was recorded in your last issue of March 16th, stating that 'it was rung on the 46th anniversary of his first peal of Stedman Cinques.' As one who took part in this peal, I may say it was rung on Saturday, March 6th, 1880, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and is recorded in my private peal book, which nearly every London ringer of that time has seen. This would make it 48 years instead of 46.—Yours truly,

HENRY A. HOPKINS,
Royal Cumberland Youths, London.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 9th Mr. Colin Harrison is reported to have said that the magnificent ring of twelve at York Minster was the outcome of Mr. A. Walker's speech at the Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner some years ago. Kindly allow me to correct that statement. What did happen was this. The local ringers, after constant complaints to the Minster authorities about the bad going of some of the bells, succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of the Dean (Dr. W. Foxley Norris), and he graciously undertook to have the bells put in order. This occurred before the above-mentioned dinner was held. Afterwards, it was largely a question of £ s. d. as to what was to be done, and also who was to have the handling of this formidable task. Fortunately, the Rev. Canon Nolloth was placed at the helm, and the result is York Minster's magnificent peal of twelve, with an extra A flat bell added, also 'Great Peter' recast and rehung. May St. Martin's, Birmingham, have the same good fortune.—Yours faithfully,

T. F. EARNSHAW

(President of the York Minster Society).

59, Nun Mill Street, York,

March 19th, 1928.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Royston on Saturday, March 10th, when members attended from Wath, Shelley, Darfield, Felkirk, Sandal, Barnsley, and the local company. The bells were rung from 3.15 p.m. until 9 p.m., in a wide variety of Minor methods. A short service, at the request of the Vicar, was held in church, and was well attended, the ministrations of Rev. Lambert being much appreciated. He did not fail in his duty to stress the faith and duty of Christian ringers, and to act well their part.

Tea followed, and here the churchwardens, some of the lady churchworkers, and others met to give welcome to the ringers. After tea, the Vicar kindly took the chair for the business meeting. The chief item came at the end, when the President, Mr. J. Moxon, and vice-president, Mr. W. Reyner, put forward a vote of thanks for all the generosity and kindness received by the association. They begged for recognition and consideration from all within the church to ringers, who desire that touch of feeling that makes the whole world kin.

The Vicar replied in feeling terms, and expressed a warm desire to see and know more of such important work.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Sir Henry Chauncy, Kt., who was recently referred to in these columns as being the author of 'Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire' (1700), was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A band at Rishton, Lancs, all under 21 years, whose average age is 18½, are ringing Treble Bob Major for Sunday services, and they would like to know if there is any younger local company doing this.

Mr. David Collins, the veteran Suffolk ringer, recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and the bells at Worlingworth were rung in honour of the event, the veteran himself ringing the tenor to a 704 of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

'Oranges and lemons, say the bells of St. Clement's,' and the old nursery rhyme will become true again on March 31st, when the bells of St. Clement Danes, London, ring for the festival at which the children will receive gifts of oranges and lemons. Particulars of the ringing will be found among the notices.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday, from 7.50 to 8 p.m.

At the triennial election of parish councillors held in the Town Hall, Clun, Salop, on the 12th, Mr. W. Mead (churchwarden and district hon. secretary of the Hereford Guild) was re-elected at the head of the poll, another ringer, Mr. S. W. Roberts, being second. Unfortunately, Mr. Mead was not able to be present owing to an illness which has kept him indoors since the beginning of the month.

The 18½ ton bell at Croydon, on the occasion of the 'All England' meeting, sounded round the world, for not only did the press of this country give extensive notice of the event, but the newspapers of two continents have talked about it. Already a cutting from the 'Detroit News,' describing the bell and the gathering, has reached us, and Detroit is 12 days' mail journey distant from Woking.

The first peal of Reverse Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, on March 23rd, 1751. It was conducted by that famous old ringer, James Barham.

On the same day in 1783, at Fulham, the College Youths rang 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method.'

A year later, on March 24th, 1784, the same society rang at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 5,160 'Double Twelve In,' and two days afterwards they rang at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 6,048 'Real Double Twelve In.'

While the College Youths were busy with those performances, the Royal Cumberland Youths set about the Treble Bob Royal record, and at Shoreditch on March 27th, 1784, rang the peal of 12,000, in 9 hrs. 5 mins., which stood as the record until 1911.

March 27th is also the anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, which was rung at Wakefield in 1826. It was a hundred years before the next was rung—at Surfleet.

A peal of 'New Double Tripples,' being the only peal that was ever completed in that method, was rung at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750.

On March 29th, 1762, the College Youths rang a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters, in 6 hrs. 53 mins.

This is not a bad record for one week of anniversaries of events 150 to 200 years ago. There were enterprising ringers and giants in the Exercise even in those days.

FROM THREE TO EIGHT.

LILLINGTON'S NEW OCTAVE.

Some months ago the three old bells which hung in the tower of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Lillington, were taken down by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and sent to their foundry, where they were tuned, and five new bells added to make the octave:—

Tenor.—9 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb., F sharp. Henry Bagley made me, 1675.

7.—8 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb., G sharp. Hugh Watts, Leicester, 1625.

6.—7 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb., A sharp. By Thomas Harrys, London, about 1480.

5.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb., B. To the glory of God and in memory of Mary Bidemead, Stratton, who passed to eternal rest on August 14th, 1926. And little children's voices echo answer, making Alleluia.

4.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., C sharp. In memoriam, Mary Bidemead, Stratton.

3.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., D sharp. Ditto.

2.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb., E sharp. Ditto.

Treble.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., F sharp. Ditto.

Also on each of the new bells, M. and S., London, 1927.

The bells have been hung in a new oak frame, with all the latest fittings, including ball bearings and iron headstocks. The cannons of the three old bells have not been removed.

After the dedication took place on December 19th last, members of the Warwickshire Guild of Ringers from Rugby and Allesley rang a touch of Stedman Triples, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, took part.

On Saturday, March 3rd, members from the same towers rang a peal of Stedman Triples upon the bells, a report of which has appeared in 'The Ringing World.' It was agreed by all the band that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work in a most excellent manner.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Thirteenth Council (36th Annual Meeting) will be held at Hereford, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 29th, 1928, 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, 1928.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
4. Election of honorary members.
5. Presentation of new members to the president.
6. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.
 - (h) Legal Liability.
 - (i) Broadcasting.
7. That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers (last year's adjourned motion).
8. That this Council emphatically deprecates the discontinuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish, alike on historical, spiritual and practical grounds, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their efforts individually or collectively to prevent any such breach with ancient usage. (Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.)
9. That the Council should consider the feasibility of supplying and fixing memorial plaques in towers associated with famous ringers of the past. (Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.)
10. That in the 'Conditions required for peals' laid down by the Central Council, the following be inserted: 'ON FIVE BELLS. That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without "rounds" or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120.' And the following be substituted for the present definition of a peal on six bells: 'ON SIX BELLS. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720.' (Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith and Joseph W. Parker.)
11. That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting. (Proposed by W. Ayre; seconder not yet given.)
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

RE-DEDICATION OF FLAMSTEAD BELLS.

The bells of St. Leonard's Church, Flamstead, Herts, which have been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were, as already briefly recorded, rededicated on Saturday afternoon, March 10th, at a service of thanksgiving conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Clare), at which the Rev. H. W. B. Berry, Vicar of Redbourn, Herts, was the preacher. Prayers were said at the tower arch for benefactors, ringers and workmen, for the sick, and the departed, and, after the prayers and before the last hymn, the ringers rang the bells for a few minutes. A new window in the tower and extensive works of repair were blessed at the same time. The sermon was an earnest appeal to all to respond to the real message of the bells, and was greatly appreciated.

After the service, tea was provided at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Clare, to which the ringers, visitors from other places, and several office holders of the parish were invited.—After tea, happy speeches were made by the Vicar, Mr. Hayes (leader), Mr. F. Smith (vice-leader), Major Deacon (architect), and Mr. H. W. Austee, a former leader, and the Flamstead ringers gave a few tunes on the handbells. The party then adjourned to the belfry, where various touches were rung.

It is agreed on all sides that the bells, five of which are dated 1664 and one 1729, are vastly improved in tone, and the new method of hanging has greatly eased the task of the ringers.

BELLS OF ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

A NEW PEAL OF TWELVE FOR THE BULL RING.

The contract has now been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for the recasting of the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham. The famous church in the Bull Ring is to have a new Simpson-tuned peal of 12 bells, with a tenor about 37 cwt., slightly heavier than the present tenor. The old wooden frame, which is in an excellent state of preservation, is to be retained.

By this decision of the church authorities the old bells will go back to the foundry whence they came, for they were, nearly all of them, cast by Lester, Pack and Chapman. There were six bells in the tower from 1682 to 1758, when Lester and Pack supplied a new peal of ten, and in 1771 two trebles were added to make a ring of twelve.

For the purposes of its bells, St. Martin's is exceedingly fortunate. It is recorded that 'Jno. Billingsley, A.D. 1629, left a croft of land to provide bell ropes.' This croft is now situated in one of the busiest thoroughfares in Birmingham, and having been built upon and duly appreciated in value, St. Martin's bells have never been silent for want of ropes, while in these days there is a bumping surplus which has enabled the present recasting scheme to be undertaken.

The magnificent tower, with its lofty spire 220 feet high, is a nobly proportioned structure, and was built about the year 1690.

DIVISION OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

UNANIMOUS REJECTION OF SCHEME BY BURTON DISTRICT.

The first district meeting of the year was held at Overseal on Saturday, March 17th, when upwards of twenty ringers and friends were present from Burton, Ashby, Measham, Newhall, Repton, Uttoxeter, Melbourne and the local company, whilst Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, also arrived at teatime. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Minor and Major.

A capital tea had been prepared in the schools by the Overseal lady ringers and friends, this being followed by the business meeting. The Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Seales, presided.

For the impending vacancy of treasurer, no one from the district coming forward for office, Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore proposed, and Mr. J. W. Cotton seconded, the nomination of Mr. Albert Coppock, of Nottingham.

As an amendment, the local Secretary (Mr. R. H. Dove) proposed the nomination of Mr. Walter Wallace, of Derby. Mr. W. Brooker seconded, and on being put to the vote Mr. Coppock was nominated. It was, however, resolved to nominate Mr. Wallace in the event of the former's refusal to hold office.

For the vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, Mr. J. H. Swinfield was unanimously nominated as delegate.

Nominations for these two offices had been made at the annual district meeting in January, but the persons nominated had declined to hold office.

The Rev. J. R. King, Vicar of Measham, who was present, invited the district to hold their next meeting at his church on Saturday, April 28th, this being carried.

The final and most important item on the agenda, was the discussion of the proposed formation of Diocesan Guilds for the respective dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell. Various items from 'The Ringing World' were read, and a discussion then took place, the principal speakers being the two clergy present, and Messrs. J. H. Swinfield, E. W. Beadsmoore, J. W. Cotton and R. H. Dove.

The district covers portions of the dioceses of Derby, Leicester and Lichfield, Burton itself being in two dioceses. There is a membership in the district of 81 ringing members, nearly 10 per cent. of the total membership. Of these, 21 are in Leicester diocese, 29 in Lichfield, and 31 in Derby. It was pointed out that if the association were divided into Diocesan Guilds, no fewer than three districts would come under Leicester, namely, Leicester, Hinckley and Loughborough (with few exceptions), in addition to several towers from the Burton district. This would probably cause dissatisfaction in other quarters when the time came for the apportioning of the funds.

Altogether it was decided amongst those present at the meeting that the scheme, as the members understood it, was quite impracticable in the district.

The following resolutions were accordingly passed unanimously:—

'That the members of the local committee be authorised to vote against the scheme at the forthcoming annual meeting.'

'That as the members were insufficiently informed as to the exact proposals, the matter be left over to the following annual meeting, by which time a vote of the whole association could be taken, and the matter properly discussed amongst the several districts.'

This concluded the business, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their help with the tea, and to the Rector for his presence and permission for the use of the bells.

Further ringing in the evening concluded the meeting.

CONDUCTED FIVE HUNDRED 720'S.

At Lambethurst, Kent, on Thursday, March 15th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob: J. J. Bassett (aged 12 years, first 720) 1, A. Relfe (conductor) 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, J. Waghorn 6. This was A. Relfe's 503th 720 as conductor.

THE LADIES' PEAL OF MAJOR.

A BAND WHO MADE RINGING HISTORY.

The first peal of Major rung by a band of ladies was achieved, it will be remembered, as recently as January 7th of this year, at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, and was a notable performance. It was rung under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild and the Yorkshire Association by: Mrs. C. Ryder treble, Miss Elsie Smith 2, Mrs. Hilda Jacques 3, Miss Eva Hopkins 4, Miss Molly Davenport (conductor) 5, Miss Noel Cawthorne 6, Miss Amy Taylor 7, Miss Elizabeth Foulk tenor. By the courtesy of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, we are enabled to publish this photograph of the band.

fact that she only rang her first peal on January 23rd, 1926, since when she has rung six more, total seven. Cupid whispers that she is about to change again, this time a 'spliced' method in conjunction with a well-known clerical ringer.

Miss Noel Cawthorne also hails from Handsworth, and therefore was quite at home in her own tower. She rang her first 5,040 on November 1st, 1924, and has now five 'scalps' in her vanity bag.

Miss Amy Taylor, of Worksop, is a bashful maiden, with very little opportunities for peal ringing, but the fact that she rang the 7th bell in a Major peal is a hallmark of ability. A badly-rung seventh can spoil the best tenor ringer's efforts, and it is on record that Miss Taylor struck her bell splendidly. She has rung two peals up to the present.

Miss E. Foulk (Duffield) is one of the few 'Tenoras' in the Exercise. Her first essay as a peal ringer was on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1925. She is equally at home on any other bell, and has rung peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples (inside) for the M.C.A. The choice of Miss Foulk for the tenor was a good one. Among the sterner sex, the ringer of that bell has a duty to 'shepherd' the strollers when the 'colts' run green, and it must be infinitely more difficult with a band of 'les filles.' Miss Foulk's total of peals is 11.



Reading from left to right: Top row: Miss A. Taylor, Mrs. H. Jacques, Miss N. Cawthorne, Miss E. Hopkins. Bottom row: Miss E. Foulk, Miss M. Davenport, Mrs. C. Ryder, Miss E. Smith.

'WHO'S WHO' IN THE LADIES' BAND.

Mrs. C. Ryder, Rotherham, who rang the treble, was the first lady to ring a peal for the Yorkshire Association. She rang her first in March, 1913, and has scored 30 peals.

Miss Elsie Smith (Norton) accomplished her first in November, 1922, and since that time has accounted for three others; total, four.

Mrs. Hilda Jacques (Mansfield-Woodhouse) was better known as Miss Hilda Willson, of Leicester, before her marriage. She rang her first peal at the age of 13. The next year scored two in one day—Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. Has rung 33 peals in most methods on eight and ten bells, including Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise, and conducting one of Treble Bob.

Miss Eva Hopkins learned to ring a bell at Handsworth, and made her debut as a peal ringer there March 11th, 1922. Up to the present she has rung a total of six peals.

Miss Molly Davenport (Dore), the conductress, is to be congratulated on calling the peal from an inside bell. Her skill is obvious from the

As this performance was rung under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association, it has been suggested that it be commemorated by a peal tablet. It goes without saying that if some member of the Y.A. will initiate a fund, other subscriptions will follow. The writer is promised several, even from Aberdeen. Verb sap.

APSLEY END.—On Monday, Mar. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, after Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Minor in 43 mins., being 360 Oxford Bob and 900 Plain Bob: R. Bruce 1, F. Tompkins 2, J. Stopp 3, A. Brinklow 4, H. Golding 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, March 17th, previous to the induction of the Rev. R. B. Jolly, M.A., as Rector of the parish, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Butler 1, A. Newman 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. Faithfull (conductor) 4, H. Payne 5, F. Mursell 6, G. Williams 7, Ray Curtis 8. —For evening service, Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire: C. Smith (first attempt) 1, J. Faithfull 2, H. Payne 3, Reg Curtis 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, F. Cole 7, H. Nash 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KEENNESS IN THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

The concluding meeting in connection with the organisation of the four districts into which the new Guildford Diocesan Guild has been formed was held on Saturday, when members of the Guildford District met in their cathedral city, and the greatest keenness was shown. Splendid use was made of the ring of ten bells at St. Nicolas' Church during the afternoon, several members getting their first touches of Caters or Royal. The Guild's service was well attended, and an admirable address given by the Rev. J. M. la F. McNally (Rector of Haslemere). After tea at the Prince of Wales Assembly Room, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Walter Harrison, supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and nearly 70 members from the following towers: Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Godalming, Haslemere, Mew, Pirbright, Shalford, Shere, West Clandon, Witley, Woking and Worplesdon. There were also visiting members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Barnet, Dorking, Farnham, Leatherhead, Portsea and Thursley. A warm welcome was given by the chairman and members to Mr. A. H. Pulling, who was present at the first meeting he has been able to attend since his accident more than six months ago.

The Hon. Secretary, in a statement on the position of the Guild, said the towers were rapidly coming into the affiliation scheme, and 28 out of the 56 in the diocese had actually paid the affiliation fee, while others had pledged themselves to do so. In the Guildford District 17 out of the 21 towers had either paid or promised to pay the affiliation fee, and he thought that what they started as a venture of faith might now be said to be an assured success. Up to that moment they had 448 members, representing 48 towers. The Guildford District had members from 19 out of the 21 towers in the area, the roll including 129 ringing and 24 hon. members. The old Guildford District was looked upon as one of the strongest in the Winchester Diocesan Guild, but the Guildford Diocesan Guild had not only got affiliated to it all the towers in the diocese that were formerly in membership with the Winchester Guild through the Guildford District, but 16 others in that area which were not in membership (applause). He thought that was an admirable result of their work, and the best justification for having established a new Guild (applause).

Mr. H. Mayers, of Godalming, was elected an honorary member, and 20 ringing members were elected from Worplesdon (3), Womersley (1), Godalming (2), Haslemere (1), Cathedral (4), St. Nicolas' Guildford (1), and Mew (8).

THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The Cathedral Society had suggested that there should be joint Ringing Masters for the district, one to be elected from an eight-bell tower, and one from a six-bell tower; also that owing to the size of the district there should be an assistant or organising secretary.

Considerable discussion took place on the question of the joint mastership, but eventually it was resolved that there should be only one. For the office, two nominations had been received—Mr. A. C. Hazelden (St. Nicolas', Guildford) and Mr. W. J. Robinson (Cathedral). On a show of hands, Mr. Hazelden was elected.

Three nominations had been received for the secretaryship, and, after close voting, Mr. N. V. Harding, of Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, a young and enthusiastic ringer, was elected.

It was resolved to appoint an assistant organising secretary, and this post was filled by the election of Mr. W. R. Melville.

For the two ringing members on the Executive Committee, six names had been nominated, but Mr. Hazelden, having become an ex-officio member, five went to the ballot, with Messrs. F. W. Rogers (Portsea) and E. Nye (Bagshot) as scrutineers. The result was announced later, when the Chairman declared Messrs. C. N. Burdock (Cathedral) and B. Whittington (Cranleigh) elected.

Only one nomination had been received as the hon. member of the district on the Executive Committee, and the Hon. Secretary stated that Mr. Walter Harrison was therefore elected. This was received with loud applause, for Mr. Harrison has rendered invaluable service to the Guild throughout the period of its organisation.

It was resolved that the annual meeting of the district should be held at Guildford on January 19th, 1929, and that district meetings be held, on dates to be arranged by the secretary, at Shere and Albury, Mew and Clandon, Haslemere, Bramley and Womersley, and Godalming. The selection of these five was made to fit into the general scheme by which there will be a meeting somewhere in the Guild area once a fortnight. A joint meeting with the Leatherhead District at Shere was also approved.

The meeting also approved in principle of district combined practices, the details being left to the District Committee. It was also resolved that special methods should be selected beforehand for practice at the district meetings. The methods for the first six-bell meeting will be Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for beginners; Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob for the more advanced. For the first eight-bell practice, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major for beginners, and Shipway's Court Major for the more advanced. The idea behind the scheme is to lead on by easy stages to the Surprise methods both on six and eight bells.

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'IRENEUS PISTOR.'

The following further sums have been received towards the fund for helping Mr. Alf T. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, in his affliction. Those who desire to contribute should send on their donations without delay.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	179	8	11
Ringers of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Peterborough		10	0
A. Flowers, Marysville, Michigan, U.S.A.		1	0
James S. Wilde, 9, Balmoral Street, Opoho, Dunedin, New Zealand		1	0
	£181	18	11

BOTTESFORD BELLS RESTORED.

OLD PEAL RETUNED AND HUNG IN NEW FRAME.

For some considerable time it was known that something must be done to the ancient ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Bottesford. The 'go' had become very bad, and the peal was sadly out of tune. It was therefore decided to call in experts, and they were firmly of the opinion that to continue ringing would result in some serious mishap. The old oak beams which supported the frame were sadly decayed, and it was deemed advisable to clear out the whole of the frame and the old beams.

With the knowledge of what needed to be done, and with the realisation that the present generation had a duty to perform, steps were taken to raise the necessary funds to carry out the work of restoration. This contract was eventually entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who removed the bells to the foundry for tuning and alterations. The bells have been rehung in a new cast-iron frame, which is carried on 15in. rolled steel girders built firmly into the walls of the tower, the whole peal being fitted with new cast-iron headstocks and hung on ball bearings. They have been placed about 14 feet lower in the tower, which has necessitated the erection of a new ringing chamber. The whole work reflects the greatest credit on the firm.

A special reopening and thanksgiving service took place on Saturday, March 10th. The preacher was the Rev. B. H. Smith, M.A., M.C., honorary secretary of the Framland Society of Bellringers. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, and a popular campanologist. Preceded by the churchwarden, the clergy passed to the west end of the nave, where appropriate dedicatory prayers were read by the Rector, the Rev. F. Walford, M.A., a few well-struck rounds being rung whilst the clergy returned to the chancel.

The Rev. B. H. Smith preached a most instructive sermon, taking as his text the words, 'Father, I thank thee.' He said they were met that day in an act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the success which had crowned their efforts for the restoration of the bells of their beautiful church. To have raised such a large sum in so short a time for the purpose of God's house was a splendid achievement. He felt sure the small amount required would be as gladly given as the larger amounts had been.

Immediately after the blessing, the bells were set going, when a perfect touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Mackears 1, M. Bend 2, S. Proctor 3, E. Nidd 4, H. Thorpe 5, R. H. Bartram 6, A. W. Ward 7, T. H. Hall 8. Ringers were present from Grantham, Melton Mowbray, Hough-on-the-Hill and Loughborough, Messrs. Taylor and Co. being represented by Mr. J. Oldham and Mr. W. Smith, the bell-hanger. The tone and 'go' of the bells is excellent, and it is agreed on all sides that Messrs. Taylor and Co. deserve great praise for the splendid improvement they have made. That Bottesford people are justly proud of their fine old bells is proved by the way they have responded to the appeal, as practically the whole of the money required is raised, with the exception of about £50.

A. W. W.

The suggestion for a series of meetings for conductors' instruction also met with approval, and details of this will be arranged by the committee.

'Diplomas for young ringers,' referred to the associations by the Central Council, was discussed, and, on the motion of Mr. Melville, seconded by Admiral Walker, who made excellent speeches in favour of the proposal, it was resolved, with only two dissentients, to approve of the scheme.

The General Secretary mentioned that the Bishop of Guildford had promised to attend the summer festival at Epsom on June 30th and preach at the service. He also renewed the appeal made on behalf of the memorial fund being raised by the Winchester Diocesan Guild towards providing three new bells, to make a ring of eight at Milford-on-Sea in memory of the late Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews).

The Chairman mentioned the important matter of the suggested amalgamation of the Guild with the Surrey Association, which was to be discussed by the latter on the following Saturday, and urged the members to give it their careful consideration in case the matter was referred to them by the Surrey Association.

Votes of thanks to the Rector of St. Nicolas' and St. Nicolas' band, to the preacher, the organist, and the Chairman concluded the meeting.

THE CROYDON PARTY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me through your columns to say a brief word in warm admiration of everything at the Croydon Bell Foundry on the 3rd inst.? First, of the bells themselves. All of them, large and small, struck me as being beautifully pure in tone, while the sound of the large ones came as nothing short of a revelation. Bells of a weight comparable to them, and certainly coming anywhere near the weight of the Great Bourdon bell, have, so far as my limited experience goes, given forth not one but a discordant mixture of several notes; and these bells of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have ushered us into a new era. Truly, the firm is to be most warmly congratulated, as are also England, whence they come, and America, whither they go.

Then as to the party. Never in all my ringing career have I seen such a gathering or a happier one. It was delightful to meet old friends from all parts of the country. The arrangements were perfect in every respect for enabling the vast crowd to see all parts of the works, and were a striking testimony to the care and thought and organisation that had been bestowed on every particular. For myself, I owe a special debt of gratitude to Mr. Cyril Johnston, who had the heavy ten rung for my personal benefit just before I had, to my intense regret, to leave at half-past three. They form a glorious ring-of-ten.

May I, in conclusion, Sir, add a word of warm congratulation to yourself for the full and admirable report given of this unique occasion in last week's 'Ringing World'? This must have been a matter of no light undertaking, and with the excellent illustrations will form a valuable record in time to come.

Only one point more. Cannot we get the sound of these glorious bells broadcast on the wireless? If there is any music worthy of it, it is surely this.—Yours truly,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Kemerton, Tewkesbury.

A SALOP PEAL REHUNG.

Another milestone in the history of the ancient village of Worthen, Salop, which, it is interesting to note, was formerly a market town under charter of Henry III., was reached with the rededication of the rehung ring of six bells by the Lord Bishop of Hereford on Saturday, March 10th.

The tower, whilst laying no claim to architectural beauty, is imposing with its massive ruggedness, signifying it was built for use and not for ornament, for it must be borne in mind that owing to the nearness of the Welsh Border it was not immune from the attacks of the marauders from that country in the days of old.

As far as can be ascertained, the earliest record of bells hanging in the tower is that of four bells, hung in an oak frame, in the year 1616; in 1850 they were recast into a peal of six at the Whitechapel Foundry. Owing to the dilapidated condition of the frame and fittings, the bells have remained unringed for many years. In view of the large sums of money necessary for the restoration of the church fabric and schools, the parishioners were reluctantly compelled to leave the bells in their unsatisfactory state. To all appearances it seemed likely that this state of affairs would last indefinitely, but, thanks to the munificence of Mr. John Powell, of Birmingham, whose ancestors have been connected with Worthen since 1568, the bells have been tuned and rehung in a new and massive iron frame on a foundation of heavy steel girders, by Messrs. John Taylor and Company, Loughborough. All the fittings are entirely new, and incorporate all the improvements introduced by that firm, including ball bearings. A nicely-executed tablet on the north wall of the nave records Mr. Powell's magnificent gift.

The honour of reopening the bells was accorded to the ringers of Conbrookdale Parish Church, who spoke highly of the tone and 'go.' Following the raising of the bells in peal, Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Plain and Treble Bob Minor were rung.

The late hour of the special service debarred many from attending this out of the way place, but much enthusiasm was displayed locally. The dedicatory prayers and eloquent address of the Bishop were followed with interest. Immediately after the Benediction, the Bishop, clergy, and congregation remained seated whilst five of the 'Dale' ringers rung on handbells a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, an innovation that called forth well-earned compliments, and later in the evening, in between ringing on the tower bells, the visitors were prevailed upon to oblige with a few selections on handbells, which were rendered in masterly style.

That the visiting ringers' services were appreciated is evidenced by the manner in which the Vicar (Canon Bell) entertained them, also in the kindness of the churchwardens who entertained them previous to returning to the 'home' position, and to these gentlemen thanks are accorded.

It is understood that a band of young ringers is in course of formation, whose intention it is to join the Shropshire County Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild. To them we wish every success.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, March 14th, for Confirmation service, 720 Woodbine and 720 Cambridge Surprise: V. Turrell 1, R. Stredwick 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, arranged at Hornsey on Saturday last, proved an attraction to some 38 members, who enjoyed good practice on the fine-toned peal of six hung in the old tower, which now stands alone. The ancient church has recently been demolished, and the services are held in a stately edifice some 50 yards from the site of the original building.

Ringings commenced at three o'clock, and at 5 p.m. the usual service was held. The Rector (Rev. H. C. Mountgomery Campbell) preached one of the most instructive and useful sermons that the writer has heard for a long time.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held. Hendon was chosen for the next meeting, if possible on May 5th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service and for presiding at the meeting, and to the local ringers for the excellent way in which matters had been arranged, were unanimously passed.—The Rector, in acknowledging the thanks of the members, gave the association a hearty welcome, and expressed a hope that another such meeting would be held at no distant date.

The tower was afterwards visited, and several touches rung, the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Southern District was held at Lambeth on Saturday last, and was largely attended by members and friends from a wide area. As ringing facilities were rather restricted, an early start was necessary, and, therefore, soon after 2.30 the bells were merrily swinging to the good old tune of Stedman Triples. No time was to be lost, so a succession of touches in various methods followed, including Cambridge Surprise Major. About 4.30 the company attended service, a shortened form of evensong being used, with a brief address. The organ helped largely in the musical parts, and was very ably played by one of the members, Mr. James Archer, of the Woolwich band. Tea was partaken of at the Old Brew House, an ancient building attached to Archbishop Tait's Infants' School, and 29 'hefty chaps' did full justice to the fare provided.

At the business meeting, the usual routine was disposed of in the shortest possible time commensurate with efficiency, and a return was then made to the tower, where 'more ringing' was indulged in till the hour for evening service. The company then adjourned to a nearby place, where the time passed pleasantly, the members being entertained with some splendid handbell tune ringing by Messrs. Goddard, Trioker and Ellingham, of Hounslow, their efforts being lustily applauded by an appreciative audience. Messrs. Smith, Goddard and Herbert rendered songs, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Bob Major were rung by any heroes who had pluck enough to 'have a cut.' Grandsire Doubles on 12 bells in the Queen's Position (Goddard's Variation) was most ably done, and was voted both tuneful and interesting. During the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to Mr. Archer for his able manipulation of organ and piano in the musical department, and lastly, but by no means least, to Mr. Wyatt, of Lambeth, for the splendid work put in to make the meeting the success it was.

LYDNEY RINGER HONOURED.

On Saturday last a few very old ringing colleagues hailing from Gloucester and Newport, Mon., journeyed to Lydney to honour and celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. John W. Davies, the local leader, and together with four of the locals started the proceedings by making an attempt for a peal of Triples. It was one of the 'off' days, and, as is often the case when a peal is specially wanted, things would not go right. After an hour and a half's ringing, down came the fourth rope, which put 'paid' to the peal. However, after putting another rope on, a very good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: O. Thomas 1, J. Austin (conductor) 2, N. Rees 3, J. Gillett 4, J. W. Jones 5, W. Harris 6, J. W. Davies 7, A. Sandford 8. All were afterwards the guests of Mr. Davies at the Cross Keys Hotel, where an excellent cold supper was found waiting on the table, to which real good justice was done.

The toast of 'The King' was given by Mr. Davies, and his Majesty's health drunk. This was followed by the toast of the evening being proposed by Mr. Jones wishing Mr. Davies 'very many happy returns' and continued good health.

Mr. Jones remarked that the association of Mr. Davies and himself was an unbroken one of just forty years, which commenced at Caeleon, at that time the only tower for many miles which had a ring of eight bells, and where Triples and Major could be obtained.

Mr. Austin spoke of the happy relations that for a great many years had existed between himself and Mr. Davies, and the good times and ever welcome spirit that prevailed at Lydney. Others also had a good word, especially Mr. N. Rees, one of the local ringers.—Mr. Davies' reply was that his life of ringing had been a great labour of love, and he thanked all for coming to Lydney to honour him.

A most happy and convivial evening was spent, and it was unanimously decided that the same band should again attempt the peal, which no doubt will find a permanent record in the proper place.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, on Saturday, March 17th. About 22 ringers attended, representing the following towers: Battle, Brighton (St. Peter's), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), St. Leonards (Christ Church), Hastings (St. Clement's), Rye, Salehurst, together with members of the local band. During the afternoon the bells were kept going in various methods.

A service was held at 4.30 p.m., at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Morgan, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. J. Morgan occupied the chair.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected as hon. secretary, and Messrs. A. R. Miles, W. Franks, and W. Booth were re-elected on the committee.

Mr. Stokes pointed out that he could only accept the secretaryship on the understanding that someone else was appointed to fill the post pro tem, in the event of his leaving the district. It was then proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Hobbs, that Mr. F. G. Haymark, of Eastbourne, be elected as assistant secretary in order to take over the duties should occasion arise.—This was put to the meeting and carried.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Banks, A. Carpenter, E. Geall, J. Geall, H. W. Jones, E. Lay, J. Muddle, J. J. Miller, F. Playford, C. Painter and G. Wiggins, all of Ringmer.

Following a short discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Heathfield.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the address at the service, and also for presiding at the meeting. The Vicar, in reply, stated that it had been a great pleasure to welcome the members of the association to Christ Church, Blacklands, that day.—The meeting then terminated, and the members returned to the tower, where further ringing took place until 7 p.m. The members then proceeded to Christ Church, St. Leonards, where a further enjoyable hour's ringing was spent.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, L. Mantering 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, J. Kent 5, S. Stilwell 6, J. W. Trappitt, sen., 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: A. Cherry 1, F. Keen 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, C. Badrick 5, F. C. Reevo 6, F. J. Reevo (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length by the ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: (1,280 changes) for evening service: A. J. Hiscock 1, W. Shorter 2, W. B. Butler 3, J. Phillips 4, G. Walsley 5, E. J. Goater (conductor) 6, W. C. Parker 7, W. Brant 8.—On January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. E. Butler 1, W. Shorter (first quarter) 2, J. Phillips 3, A. J. Hiscock 4, G. Walsley 5, E. J. Goater 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): D. Wright 1, R. Brough 2, W. Bulpitt 3, W. H. Hewitt 4, F. Larby 5, W. S. Smith 6, G. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, W. H. Joiner 8, A. Dean 9, W. Groves 10.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, E. Churchill 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, M. Stacey 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, P. E. Clark 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Challis F. Winney.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, February 19th, for matins, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, Edwin H. Lewis 2, G. W. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, Roland Park 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, W. N. Park 3, G. W. Park 4, R. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.—On Sunday, February 26th, for matins, 840 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, Edwin H. Lewis 2, G. W. Park (conductor) 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, Roland Park 6. For evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, Edwin H. Lewis 2, G. W. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, W. N. Park 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6. Mr. Edwin H. Lewis is from Glasgow, and the above was his first 720 of York Surprise Minor.

NOTICE

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Soham, on Easter Monday, April 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 sharp. Ringing at Soham (10 bells) from 10 a.m., Ely St. Mary's (8) and Fordham (6) from 6 p.m. Members requiring tea are requested to inform the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 3rd.—Rev. R. Copeman, 53, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, March 24th, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Half-yearly business meeting postponed to Saturday, March 24th, at St. Giles' Church. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Service in church 8 p.m., followed by business meeting in Parish Room.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, March 24th. Bells of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and Hebburn will be available after 2.30. Tea at Co-operative Café at 5.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Percy W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Cowden on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3.0. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the following business: (1) Proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. (2) Proposed new rules. (3) Report re association certificate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at the Institute) 5.15. Meeting 6 o'clock.—Chas. H. Kippen, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting, and a 6-bell contest, at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, March 24th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Bushey, Saturday, March 24th. Bells open from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (1s. each). Cheap tickets from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—A lantern lecture will be given in connection with the above in St. Michael's (City) Parish Hall on Friday, March 30th, at 8 o'clock on 'Somerset Church Towers' by C. F. W. Denning, Esq., President of the Bristol Society of Architects. Doors open 7.30. Admission 6d. The Rev. W. S. Hazeldine will preside.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of Central Division at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in Small Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Those attending please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, the 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on March 31st. The recently recast ring of eight bells will be available early. There will be a meeting of the Cup Committee. Will all who require tea please notify me before the 28th? —Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Humberstone on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Important business meeting (re M.C.A.'s future) at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 31st. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged, in the Parish Hall, for all who send in their names by March 28th to H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, March 31st. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) 2.20 p.m. approximately.—G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meetings: March 31st at Ufford; tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.45 for all sending me word by March 28th. Meeting follows. April 21st at Fressingfield; tea at 4.45, for 9d., at Fox and Goose Room.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—'Oranges and Lemons Say the Bells of St. Clemen's.'—The children's festival to perpetuate the old parish custom will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, at 4.30. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.20 and again about 5.30, when each child, on leaving the church, will be presented with an orange and lemon by little Danish children.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday (April 9th). Committee meeting in the Church House 11.15 a.m. Service in St. George's at 12. Address by Rev. E. Lionel Gedge, Rector of Crayford. Collection for Earl Haig Memorial Fund. Dinner in the Town Hall 1.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open: Gravesend (8), Northfleet (8), Swanscombe (8), Milton (6). Members wishing to ring at Cliffe, Higham, Shorne, Meopham or Cobham are requested to write to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before April 6th. For dinner tickets apply before April 4th to Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, April 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and meeting to follow. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawk's Road, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Wednesday, April 4th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 9th. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham. Luncheon at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members requiring luncheon are urgently requested to send in their names to the secretary not later than Thursday, April 5th. The annual business meeting for the election of new president, officers and committee will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 4th. Bells available: All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Nottingham, when various towers will be open for ringing. Full details later. Committee meet at 2.30 in St. Peter's School. Short service in St. Peter's School 4 p.m. Meat tea in St. Peter's School, 5 p.m. 1/6 full members, 2/- others. Will all Committee members from every district make a special effort to come for discussion on the proposed division of the M.C.A. into Diocesan Guilds, and be prepared to give their respective members' views on this matter?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. One shilling will be charged, but please advise your district secretary by April 11th if you are coming. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4., and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early now so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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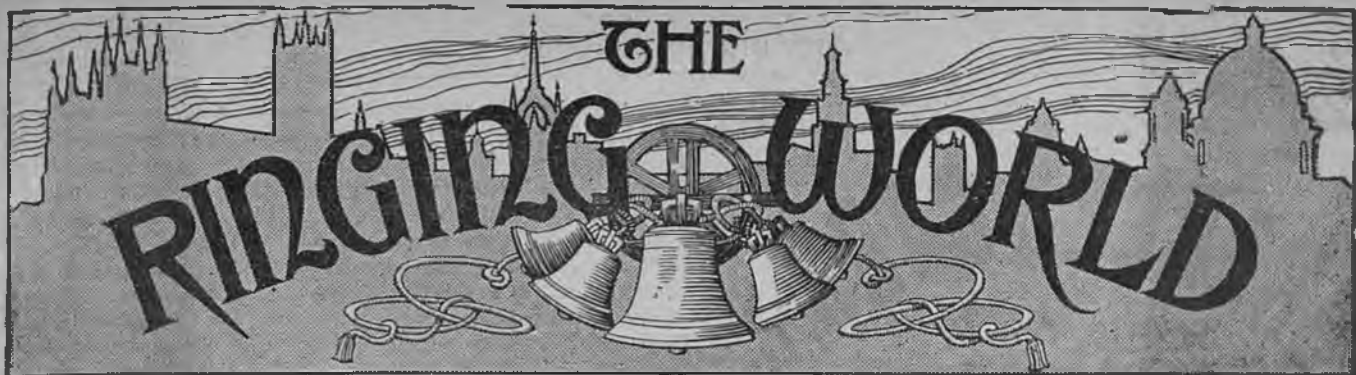
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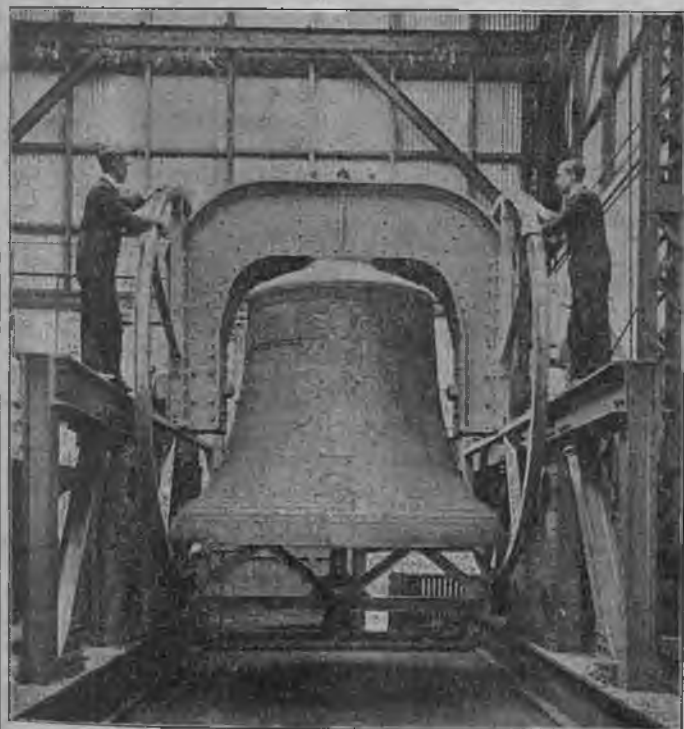
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To what should a ringing association limit its attentions? This question is raised by the discussions which took place at a meeting of the Surrey Association on Saturday, when the members were called upon to adopt new rules. In the draft presented by the committee the first rule provided for four things: (a) the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (b) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (c) the cultivation of the art of change ringing; (d) to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings. The inclusion of two of these objects was challenged, not casually, but deliberately by one of the District Committees, and for that reason the subject deserves more attention than it otherwise would. It was urged that 'the due care and use of church bells and belfries' was no part of the business of the association, but the duty of the church authorities; and that 'to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings' was the business of local ringers and bell founders, and not of a ringing organisation. The objection to the first of these two points was successful; the second objection was defeated.

Looking at the matter broadly, it seems to us that anything which will lead to efficiency in the belfry, whether in the men who act therein or in the bells which they use, is to be encouraged. It is true that the duty of maintaining the bells and the belfry in proper condition devolves upon the church authorities, but to say that a county or diocesan association should have no part in promoting it seems to us to be excluding from its objects one of the most useful purposes it can serve. The wording of the rule, in this particular instance, may have been a little unfortunate, although, we imagine, the members fully understood what was, in principle, intended. Some of the other associations have this object more clearly stated by defining their attitude as being one for 'the encouragement' of the preservation of bells in an efficient condition; and there could be no object more worthy of ringers' attention than that. Frequently the influence of an association has been the means of getting bells restored, and it is a pity that the Surrey Association have not looked with more favour upon their opportunities for usefulness in this direction.

On the second point which it was proposed to eliminate, other counsels prevailed, and the association will still be able to supply, when required, information concerning the condition of bells and their fittings. The resolution to retain this rule was, we think, wisely made, because it opens the way to doing valuable work. It is in no

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sense impinging the prerogatives of a local company or the bell founders. If local men have any difficulty in convincing their church authorities of the need for renovations, it considerably strengthens their hands if they can call in independent evidence such as the association should be in a position to provide. Indeed, many of the associations have been able to go a step further than this, and either get a representative on the Diocesan Advisory Board, or a person recognised by the Board to whom reference is made in every case where augmentation or restoration of bells is under review. Ringing organisations should seek to extend their sphere of usefulness and influence rather than curtail it; and no association, in our view, is properly fulfilling its functions if it does not keep its eye upon the structural and mechanical conditions prevailing in its towers and stand ready to give advice when asked. The maintenance of bells in a proper condition is just as important to the success of an association as the maintenance of bands, for, without efficient bells, the bands will ultimately disappear.

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On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY 1	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
*DAVID WHITING 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
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WILLIAM J. GROOM 5	*LESLIE G. BRETT 7 ENOY

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt, 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
HENRY FLETCHER 4	JAMES GEORGE TENOR

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton's one-hundredth peal.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 1	JOHN LLOYD 5
JOHN KENDALL 2	JAMES MARSHALL 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
WALTER MASTERS 4	*GEORGE DAVIES TENOR

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. He is greatly to be commended for the way in which he rang his bell throughout the peal, as he has never before rung more than a 504. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Piper, a past member of the local band for some 22 years, who was interred here on Wednesday, March 21st. First peal of Triples as conductor. All are members of the local band.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

JOHN ROTHWELL Treble	ERNEST GOSDEN 5
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	EDWARD A. HERN 7
JAMES E. SCOTT 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

R. TAYLOR Treble	* F. WELHAM 5
* H. TAYLOR 2	* J. SINGLETON 6
H. JACKSON 3	* E. GARSIDE 7
I. SCHOFIELD 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by R. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* KENNETH SNELLING Treble	CECIL NICE 5
* GEORGE OLLIVER 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
* BERNARD WELLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Canterbury. This composition is now rung for the first time.

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On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* WALTER LINTER Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
FREDERICK PASKINS 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. Jolly, who was inducted to the living of St. Mary's on St. Patrick's Day. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Jolly after the peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	JIM HORRELL 6
HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
ALBERT E. DARVILL 4	* CHARLES MOULTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to the daughter of the conductor and Mrs. W. W. Fox. This was the conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* PERCY GREEN Treble	* DR. SPENCER PHILIPS ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	* EDWARD A. KEMP 6
* HERBERT DEVENISH 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
* ERNEST CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

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

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	LACRENCIE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
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On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE Treble	HERBERT WRIGHT 5
* WALTER SMITH 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
WALTER MACHON 3	* WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
* WILLIAM A. TACK 4	* WILLIAM BARDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

D. WHEELER Treble	* S. FIELDING 5
MISS E. GRIMSHAW 2	C. WOOD 6
* ED. JOHNSON 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
A. JACKSON 4	A. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

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OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	JOHN S. ROYLE 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
WALTER LONGMAN 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 4	*HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* 50th peal. Rung on the even of Confirmation. A birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Booth and A. Smith, of Davenham, and Miss M. Davenport, of Sandbach.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 172).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Lewis, and a farewell peal to Mr. C. Harrison, who is leaving the district. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	*NOLAN GOLDEN 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Arranged for N. Golden. Mr. Andrews, of the Cathedral band, who rang treble in a previous attempt, kindly stood out for Mr. Harding, sen.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	ERNEST PARSONS 5
HERBERT WORMWELL 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
FRED BENTLEY 3	RENNIE HARTLEY 7
WALTER STEPHENSON 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

Rung to celebrate the 39th anniversary of the bells. The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Nelson, the rest belong to the local company.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 7
ERNEST JONES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

* 200th peal for the association. † First peal of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Bishop Chevasse and the late Sir William Forwood. To their vision and courage, Liverpool's great cathedral is largely due.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
EDWARD MADGWICK 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
RONALD BULLEN 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. This composition, on an original plan, contains 222 78's and 142 88's, and is now rung for the first time and at the first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPOLCHE,

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

*DUDLEY GRIMBLE ... Treble	CHARLES LOVETT 5
†MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WM. C. DUFFIELD 7
JAMES RAMPLEY 4	JAS. F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD. * First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Bob Major for G. Bailey, although it was his 97th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*A. LENIESTER Treble	*F. HOLT 4
H. COCKCROFT 2	*A. NUTTALL 5
A. FOX 3	*H. FOX Tenor

Conducted by H. FOX.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local company.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH... ..Treble	GEORGE WHITING 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.

A birthday compliment to G. Bennett, also his 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells, also by all the band.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6000 CHANGES;

Being twenty-five 240's, viz., twelve of Pitman's, eight of Morris', and five of ordinary Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY MALE ... ..Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
GEORGE W. BARKER... .. 2	ALFRED GOODING 5
*WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	*BARNEY W. CADMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Longest length for all. The conductor has now rung a peal on each day of the week, and in each month of the year.

OADBY, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY L. SMITH... ..Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
A. NORMAN GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal on six bells by Mr. H. Smith. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower and rehanging of the bells in an iron frame and plain bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent. The conductor's 25th peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, 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 Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK KIRK... ..Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
JAMES HUDSON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMART ... ..Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Court and Double Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY... ..Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of treble and tenor. It was Mr. Wells' 72nd birthday, and he is to be congratulated on his excellent striking of this heavy tenor.

PETERS MARLAND, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Cambridge Surprise, and three of Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. RICHARDS ...Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH 4
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. WONNACOTT ... 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL...Tenor

Conducted by REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

First peal on the bells.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twenty-two methods, viz.:-

- (1) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth.
- (2) Norfolk, Ipswich, Ringers' and Cambridge.
- (3) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley.
- (4) York and Durham.
- (5) Alnwick and Newcastle.
- (6) Munden, Chester and Carlisle.
- (7) London, Wells and Canecastre.

PARKER'S.

GEORGE L. JOYCE ... ..Treble	JOHN MOULE... .. 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE L. JOYCE.

The remainder of the Leytonstone company should be associated with this peal: P. H. Avey, G. Dawson, R. Molton and W. Theobald. It contains the largest number of Surprise methods, and comprises all of the known methods of splicing, viz.: By the leads, courses, three-leads, six-leads, and by the 'lead-end places,' and is the first so rung. First spliced peal by all. Rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... ..Treble	*J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 4
*HENRY GOLDING 2	*JACK STOPP... .. 5
†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	†BEN JARMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

DURWESTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*RONALD G. TAPPER ...Treble	†FREDERICK H. HART ... 4
PERCY F. SPENCER 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*BERTRAM KIDOUT 3	WILLIAM J. COOMBS... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Residence of L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*BERT COCK 1-2	OLAVE BROYD 3-4
LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6	

Conducted by O. BROYD.

Witness: MISS D. WISEMAN.

* First in three methods.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.4.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

S. C. REEVE-FLAXMAN ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: GEORGE R. FARDON.

On March 21st, 1884, the conductor called this composition, his first peal at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, the late John Cox acting as umpire. Rung on the 44th anniversary.

ASPENDEN'S OLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following is an account of the peal of Triples rung at Braughing on September 30th, 1746, and I give it to you as copied from the board in the ringing chamber:—

These 8 bells were rung for the first time September 25th, 1745, and the first peal of 5,040 Triples were rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins., September 30th, 1746. By Jno. Scripps treble, Wm. Welch 2, Geo. Wallis 3, Thos. Hubbard 4, Thos. Rayment 5, Wm. Welch 6, Wm. Chamberlain 7, Fran. Uncle tenor. All of this parish. Given by Wm. Freeman, Esq.

This is quite a different band from the one that rang the Aspenden peal. No method or conductor is given on either board, but evidently both peals were Bob Triples.

Mr. Archibald Jackson, of Sawbridgeworth, has written several articles relating to the bells of Aspenden and Braughing, and they have appeared in the 'Hertfordshire Mercury' from time to time.

Wm. Chamberlain was evidently one of the workmen engaged when the new frame and bells were placed in the tower in 1745, as his initials 'W.C.' are carved on one of the braces and also on the stonework on the stairs. One is 'W.C., 1739.' Probably he was the village carpenter at that date, and made the frame from oak grown on the Hamels estate.

I hope this will prove of interest to your correspondent and others.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM K. NORTH.

Braughing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual.

All communications intended for that issue must reach us by Monday.

The attention of Secretaries, who wish notices to appear, is specially drawn to this matter.

THE LADIES' PEAL OF MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to thank our noble friend, William, for his contribution to your last issue. We are pleased to see he is making use of his 'inkwell,' but hope it may not be necessary to call his 'batlle axe' into use also.

With regard to the ladies' peal of Major, this is well worthy of a permanent record, for truly it is the making of history, being the first peal of Major rung entirely by ladies, also the first peal for the Northern District of the Guild, which had only been in existence fourteen months, and speaks well for its future.

As the peal was rung on the bells of Handsworth, and two of our members took part, we hesitated to make the first move, but now we feel we may enter the scheme, and the Handsworth company have placed in my hands subscriptions amounting to £1, and if it is acceptable to our ringing friends generally, I will gladly receive and acknowledge any subscription towards the tablet. Then a small committee can be selected to consider design and erection of same.—Yours fraternally,

FRED WATKINSON.

159, Hall Road,
Handsworth, Sheffield.

'HALF THE DIFFICULTY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have heard several ringers discuss the letter of Mr. Coppock, headed as above, in your issue of March 16th, and all were in agreement with him as regards peal ringing. Many ringers at some time visit the districts of ringing associations, situated long distances from their home, and should they desire to attempt a peal while in that district must become a life member of the association in question.

If a ringer be a member of an association affiliated to the Central Council, that should be sufficient for non-resident ringers to attempt a peal in the district of any association, the peal to be credited to the association having the majority of members taking part. In the event of the ringers being in equal numbers, the conductor could decide to which association the peal be credited.—Yours faithfully,

A. C.

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BREAKING INTO 'STONEY LAND.'

The peal of Minor at Peter's Marland, North Devon, on Saturday, was arranged by Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild) through an invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. Smale. The local band has recently started on Grandsire, and can ring six-scores exceptionally well, having had only a few practices with the help of Mr. Powell.

This district is in the centre of 'stoney land,' and it is much hoped that a new district branch of the Guild may now be formed there. The Vicar is enthusiastic, can ring Grandsire, and hopes to make his tower a centre for combined practices with adjacent bands.

The striking of the peal was of the very highest order, which pleased the local ringers.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality before and after the peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A most successful quarterly meeting was held of the Sonning Deanery Branch at Binfield on Saturday, March 17th, ringers being present from Arborfield, Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Sandhurst, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), Boyne Hill, Reading and Chertsey. Altogether about 50 ringers attended, including many young members of the branch, who had the opportunity of ringing rounds for the first time away from their own tower. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Bonsey (himself a ringer), conducted a short service, and gave a practical and encouraging address. He also provided a bountiful tea, at the close of which the Secretary expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for his kindness.

The secretary also presented a programme, which he had prepared, of meetings and practices for the remainder of the year. This programme was accepted by the meeting.

Ringings took place during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including a short touch of Cambridge Surprise. The next practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, April 21st.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SMALL WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

Rather a disappointing number turned up for the Western District meeting held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 17th, only 15 members being present, representing Olney, Apsley, Tring, King's Langley, Redbourn, Harpenden and Hemel Hempstead. The bells were rung half-muffled on account of the death of one of the churchwardens, Mr. J. Steptoe, who was always interested in the bells and ringers. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Robson.

Afterwards, the company adjourned to St. Mary's Hall, where tea had been very kindly arranged by the Vicar and Mrs. Robson. Unfortunately, the latter was unable to be present, being busily engaged in other church work.

For the short business meeting the Vicar presided. Tring was chosen as the next meeting place, for early in May.—Three peal attempts were arranged.—The Vicar was asked to convey the condolences of the meeting to Mrs. Steptoe, this vote being carried in the usual manner.

Mr. Good proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, for splendid address, etc., to which the Vicar suitably replied. The secretary then had to leave, while the others adjourned for another short spell of ringing.

M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space to emphasise the fact that owing to the unfortunate serious illness of Mr. Fred W. Bailey, the local hon. secretary, who is now in hospital, it is essential that all members intending to be present at tea should notify Mr. L. Chadburn, 8, Butt Houses, Derby Road, Lenton, Notts, not later than April 5th. In the past serious inconvenience has been caused by members omitting to do this, and I appeal to all, especially in the unfortunate position above stated, to assist the local committee by notifying their intention of being present.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS,
General Hon. Secretary.

SURPRISE MINOR AT ROCK FERRY.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, March 22nd, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Surprise Minor (1,440 changes), being 240 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, York and London, 120 each of Beverley and Cambridge: A. Leatham 1, J. F. Smith 2, G. R. Edwards 3, W. Dean 4, J. Martin 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and the first in seven Surprise methods by the ringer of the tenor. To their friend, Mr. J. Martin, who hails from Liverpool, the band desire to put on record their many thanks for his kindness in coming over to help them.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CHISWICK.

The meeting of the South and West District was held at Chiswick on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, followed by Stedman Triples: and methods up to and including Double Norwich were practised before service, which was conducted by the Rev. Eric K. C. Hamilton (Vicar). The excellent 'Chiswick' tea was served in the Parish Hall by Host A. Thurley, one of the local band. At the meeting which followed, sympathy was expressed with Mr. Tom Beadle, who has had to go into hospital again.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. R. Mackman, who gave the sum of two guineas to the Isleworth bell fund, also for the admirable lecture he gave on 'Church bells and ringing' (illustrated with lantern slides, handbell ringing, and a model of bell and frame), at the Richmond Athenaeum on Monday, February 27th, when the president, Prof. S. L. Loney, M.A., was chairman. Thanks were also accorded to the handbell ringers, viz., Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, J. Armiger Trollope, A. W. Coles, C. W. Roberts and G. Cross.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Chiswick, for conducting the service, and for the hearty welcome he had given to the association as diocesan ringers, to the host and lady helpers, the steeplekeeper (Mr. T. Thurley), and all the company for their support, there being about 40 present.

The tower was again visited, and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and other methods practised. At the close the Vicar paid another visit to the tower, as did also the Rev. C. H. Sangster, assistant priest and a ringer, who is leaving Chiswick in April.

Members are reminded of the Acton social on Saturday, April 7th.

5.040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First Half.		Second Half.	
231456		134526	
536421	3.4.	326541	3.4.5.6.
345261	3.4.5.6 12.13.	241563	3.4.5.6.
125346	5.6.7.8.	351246	5.6.7.8.
Call an extra 7.8 in the first course of the 2nd and 7th parts, and call the last course of the 10th part, 5.6.7.8. S14. 5.6.7.8.		Omit 7.8 in the last course of the 3rd and 8th parts, and call S.2 in the last course of the 10th part.	

OLD MILVERTON RINGER'S DEATH.

On March 18th there was laid to rest all that was mortal of William Chapman, who died after a short illness at the age of 77 years. He was an old and respected Sunday service ringer at Milverton, Somerset, and had rung about 30 peals. Among the wreaths sent was one from the local band. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled on Sunday and at the funeral.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. James Steptoe, late churchwarden, on Sunday, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: R. Walker 1, H. Golding 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Hughes (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynn 8.—On Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob in 50 mins.: R. S. Cook 1, A. V. Good 3, W. Hughes 4, H. Gates 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynn 8. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples, the 2nd being left out and tenor covering.

MR. E. G. HIBBINS' 100 PEALS.

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Doubles, 12 methods	2		
Minor, 1 to 7 methods	17	4	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	1	1	
Stedman Triples	2		
*Bob Major	18	14	8
Little Bob Major	1	1	1
†Kent Treble Bob Major	20	10	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	8	6	
Superlative Surprise Major	4		
Cambridge Surprise Major	6	2	
Grandsire Caters	3	3	
Stedman Caters	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		
Stedman Cinques	2		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
	90	43	10

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The ancient thirteenth-century bell, at Caversfield, Oxon, cast between 1207 and 1219, and given to the church by Hugh Gargate, lord of the Manor, and Sibilla, his wife, whose names appear on the bell, has been placed in the church in order that it may be preserved as an object of interest. A new treble has been erected in its place, and will be dedicated next Sunday at 3 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with the Great Western Railway for the issue of cheap tickets to Hereford from Bristol on Whitsun Tuesday for the Central Council meeting, for the benefit of those members who attend the Gloucester and Bristol Association's jubilee festival. The tickets will be available by the 7.38 train, arriving at Hereford 9.50, and by the 9.45 a.m. train. Tickets are 2s. 6d., and are available for return by any train the same day. A good one leaves Hereford 6.12, arriving at Bristol 8.4 p.m.

Those ringers who are also interested in sporting events can have a good day in London on Saturday if they will do as one gentleman from the West of England proposes to do. He hopes to see the Boat Race in the morning, the football match between England and Scotland in the afternoon, and take part in the early evening in the 'Oranges and Lemons' ringing at St. Clement Danes. Some day this!

On March 29th and 30th, 1891, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve on the bells at Quex Park, Thanet. Of that band of 37 years ago, only three are left: George Williams, Harry Hopkins and Fred Pitstow. The others—Newson, Foskett, Rogers, Jacob, Swain, Nathan Pitstow, Duins, Baron and Chapman—all are gone.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major at Bolsover on March 18th was Joseph Saxton.

Mr. Fred W. Bailey, of Nottingham, district secretary of the M.C.A., has undergone two serious operations in Nottingham Hospital. The latest report is that he is progressing as well as can be expected. Mr. Bailey is one of the famous Leiston family who made ringing history by a peal rung by eight brothers.

A hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow the Society of London Youths rang a peal of 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

The first peal of Grandsire at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, London, was rung on April 1st, 1834, by St. Dunstan's Society, conducted by Thomas Tolladay, who was a prominent member of the old St. James' Society. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West are seldom, if ever, rung now. They overhang Fleet Street.

The Double Norwich record was broken on April 3rd, 1899, when in 9 hrs. 24 mins., at Erith, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 15,072.

A hundred and twenty years ago next Thursday, a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters was rung at Shrewsbury in 6 hrs. 50 mins. A tablet was erected by the Union Society to record the peal, which, if surpassed by future practitioners, will stand as a memorial that their predecessors were not deficient in skill and perseverance.

The Norfolk Guild report for 1927, which has just been issued, shows that 44 peals were rung by the Guild in 1927, of which two were on ten bells, 25 on eight bells, 14 on six bells, and three on five bells. This compared with 61 in 1926, and is the lowest number for a great many years.

In recording with profound sorrow the death of the president, Dean Willink, the report says: 'We may safely say our Guild has never had to record the loss of such an ideal and honoured leader in the whole of its history.' Dean Willink was an active and wholehearted officer of the Guild.

THE OCCASIONS OF MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Cave's letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' should the deceased be a prominent citizen or churchman, it is best to ring muffled on the day of the funeral, and on the Sunday at whichever service the parson is going to mention the loss from the pulpit, when, in all probability, the 'Dead March' will also be played after or before service. For the other service that day it would be better to ring the bells unmuffled.

In the case of a Royal personage, a national personality, or a municipal loss such as a Lord Mayor, requiring national or municipal mourning, it would be better to ring for all services on the Sunday, especially if the week-end intervenes between the death and the funeral.

The best form of muffled ringing is, of course, the 'whole pull and stand,' which should be practised by every band of ringers for such occasions. It is simple and most effective, and is appreciated tremendously, not only by relatives of the deceased themselves, but by the outside public. We reserve the last five to ten minutes of the ringing following a touch for this purpose.

On Armistice Day we ring as above before the service, but ring the congregation out with open bells, to harmonise with the 'Reveille,' a rejoicing for the resurrection.

CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE,
Ringing Master,
Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. AMALGAMATION SCHEME DEFEATED.

An important meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. It was specially convened under a resolution of the annual meeting, first to receive the result of a plebiscite among the members on a proposal to approach the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with a scheme of amalgamation; and, secondly, to consider a new draft set of rules. After ringing on the ten bells of the Parish Church in the afternoon and attending service, the members partook of a substantial meat tea at the Institute. They then settled down to business, which engaged their attention for a full three hours, and there were some animated discussions. The Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett) presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary), Mr. U. Dean (hon. treasurer), and nearly 60 members from most of the towers in the area of the association.

The Master, in reviewing the steps which had led up to that meeting, referred to the original proposal made over a year ago, that the question of amalgamation with Guildford Diocesan Guild should be considered. This resulted in a conference with the organising committee of the Guild, who pointed out that they had no powers to deal with the subject, but suggested that the Surrey Association Committee should formulate a scheme which might be put before the members of the Guild when it was formed. As a result, a scheme was submitted at the Surrey Association's last annual meeting in January, when it was resolved to take a plebiscite upon it. This scheme proposed that amalgamation should take place on January 1st, 1929, that the society be called the 'Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' with the Bishops of Southwark and Guildford as ex-officio joint presidents; that the rules of Guildford Diocesan Guild be adopted with certain minor alterations, and that the two organisations should continue absolutely as one society.

The Hon. Secretary then announced the result of the plebiscite. He said 263 members were circularised. Of this number, 69 were in favour of amalgamation, and 104 against, while 90 did not vote.

The Master said the result was against amalgamation. There was, however, a motion before them, adjourned from the annual meeting, that they should amalgamate with the Guildford Guild, and in view of the plebiscite something must be done to get that motion out of the way.

Mr. W. J. Trappitt moved as an amendment to the motion that no further steps be taken in the matter. He did not see why they need amalgamate. The Surrey Association was nearly 50 years of age, and it could stand on its own legs. He was, he believed, the only original member of the association left, and he strongly objected to amalgamation with Guildford.—Mr. G. Hoad (Reigate) seconded, and the amendment was carried with only three dissentients.

NEW RULES.

The meeting then proceeded to consider, seriatim, a new set of rules, and a number of alterations were made to the committee's draft, the changes being made principally upon the representations made by Mr. Northover, on behalf of the Southern District Committee. The first rule provided that 'That society shall be called "The Surrey Association of Change Ringers," and have for its objects, viz.: (a) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (b) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (c) the cultivation of the art of change ringing; (d) to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings.'

With regard to (b), it was urged that this was not the province of an association, the duty of the care and use of church bells and belfries devolving upon the incumbent and church authorities. On a vote being taken, it was decided to eliminate this clause. A similar proposal to take out (d), as being a matter for the local bands or bell founders, was opposed by several members, and the clause was retained by a considerable majority.

In discussing the 'government' of the association, it was resolved that the president should be elected annually like the other officers; that the auditor should not be an ex-officio member of the Central Committee, and that there should be no honorary members (as in the past) on the committee.

It was resolved that non-resident members should pay a compounding subscription of 5s., but any member, who had paid an annual subscription for five consecutive years, should on leaving the county automatically become a compounding member without further payment. The area of the association for this purpose is to be treated as the geographical boundary of the county.

It was decided to eliminate the proposed rule giving authority to dismiss a member from the association for misconduct, it being argued that it did not look well in a set of rules for bellringers, who could all be relied upon to behave themselves.

A discussion took place on a financial rule directing subscriptions of hon. life members and compounding members to be paid into the general fund. The Southern District desired that these subscriptions should be retained by the districts, but the committee's proposal was adopted, after two counts of hands; the final decision being reached by the casting vote of the chairman.

Other minor alterations were made, and then considerable discussion took place on the rules for the district branches. They were ultimately adopted in a redrafted form. The principal alterations to the committee's original proposals were that the districts will each have their own treasurer and auditor, and will pay over to the central

fund 6d. per paid-up ringing member (equivalent of 25 per cent. of the subscription), instead of 75 per cent. of the cash in the hands of the district secretary at the end of the year.

In contrast to the decision to eliminate from the objects of the association the 'care and use of church bells and belfries,' the district rules provide that the District Committee shall satisfy themselves by personal inspection or otherwise as to the state of the belfries and bands in their districts, and make a yearly report for presentation to the Central Committee.

The rules having been disposed of, the meeting turned to a discussion on the form of the association's certificate. It was decided to retain the old form, but to bring it up to date by substituting a photograph of one tower from each of the three districts (to be decided on by the districts) for those shown on the existing certificate, but still retaining the illustration of Beddington tower, as the birthplace of the association.

On the proposition of Mr. Chas. Dean, seconded by Mr. Northover, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the three secretaries to complete and arrange for the printing of 500 copies.—This concluded the business.

The General Secretary informed those present that an invitation meeting would be held at Beddington (where the bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Saturday, April 14th, and that he hoped to see a good number there. He emphasised the importance of those intending to be present notifying him beforehand, so that adequate provision could be made for tea. He had received 20 notifications for tea that day, whereas about double that number had put in an appearance.

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Dean for making arrangements for the tea and meeting, to the Vicar of Leatherhead for conducting the service, and to the Master and general secretary for their work in connection with the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Birstall, Guiseley, Leeds, Shipley, Queensbury, Headingley, Huddersfield, Bradford, Silsden, Bingley, Horbury, Mirfield, Denholme, Keighley, Lightcliffe, Armley, Lindley, Batley, Rothwell, and the local company. A short church service was held, when an address was given by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Hall). Tea was served in the schools, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer of the association) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association).

Six new members were elected, viz.: H. Wilde, G. Longbottom, R. Kendall, A. Skelton (Queensbury), J. Birchenough (Northwram), W. Brittain (Birstall).

No new nominations having been received, the retiring officers were re-elected: Messrs. J. Broadley (Ringing Master), F. W. Dixon, J. Hardcastle, R. Umpleby (committee).

On the motion of Mr. Lawson it was decided to hold the June meeting at Brighouse if possible.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and for his address, to the organist, to the ladies who kindly served tea, and to the local company for the arrangements made.—These were responded to by the Rev. G. R. Hall (Vicar), Major Goater (churchwarden), and Mr. H. Dransfield for the local company.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

HALIFAX CONTEST.

SANDAL WIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday last, when seven teams entered the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes in any method. Mr. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. Hoyle (Shelley) officiated as judges, and their decision was as follows:—

Company.	Method.	Faults.	Penalty.	Total.
No. 1.—Holmfirth	Oxford	192	20	212
No. 2.—Liversedge	Oxford	182		182
No. 3.—New Mill	Oxford	140	20	160
No. 4.—Moltham	Kent	217		217
No. 5.—Sandal	Oxford	151		151
No. 6.—Batley	Kent	177		177
No. 7.—Huddersfield	Kent	190		190

No. 5 company, Sandal, were therefore declared winners of the cup. It was the first time Sandal had won the trophy, and the Vicar (Rev. Walkden) congratulated Mr. Moxon, the captain, who received the cup. He hoped that the association would soon visit Shelley again.

An excellent tea was provided, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and judges closed a very enjoyable meeting.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Sunday night, March 25th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), arranged for the birthdays of Messrs. Smedley and Markwell. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Staveley: A. Markwell, sen., 1, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 2, F. Dyble (first quarter-peal) 3, S. Smedley 4, H. Stow 5, F. Parsons, jun., 6, F. Parsons, sen., 7, L. Palmer 8.

MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. CRAYFORD VETERAN'S 700 PEALS.

The name of Edwin Barnett, senior, is one of the most familiar to ringers throughout the country, and in the Exercise he has a large circle of friends, which a gentle nature and a genial disposition has continually widened throughout the years. In the course of his long ringing career Mr. Barnett has achieved a number of distinctions, and his latest is to join the comparatively small group of men who have rung 700 peals. Among this little circle, however, Mr. Barnett stands almost unique in the number of methods which he has included in his big peal total, a total which has certainly not been amassed from selfish ends, for much of his peal ringing has been done to help others, as witness, for instance, his 110 peals of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Barnett, sen., was born at Ross, Herefordshire, in 1862, and was educated at the Bluecoat School there. At the age of 13 he removed to Welshpool, where he became a Sunday 'chimer,' there being no ringing there at that time. Three years later he went to Leytonstone to live, and there he came in contact with Mr. Arthur Gardener



MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

home again about one o'clock in the morning.

As soon as the bells at Monmouth were rung, Mr. Barnett formed a band, to all of whom he had to teach the handling of a bell, but in a little more than a year they succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was his first as conductor. It was also the first peal on the bells and the second in the county of Monmouth, the previous one having been rung at Chepstow many years before. During the period he was at Monmouth, Mr. Barnett married, and his son, Mr. Edwin Barnett, jun., was born there. Very soon after the peal above mentioned, he returned to London and joined the band at Leytonstone, where he remained a member until 1889, when he removed to Crayford, with which place his name has been associated ever since. Here he found practically a 'stone' band, but excellent material, which he very quickly transformed into—at that time—one of the best change-ringing companies in the county, as the records in 'Bell News' of the '90's testify.

Mr. Barnett was elected on the committee of the Kent County Association in 1894, and has represented that body on the Central Council since 1903. He is one of the oldest members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and in his early days was closely associated with the late George Newson, John Cox, Henry Dains, and many others whose names will live as long as ringing lasts. He is a member of many county and diocesan associations.

MANY 'FIRSTS.'

Mr. Barnett's record of 'first peal in the method for the Kent County Association' is probably unique, for he has called no fewer than 26, ranging from Triples to Maximus. Last year a serious operation threatened to end his life, but he was happily spared, and has made a wonderful recovery. His 700th peal was the first he has been able to ring away from treble or 2nd for some years, and the fact that he was able to turn in the tenor in 2 hrs. 40 mins. speaks for itself.

We referred above to the great variety which characterises Mr. Barnett's peal list, and it will be seen that it includes four methods of Maximus, two of Cinques, nine of Royal, two of Caters, 22 of Major, nine of Triples (which is probably a record), and six varieties of spliced methods. His full list is as follows:—

		Rung.	Cond.
Maximus:	Cambridge Surprise	1	
	Kent Treble Bob	4	1
	Plain Bob	1	1
	Little Bob	1	1
Cinques:	Stedman	39	
	Grandsire	2	
	Cambridge Surprise	4	
	Double Norwich	1	
Royal:	Duffield	1	
	Forward	2	
	Kent Treble Bob	14	1
	Oxford Treble Bob	2	
Caters:	'Cam' Treble Bob	1	1
	Plain Bob	2	2
	Little Bob	1	1
	Stedman	23	1
Major:	Grandsire	7	
	Bristol Surprise	1	
	London Surprise	3	
	New Cumberland Surprise	1	
	Cambridge Surprise	27	
	New Cambridge Surprise	4	
	Superlative Surprise	30	1
	Norfolk Surprise	4	53
	*Double Norwich	118	2
	'Real' Double Norwich	4	2
	Kent Treble Bob	74	39
	Oxford Treble Bob	5	3
	Granta Treble Bob	1	1
	'Cam' Treble Bob	1	1
	Plain Bob	33	21
	Reverse Bob	1	1
	Waterloo Reverse Bob	1	
	Double Oxford Bob	7	6
	Little Bob	2	1
	†Canterbury	18	13
	Little Canterbury	1	1
	Crayford Little Bob	1	1
	Dartford Little Bob	1	1
	Kent Colledge	1	1
Spliced Methods:	Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	2	2
	Double Norwich and Double Oxford	1	1
	Double Norwich and Plain Bob	1	1
	Double Oxford and Plain Bob	1	1
	Canterbury and Plain Bob	1	1
	Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1	
	Stedman	104	27
	Erin	2	1
Triples:	Grandsire	110	57
	Union	19	10
	Oxford Bob	3	2
	Plain Bob	2	1
	Darlaston Bob	3	1
	Court Bob	1	1
	Canterbury	1	1
	Four methods	3	1
Minor:			
		700	254

Of the above number 165 have been rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and 140 at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith. * Including a 13,440. † Including a 10,080.

APPLETON'S 109th ANNIVERSARY.

The Appleton people do things without thought or care as to what other people think. For instance, they decided a few years ago that March 4th should always be on a Saturday. This year of grace 1928, owing to the 'All England Meeting' at Croydon, it was decided that March the 4th should be on the 10th, and it was so. To those who made the journey to this place of renown it proved that March 4th can be celebrated at any time, while Hollifield's and White's are alive and full of 'vim and vigour,' as has obtained since A.D. 1818.

The day started with a good peal of Grandsire Caters, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Miss S. Davis getting to Appleton soon after sunrise to ensure an active participation in the opening proceedings.

After mid-day, visitors arrived in shoals, and touches of Triples and Caters, Major and Royal were rung in good style, a few ringers, as usual, hearing and ringing ten bells for the first time. Dinner was served by Host and Hostess R. Brown at the Thatched Tavern (which will soon have to be enlarged for these occasions). After a good meal, songs, speeches, handbell ringing, and instrumental music brought parting time all too soon, but, as usual, those people who have been several times were thankful that they had been spared to go once more, and those who made their first pilgrimage to that 'ringing Mecca' said, 'I shall come next year (D.V.).' Visitors were present from Abingdon, Bucklebury, Caversham, Faringdon, Croydon, Oxford, Reading, Launton, High Wycombe, Wokingham, Witney, while that little place called London was also represented.

ROWS AND CHANGES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Some time ago I pointed out (not for the first time) that the important thing in change ringing in general, and the problem of Extension in particular, is not the rows, but the changes which produce the rows. And I said that unless you appreciated the distinction between a row and a change you were not very likely to go very far in understanding the question of Extension. Of course, I was promptly contradicted. I was told that I was hair splitting, that there is no difference between a row and a change, and that there is nothing between the changes. These gentlemen, no doubt, think they have completely demolished my argument to their entire satisfaction, and I should be sorry to disturb so happy a frame of mind. But I feel sure that the man who is interested in Extension as a general question, and who is not merely trying to establish or dispute some particular case, like Shipway's Superlative or the Superlative Maximus rung at Ipswich, will agree that it is anything but splitting of hairs to make quite sure of the grounds on which you are working, and rather important to know what you are going to extend before you try and see how it can be extended.

After all, it is a question of facts and of facts belonging to actual ringing in the tower.

If you are thinking of practising a new method you will probably get that method in the form of a lead of rows. The first thing you will do will be to draw a line, either with a pen or mentally, along the path of one bell. What is that but putting in something between the rows? When you give the method out to your band to learn, you will probably give them a 'skeleton course'; that is to say, you will ignore the rows altogether and give them only that something you have put in. And what is that something? It is hunting, place-making, dodging, leading, lying, snapping and everything which we call work. These are the things which really are the method, and they all take place between the rows. They constitute the changes, and they produce row from row.

Probably the reason why people say that there is nothing between the rows is because there is nothing that they can see. They can see two lines of figures written on paper; they can see nothing between them. True, but then, a line of figures is not in itself a row of change ringing; it is only a symbol which represents a row. There is nothing to see of a row in the tower. On the other hand, when you represent the changes by your skeleton course you have a symbol which is just as visible as the line of figures. A row and a change are equally real and equally abstract. There can be no question of which is of the more immediate importance in actual ringing. If you ring a peal of, say, London Surprise Major, it is almost certain that you will never know what rows you have rung, neither the ringer, nor the conductor, nor even the composer. You will know, you must know, what hunting and place-making and dodging you have done, for they are everything that, for the actual ringer, is London Surprise.

This brings me to my main point. A method is not essentially a collection of rows, but an amount of movement among the bells. It is a matter of clear historical fact that in that way, and that way alone, ringing was begun, was developed and still continues. And it follows that if we are to understand such problems as Extension we must study ringing as it is practised in the tower and not as if it consisted of certain orders of figures written on a piece of paper. To put it briefly, we must study chiefly the changes and not the rows.

Once you get ringing as essentially the movement of bells, certain laws become operative. I have already pointed out and illustrated the most important of these. It is that this movement is, and must be, cyclical. Every round block, and therefore every method, consists of a number of cyclical movements. When this fact is recognised, we are in sight of the solution of the problem of Extension, so far as any solution is possible. For this reason, a cyclical movement has a definite recognisable way of expansion. The plain hunting course on four bells will expand into the plain hunting course on six bells in one way, and one way only. And this is true whether this hunting course is independent or whether it is part of a more complex method.

How this works out I will show presently, but there is one thing which I may perhaps be pardoned for referring to. It is the usual custom for people who criticise the views, which those of us who have been at some trouble to investigate these problems put forward, to call themselves plain practical ringers, and to brush us aside somewhat contemptuously as mere 'theorists.' They stand for facts; we only for fancies. Actually, the case is just the opposite. No doubt in these things many views are expressed which are unsound or only partially true. But the aim is always to find out the truth which underlies the science of ringing, and that truth is being found out more and more each year. Whereas your 'practical' man is usually one who refuses to look an inch before his nose, who thinks that the little he can see is all that there is to be seen, and who imagines that his prejudices and interests are all that matters in ringing. Usually a very worthy sort of man (we all share his failings), but not the most trustworthy guide in finding out the unknown.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Wednesday, March 14th, at All Saints' Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: T. Goodchild 1, Miss Stella Davis 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, W. E. Taylor 4, E. Hobbs 5, J. Eldridge 6, E. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

As this fund will be closed immediately after Easter, contributions should be sent without delay. We gratefully acknowledge the following further subscriptions, among which will be noticed a substantial gift from Mr. A. T. Baker's old parish of Ilkeston, where he was a ringer some years ago.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	181	18	11
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W. Mead, Clun, Salop	5	0	
	£191	6	11

BEDDINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

PERFECT 'GO' IN A ROCKING TOWER.

After a silence of ten weeks, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Croydon, were rung again on Sunday, March 11th, after restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were dedicated during matins by the Rector (Rev. E. V. Bond), and immediately after the bells were rung to three minutes of call changes. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of London Surprise Major were rung.

On the following Sunday, for evening service, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 48 mins.: F. E. Darby 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, E. G. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, F. W. Housden 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10. The first practice night saw plenty of visitors, and all the standard methods, including Cambridge Royal, were rung.

The bells have been quarter-turned and retuned, and the canons removed. New cast-iron headstocks have been fitted with independent clapper staples, which can be adjusted by any ringer in the tower. The staples are controlled by a couple of bolts from the stock, and, in the writer's opinion, it is a great improvement, as true striking bells can be ensured. The clappers have been refaced, and the rims of the wheels renewed. New gudgeons running on ball bearings, with ball-bearing floor rollers, have been supplied, and all stays, sliders and runner boards renewed. The oak frame has been retained and strengthened. The tenor is now 13 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon the excellent way in which they have carried out the restoration work, especially as the tower rocks violently. The bells 'go' like tops, and they sound beautiful.

An invitation meeting is being arranged for Saturday, April 14th, particulars of which appear in the notice columns.

C. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, on Saturday, March 17th. Proceedings opened by the raising of this peal of five at three o'clock, and there were soon more than the tower could hold comfortably. The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hill Merryweather), with the support of the organ and a full choir, the lesson being read by the Vicar's warden (Mr. J. Hurcombe). A bountiful tea was served in the Parish Hall, and kindly given by members of the Parochial Church Council.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. Hurcombe, Mr. G. A. Nock (Elkstone), Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Mr. C. W. Dyson (Leigh), and over 50 members from Alderton, Dumbleton, Winchcombe, Elkstone, Leigh, Swindon, Prestbury, Leckhampton, Badgeworth, and the local tower, as well as several visitors from Worcestershire.

The Secretary expressed pleasure at seeing such a large number present, especially their beloved friend, Rev. A. D. Pennington. Letters regretting absence were read from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Capt. Trye, R.N., and Mr. Chas. Amos Wilson (churchwarden).

Elkstone was selected as the place for the next meeting in June. Mr. Wm. Hale proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, and expressed the hope that at least one more bell would be added to make a fine ring of six in the near future.—This was seconded by Mr. G. A. Nock and carried with applause.

The Vicar, responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch there that day, and thanked Mr. J. Harper (captain of the tower) for his loyal support in all church matters.—Mr. J. Hurcombe also expressed pleasure at seeing such a happy gathering.

A collection was taken for the Alfred T. Baker fund. The tower was again visited, and the following methods were rung during the day: Stedman, Grandsire, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, and Plain Bob Doubles.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evensong service, 720 Canterbury Reverse in 26 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Coles 4, A. Tomlinson 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. First 720 in method by all.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church on March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,312 changes) of Canterbury Pleasure Major in 50 mins.: J. Stanford 1, T. Branch 2, J. Cook 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Pettifer 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—For Sunday evening service, on March 25th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: *F. Stacey 1, J. Allen 2, *E. Aylett 3, M. Hibbert 4, W. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley 7, *J. Evans 8. * First quarter of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHILDON, DURHAM.—At John's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 600 Bob Minor, and for evensong 720 St. Clement's Minor, by the service ringers of the above church, conducted by R. B. Robinson.

ERITH.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: H. Luck 1, F. J. Cullerne 2, S. Stagg 3, J. Morton 4, F. J. Cullerne, jun. (conductor) 5, H. Holden 6, L. Cullerne 7, W. Darke 8.

WRENTHAM.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas', 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, W. C. Bann 2, E. Bailey 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Double Court, with C. Bailey taking part.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 18th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss F. Orr 2, F. Pike 3, Miss E. Chapman 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 mins., rung 'silent': E. T. Butler 1, T. Faulkner 2, G. L. Joyce 3, W. Miller 4, C. Fenn 5, G. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, E. D. Smith 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Flower 1, R. Brett Smith 2, F. Fraser 3, H. Wood 4, C. A. Bines (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. Anderson 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, F. Read (conductor) 4, F. Hirst 5, R. Balderstone 6, J. Hirst 7, A. Lord 8; 7-8 covering. First 720 Kent for 5th ringer.—On Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, F. Read (conductor) 4, F. Hirst 5, A. Lord 6, R. Balderstone 7, J. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by all the band, who are regular Sunday service ringers. The average age of the band is 18½ years, all the ringers being under 21.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Rawlings 1, H. Hawkes 2, F. King 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, J. Blake 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. Arranged for Mr. Blake, of Chichester, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Terry.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evensong, February 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A welcome back to Mr. A. J. Ginn after two months' illness.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 18th, at St. Andrew's for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: Thomas Benney 1, Charles J. Choort 2, W. J. Norton 3, Joseph S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, John Lee 5, K. W. Green 6, A. C. Darnell 7, E. J. Sampson 8.

NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Houghton-le-Spring.—The Lord Bishop of Durham will dedicate the two new trebles at Houghton-le-Spring on Easter Eve, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. The local ringers will ring at the dedication; after the service bells will be open to all ringers. Tea will be provided in the Kieper School at 5 p.m., 1/6 per head, to those who notify Mr. R. Artington, North View Terrace, Fencehouses by Tuesday, April 3rd.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitley on Easter Monday, April 9th. Bells (10, tenor 17 cwt.) available for ringers all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe (members 2/6, non-members 3/-) at 1 p.m. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, April 5th.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of Central Division at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in Small Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on March 31st. The recently recast ring of eight bells will be available early. There will be a meeting of the Cup Committee.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Humberstone on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Important business meeting (re M.C.A.'s future) at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, March 31st. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) 2.20 p.m. approximately.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—'Oranges and Lemons Say the Bells of St. Clement's.'—The children's festival to perpetuate the old parish custom will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, at 4.30. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.20 and again about 5.30, when each child, on leaving the church, will be presented with an orange and lemon by little Danish children.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 23rd, quarterly meeting at 6.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 17th, at 8.—S. C. Move, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Troilope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday (April 9th). Committee meeting in the Church House 11.15 a.m. Service in St. George's at 12. Address by Rev. E. Lionel Gedge, Rector of Crayford. Collection for Earl Haig Memorial Fund. Dinner in the Town Hall 1.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open: Gravesend (8), Northfleet (8), Swanscombe (8), Milton (6). Members wishing to ring at Cliffe, Higham, Shorne, Meopham or Cobham are requested to write to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before April 6th. For dinner tickets apply before April 4th to Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, April 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and meeting to follow. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawk's Road, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Wednesday, April 4th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 9th. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham. Luncheon at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members requiring luncheon are urgently requested to send in their names to the secretary not later than Thursday, April 5th. The annual business meeting for the election of new president, officers and committee will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 4th. Bells available: All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Shepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Soham, on Easter Monday, April 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 sharp. Ringing at Soham (10 bells) from 10 a.m., Ely St. Mary's (8) and Fordham (6) from 6 p.m. Members requiring tea are requested to inform the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 3rd.—Rev. R. Copeman, 53, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., Rector of Ross. Dinner at the Boothe Hall, 2s. 6d., at 1. Those requiring dinner should let me know by Wednesday, April 4th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Bury St. Edmunds. Cathedral (10) and St. Mary's bells (8) available all day. 3 p.m., committee meeting at Abbey House. 3.30, service in Cathedral. 4, tea, Abbey House, free to all sending word by April 3rd. Meeting follows. Quarterly meetings at Ufford, March 31st, and at Fressingfield, April 21st. Tea at 4.45 at Fox and Goose Room, 9d. to all sending me word by April 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

JOINT MEETING OF SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—On Easter Monday, Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) and Eastwood, near Rotherham (8 bells) available. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, as early as possible?—Robert Harrison, jun., and Hilda Jacques, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary (10), St. Peter (10), Lenton (8), Beeston (8) and Basford (8) will be available during the day. Committee meet in St. Peter's School 2.30. Short service in St. Peter's Church 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., at which all members are specially requested to attend. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's School, followed by the general meeting. It is requested (owing to serious illness of local hon. sec.) that all requiring tea (1s. 6d. members, 2s. non-members) acquaint Mr. L. Chadburn, 8, Butt Houses, Derby Road, Lenton, Notts, not later than April 5th to avoid inconvenience.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.15. Meeting, 6. Members free. Handbells 6.30. Various towers open for ringing. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at St. George's, Stockport. Service 10.45 a.m. Preacher, Rev. A. J. Humphreys. Meeting, 11.45 in Schools. Luncheon, 1 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. members, 2s. visitors, from branch secretaries before April 2nd, or from Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Frequent service of trains from London Road Station. Fare 1s. 8d. to Glossop Central.—J. Hall, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at North Collingham, Newark, on Easter Monday. A good ring of 6 bells (almost new) available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and probably another peal of 6 in the evening. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, Collingham, Newark, not later than April 4th. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Ringers on the Northern and Retford side of the Trent are requested to book to Newark. Cheap rail and bus fares, thence to Collingham, buses running hourly. The lane at Carlton Ferry at present is under water. Looking forward for a good attendance.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 9th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. Luncheon will be at 'The Silver Grill' at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-resident members and friends 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting after lunch. A hearty welcome will be given to visitors and ringing friends.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells, 10, 8, and two sixes, all going well. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Tea 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute. Towers open at 2 p.m. The two six-bell towers earlier by arrangement. If coming to tea, drop me postcard.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 12th and 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. One shilling will be charged, but please advise your district secretary by April 11th if you are coming. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4.; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4., and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District. — A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (D.V.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome, but visitors must notify me of their intention of being present not later than Wednesday, April 11th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early now so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Wm. A. Stote has removed from 8, Welsh Road Dwellings, Southam, to 73, Gorton Road, Coventry.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LAUNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Friday, March 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Stedman Doubles in 23 mins.: O. Stockley 1, H. Foster 2, F. Sharpe (conductor) 3, R. Castle 4, J. Massey 5, H. Gregory 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method in the deanery by a local band.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HEERTS.—On Tuesday, March 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Laban 1, F. Bird 2, A. Levey 3, H. Bull 4, W. Morris 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Tarling (first quarter as conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8.

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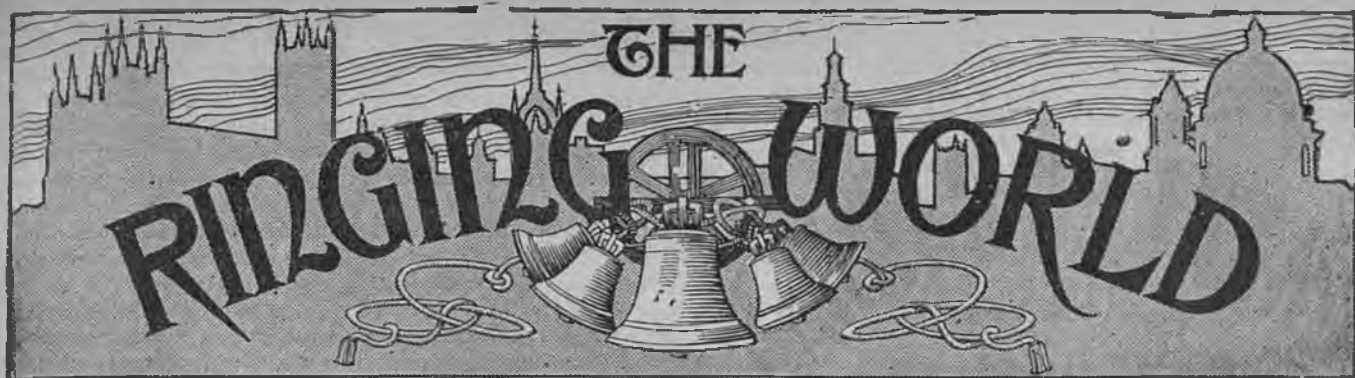
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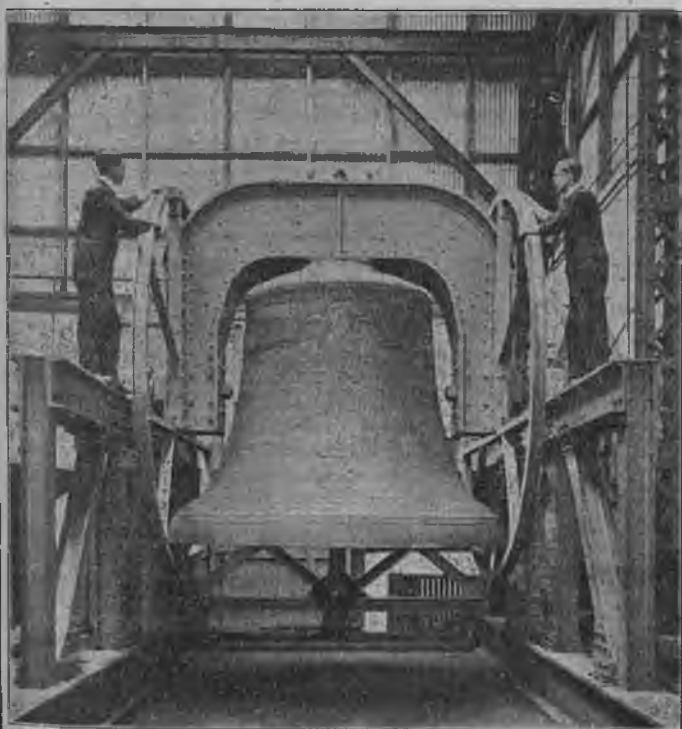
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THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS.

The early publication of the Central Council's agenda this year is in compliance with the decision arrived at, at the last session, the object being to give the many associations which hold their annual meetings between now and Whitsun Tuesday the opportunity of discussing beforehand any matters upon which they may specially desire to have their views represented to the Council. Hitherto, with the appearance of the agenda in the three weeks immediately before the meeting, there has been no opportunity for ringers to talk over at their meetings any of the proposals which are to come before the Council, and consequently there has often been a year's delay while matters under discussion have been referred to the affiliated societies. One such case occurred last year, when the subject of the issue of peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers was deferred for twelve months to enable the 'rank and file' to be consulted.

This matter comes up again at the next meeting, and the various associations and guilds have the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon it. Very largely this is a question for the young ringers. Those whose first peal is now but a distant memory may feel that the peal should be its own reward, but they should try to put themselves in the place of the young ringers to whom the first peal is still a joy to come. It seems to us that it would prove an incentive to many to know that their first substantial achievement in the art would be recognised by the central authority, and undoubtedly it would give an added pleasure to the initial success if some such recognition were forthcoming. Many ringing associations will be meeting next Monday, and if they can find time in the press of business, they should invite their young members—those who have not yet rung a peal—to express their views. The opinion of the 'old hands' would not be half so valuable, because to them the glamour of the first peal is already lost.

Another subject which should rather vitally interest the associations is that which is to be raised by Mr. W. Ayre, who intends to propose 'that a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.' This raises again an important question, and as it is one which, if carried out, would have to be financially supported through, if not by, the associations, it would be wise if it were given as much consideration as possible by those affiliated bodies who are meeting between now and Whitsun. The happy result of the appeal made by 'The Ringing World' for a

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distressed member of the Exercise, whose case is one of the most deserving that it is possible to imagine, has shown the practical sympathy of ringers and their willingness to co-operate in any effort which is properly organised. Ringers are a large-hearted brotherhood, and it ought not to be beyond possibility to bring into operation a scheme to assist such cases of extraordinary sickness as Mr. Ayre has in mind. It is not for us to suggest how a scheme of this description should be given effect to; but, assuming that there are, at a low estimate, twelve thousand interested ringers in this country, here, at a penny per member per year, is a nucleus of fifty pounds per annum. This may be a very small sum for what would admittedly be a biggish undertaking; but that is at a penny a member; and who, after all, would decline to give sixpence a year to such a cause? With proper limitations to the class of claims which could have consideration, the product of such a general contribution would go far to help relieve dire necessities in the case of sickness. We hope the associations will give this proposal careful and sympathetic consideration.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
BASIL LATHAM 2	FRANK PONTING 7
TRAVIS PRICEARD 3	P. SGT. G. HASTINGS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	HARRY BARRETT 9
LESLIE BARRY 5	GEORGE LATHAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to P.S. G. Hastings.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6026 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	*GEORGE STRAW 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	PERCY HARRISON 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 8
GEORGE NEWTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD CITY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM BLAKE Treble	WILLIAM FINCH 5
*FRANK BECKETT 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
VICTOR BENNETT 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. G. Stace, of Headington, who passed away on March 13th.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Tuesday, March 20th, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Brown 1, F. Parsons 2, C. Tyler 3, W. Morey (first touch 'inside') 4, A. E. Baker 5, L. Payne 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently, with 6-8 covering.
Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH... .. Treble	FRANK V. BRASLEY 5
GEORGE SMITH 2	STANLEY J. PEARSON 6
HARRY SMITH 3	ALFRED C. BOXLEY 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	*HAROLD HART Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. BOXLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a quarterly peal for the association. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers. First peal known to be rung on the bells by a local band. First peal as conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON Treble	FRANK H. BALLARD 5
WILLIAM STEED... .. 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
*CYRIL COLLISON 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	*ARTHUR MAYES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James Maynard, for 51 years ringer at the above church, and a much respected and well-known member of the association.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Monday, March 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES... .. Treble	CHARLES WEBB 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WITHERS 7
JACK WITHERS, JUN. 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. WILLIAM HOLLIS... .. Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	FRANK ROWSELL 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
*ROYDEN DAVIES... .. 4	CHARLES H. PERRY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 7th has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This composition contains 22 courses 4-6-8's and the extent 6-7-8's.

NOTTINGHAM.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON 5
MAURICE WARD 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
Ex-Sgt. WM. JOHNSON, V.C. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Barrett. Ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., was elected a member of the above association previous to starting.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	*JOHN WHEADON... .. 5
*MRS H. BAKER 2	BERTRAM LUCK 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	*ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*HARRY BAKER 4	*ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Oxford. This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World,' March 9th, 1928.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	SAM W. CHAPMAN 6
ALFRED BALLARD... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FRANK HASLUM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA MILLS... .. Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS 5
MRS R. FARDON... .. 2	MRS. F. I. HAIRMAN... .. 6
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN... 3	MRS. A. D. BARKER 7
MISS FREDA ORR 4	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal by the Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
EDWARD H. KING 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	WILBY J. HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

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On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT HAIGH Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
THOS. B. KENDALL 2	WILLIAM AMBLER 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
WILLIAM BARTON 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY J. LUCK Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
LIONEL J. CULLUM 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, the ringer of the treble kindly filling the vacant place.

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Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
*MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER 7
JOSEPH DIXON 4	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. DALINGWATER.

* First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ERNEST POPPY Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
JOHN SOUTER 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CLERMONT J. MORE 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	GEORGE ARCHER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by C. J. MORE.

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(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR INGHAM Treble	SYDNEY BROWN 5
ARTHUR BROWN 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOHN BEATTIE 3	JOHN HIRST 7
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	†HERBERT SUMMERS 6
†FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
THOMAS W. CHOWN 4	CHARLES FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Freeman.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
JOHN BREESE 3	JOHN COOKE 7
THOMAS A. ROGERS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal, and first attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HAYES Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
†GEOFFREY MILTON 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Jos. Hughes, of Bangor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	*JOHN E. MORETON 6
ERNEST STONE 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
MISS EVA LEWIS 4	ALFRED KING Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. 25th peal for the ringer of the 5th, who has also completed the circle in this tower. Rung as a welcome to Rev. John A. B. Davies, B.A., who was instituted and inducted to the living earlier in the day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of spaced 240's each, by Pitman and Morris, and 10 ordinary 120's.

Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS FRANCIS HART ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal, elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. First peal on these bells, which were made five in 1865.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	EDWARD A. HERN 5
ERNEST GOSDEN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN TARGETT Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
FRED A. COWARD 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WALTER RICH Treble	D. A. PIERCY 4
DAVID BLAGG 2	WILLIAM BRETT 5
*REGINALD ASHFORTH ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of the treble and 3rd are members of the local band.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	GEORGE POPPELL 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM PIKE 3	*ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE STONEYARD PRACTICE ROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDISE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor size 17 in A.

GEORGE E. FOSTER 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 3-4
EDWARD FOSTER 5-6	
Conducted by J. F. MILNER.	

Umpires: ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN AND ERNEST H. CLULOW.

First peal 'in hand' by all, and in Southwell by a local band. 25 years have elapsed since the first and only handbell peal was rung in that town.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ALBERT J. PITMAN.

The following is a peal of 5,504 or 5,056 of Cambridge Surprise Major on an original plan. It has 20 7-8 course ends, and contains 222 7-8's and 142 8-6's.

2345678	A	5264278
7864523—2	C	3652847—3
7842635—4		6247385—1
8235764—1		3462578—3
2564873—1	A	2573486
5473286—1	C	4375286
	B	2465378
8627354—2		
A { 6754832—1		7836524—2
3285467—2		7862345—4
		7824653—4
A 5463278		5362478—2
A 3275486		7848253—2
A 5483267		3254678—2 p.l.
A 3265478		Repeat the whole.
7946532—2		
8632754—1		
B { 6254873—1		Reduced to 5,056 by omitting
2473685—1		both 'C' blocks in second part.
4385267—1		

The peal was rung for the first time at Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 24th, conducted by Ernest Morris.

5,056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY W. WILDE.

23456	B. W. M. H.	25634	B. W. M. H.
64235	— — —	25346	— — —
26435	— — —	32546	— — —
42635	— — —	53246	— — —
63425	— — —	24536	— — —
63254	— — —	52436	— — —
26354	— — —	43526	— — —
32654	— — —	54326	— — —
65324	— — —	35426	— — —
36524	— — —	42356	— — —
53624	— — —	34256	— — —
62534	— — —	23456	— — —
56234	— — —		
25634	— — —		

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

5024.				5056.			
23456	M.	B.	W. H.	23456	M.	B.	W. H.
23564	—	—	1	54326	—	—	2 2
				25463	2	—	2 2
62345	—	—	2				
32465	—	—	2 1	62534	—	—	2
32654	2	—	2 1	65324	—	1	2
53246	2	—	2 2	26543	2	2	2
46325	1	—	2 2				
24653	2	—	2 2	42635	—	—	2
				46325	—	1	2
52436	—	—	2	24653	2	2	2
54326	—	—	1 2				
25463	2	—	2 2	52436	—	—	2
				35264	—	—	2
62534	—	—	2	32654	—	1	2
65324	—	1	2	32546	2	2	1
26543	2	2	2	43265	2	2	2
				23645	1	—	1
42635	—	—	2				
23456	—	—		23456	—	—	1

These peals may be varied by beginning the calling from under any of the lines.

The 5,024 was rung on October 22nd, 1927, at Churchkirk, Lanes, and the 5,056 at Padiham, Lanes, Nov. 5th, 1927, both conducted by Laurence J. Williams.

A PEAL ATTEMPT LOST.

On March 24th, the Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, band started for a peal, as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Minnie, M.A., but owing to the indisposition of one of the band the conductor called a 'stand' at the end of the fourth 720, after 1 hr. 50 mins. The methods rung were 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, the ringers, all members of the local band, being: S. Baker 1, C. M. Mitchell 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, J. Burles 4, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 5, H. Argent 6.

LADIES' SURPRISE PEAL. CAMBRIDGE RUNG AT CRAYFORD.

The Ladies' Guild have achieved another triumph, by having scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, at Crayford. The record of the peal will be found in its proper place, and we feel sure our readers will join in congratulating the band upon their success.

It was rung at the second attempt. On the first occasion Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, was in the band, and she also made the journey to London a month ago for another attempt, but the peal was postponed, and the telegram did not reach her before she left home. On this occasion she was unfortunately prevented at the last minute from standing in, by illness, and Mrs. Fardon stepped into the breach. The members very much appreciate Mrs. Poole's share in what has been done in the past.

After the peal the company were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

It will be noted that the band included four married ladies, who, besides being ringers themselves, are the wives of ringers.

CAVERSFIELD'S ANCIENT BELL. INTERESTING RELIC IN OXFORDSHIRE CHURCH.

In the steep-pointed roof of the old Saxon tower of the little Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, has hung for upwards of seven hundred years what is believed to be the oldest known bell in the country.

It was given to the church between the years 1207 and 1219 by Hugh Gargate, the lord of the manor, and Sibilla his wife, and bears the inscription round the shoulder:—

+ IN HONORE DEI ET SANTI LAVRENCII.

And round the rim:—

HVG(H)GARGAT(E)S IBILLAQVE VXOR EIVS HAEC
TIMPPANA FECERVNT ECPONI.

Some of the letters are of peculiar form, and may be said to be more Saxon or Roman than Gothic, and the inscription appears to have been scratched in the mould rather than impressed.

The latter part of the inscription indicates that there were at least two bells put up at that time, and documentary evidence shows that Hugh Gargate was in possession of the manor of Caversfield in 1207, but in 1219 his wife is described as 'Sybil de Kavarsfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

The bell was cast without a clapper staple, and was sounded by being struck on the outside with a hammer, doubtless an arrangement which could be worked by a rope from below, but which unfortunately obliterated some of the letters of the inscription on the lip of the bell.

Later in its life, some holes were drilled in the crown of the bell and a clapper staple fitted, enabling the bell to be rung and giving it a new lease of life.

The dimensions of the bell are as follows: Diameter at lip, 20½ inches; height to top of cannons, 28 inches. It has a very round shoulder, a long, straight waist, and instead of its greatest thickness being at the sound bow, it increases towards the lip, which is flat and two inches thick.

The second bell was recast towards the end of the thirteenth century, and bore the inscription: +IN HONORE BEATI LAVRENCII. This bell survived until 1876, when it was recast. The tenor bell was added in 1874.

In 1925, the fittings of the bells having become so dilapidated that they were hardly safe to ring, the first attempt at a restoration was made, and the two larger bells were patched up, the frame strengthened and the old thirteenth-century bell, being cracked, was removed from its bearings and hung dead across the frame, the work being done by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berkshire.

In February last further restoration was begun, the old thirteenth-century treble was lowered into the church, and hung complete with its old headstock, wheel, stay, slider, bearings, etc., in an oak frame specially designed to receive it, in order to preserve it as an object of interest. It has been placed where it can easily be seen, and is quite accessible.

The old oak bell frame has been strengthened by an additional supporting beam and by iron braces and bolts, the second bell, being quarter of a tone sharp, has been retuned, and a new treble bell has been erected in the place of the old one and hung on a cast-iron headstock, and having ball bearings and the latest modern fittings.

The inscriptions and particulars of this ring of three bells are as follows:—

Treble (F, 24in. diameter).—+ AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA
DOMINVS TECVM + (crest of the Whitechapel Foundry).
+ ANNO DOMINI MCMXXVII. Weight, 3 cwt.

Second (E flat, 28in. diameter).—IN HONORE BEATI LAVRENCII.
J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. 1876. Weight, 4 cwt.

Tenor (D flat, 29½in. diameter).—J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. 1874. Weight, 5½ cwt.

The treble is a beautifully sweet-toned bell, the work of Messrs Meare and Stainbank, and has been cast with cannons and with the inscription in Gothic lettering in order to be in keeping with her surroundings, and the whole of the restoration work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berkshire, to whom great credit is due.

DEVON GUILD.

THE CATHEDRAL PRACTICES.

The annual report of the Devon Guild, just issued, says that the year 1927 will be noteworthy for the record number of peals by resident members—34; compared with 1903, when, out of a total of 37, 28 were rung by resident members. The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th, rung chiefly by non-resident members, is notable as being the first in the method by members of this Guild, and is to be commemorated by a peal board presented by the Rev. M. Kelly, to be dedicated early in 1928. This fine performance should be remembered as something worthy of emulation by Devonshire men. In this connection the committee must express their disappointment with the attendances at the monthly Cathedral practices, and it will be a cause for regret if these have to be abandoned.

There has been no expansion during the past year, one band having become affiliated, and another dropped out.

The committee desire to call the attention of qualified members to the number of associate bands affiliated (9 out of 60), and would urge on all who are able and willing, to do their share in the matter of instruction—a crying need in all districts. Grants for instruction expenses from the general fund have unfortunately had to be reduced or delayed owing to a diminished balance, but it is hoped that a proposal for augmenting the general fund by a levy from the branches in respect of the annual report, which has been agreed by nearly all the branches, will be favourably received at the annual meeting. In the meantime several of the branches are loyally paying instructor's expenses from their own funds, an action which the committee appreciate.

IN THE BRANCHES.

The branch reports make, for the most part, encouraging reading. In the Exeter district there has been steady work, particularly in Sunday service ringing. Practices have been well attended, and Stedman, Plain Bob and other methods have been studied. It is noteworthy that the nine peals rung by members included 13 'firsts' and one first as conductor. The branch records with regret the resignation of Mr. E. Shepherd as chairman after seven years' devoted work. The Rev. B. V. Cox is his successor.

Steady endeavour to progress by the various bands has been a feature of the past year in the East Devon Branch, and Sunday service ringing and practices have been well maintained in all towers.

North-East Devon Branch reports an increase of membership, having now nine honorary, 102 performing and one unattached. Eight certificates have been awarded, and the two peals of Grandsire Doubles rung during the year—at Bickleigh and Silverton—were the first peals by the members of the branch who took part, and the first on the bells.

Difficulties confront the North Devon Branch, where progress is hindered by a deplorable lack of interest shown by some of the members. Regular Sunday service and practice ringing is reported from all towers in the Mid-Devon Branch.

Even-bell ringing has been a feature of 1927 in the South-West Devon Branch, and out of 21 peals rung, fourteen have been in even-bell methods—a record for the branch. At Stoke, extents of Cambridge and London Minor have been accomplished, and one result has been that striking has improved in methods generally. The problem of instruction is ever present, and volunteers are wanted for the work. Regularity of Sunday and festival ringing is generally satisfactory, and those in charge of the various bands are not sparing in energy or patience to bring on new members.

DIPLOMAS FOR RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the Central Council meeting is announced, and the question of peal diplomas will again be before the members, I venture to express a few opinions on the subject. I think the suggestion was first put out as a means of attracting and encouraging young ringers—a matter which does need some serious attention. Before a young ringer becomes expert enough to ring a peal he has usually been ringing from one to two years. Now, in my opinion, it is long before that time that a beginner in our art requires the encouragement of the older members. It is his or her most difficult time during the first six months, when trying to grasp the first rules of change ringing. On that point straight away I say that a peal diploma would miss its objective. It is during that first six months when we lose most of our prospective ringers. It is therefore in that time that the older members must take an especial interest in their beginners.

To meet the beginner in the tower on practice night and give him ten minutes' ringing and let him sit down and watch for the rest of the time will never encourage anyone. He needs taking about to different towers, and efforts made to keep him occupied in ringing matters during his spare time. Only spare work by the individual ringer can do this, and from my own experience the number who will do so is very small.

The proposal of 'peal diplomas' is nothing but a half-hearted attempt to solve a pressing problem, which will never be altered till the rank and file ringer makes up his mind to do his bit. I would suggest that the Central Council find some other means of solving the problem of the interest and encouragement of young ringers which will tackle the question at its beginning and not at its end.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

Oxford.

THE CUMBERLANDS' PEAL AT EPSOM.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As nobody else has asked the question, re Cumberlands' peal at Epsom, on March 17th, I should be glad if the conductor of same would explain the ringing of the last course of the peal.—Yours truly,
JOHN BEAMS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A BAND OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS ELECTED.**

A by-meeting was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, March 24th. It proved to be a great success, although the attendance was somewhat lower than has been usual at these by-meetings, there being about 25 members present, representing the following towers: Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Lawrence, Birchington, Littlebourne, Margate, Wickhambreau, Wingham and Brabourne.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. C. H. S. Matthews), who very kindly provided tea for the visitors in the Parish Room, presided over the meeting, the business being to elect the St. Peter's band of seventeen ringers into the association.

In replying to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Brett, the Vicar said that St. Peter's was going to have the mightiest band of ringers in existence. He went on to say that he should welcome another association meeting at St. Peter's, when the weather was more suitable, so that the visitors could then have tea on the Vicarage lawn. The Vicar also expressed a keen desire to become a bellringer himself.

During the afternoon and evening some very pleasant ringing was enjoyed by the visitors, some of whom stayed the night and were able to ring again for the Sunday morning service.

VICAR TAKES PART IN QUARTER-PEAL.

The Vicar of Marshfield, the Rev. C. S. L. Alford, takes a practical interest in bellringing, and last Thursday evening he showed his ability by ringing the tenor to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with muffled bells as a token of respect for Mrs. Coles, who had been interred in the churchyard that day. Mr. Coles, her late husband, was sexton at the church for 40 years.

It is also interesting to note that the date was the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction to the living of Marshfield.

The quarter-peal was rung by E. Beazer 1, E. Lewis 2, C. Harding 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, J. H. Beazer 6, G. Robinson (conductor) 7, Rev. C. S. L. Alford 8. It was the first quarter-peal rung muffled at Marshfield Church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Davis (cond.), 1, O. Gilby 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. Hewett 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, F. Pike 6, J. Bennett 7, E. Brett 8.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, March 25th, at Brookfield Church, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Colonel Peacock, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Ollier 1, E. Mawby 2, F. Knott 3, E. Seddon 4, H. Worthington 5, H. Gaskell (conductor) 6, J. Fearnhead 7, G. Eaton (longest length in any method) 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,232 changes): F. J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, W. Anderson 3, J. Hurrell 4, W. Watchorn 5, H. Wood 6, C. A. Bines (conductor) 7, E. Brett Smith 8.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: R. Shillom 1, F. E. Davis 2, E. Petherick 3, E. Hill 4, R. Hicks 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richins 8.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Croseley 1, S. Hoare 2, W. Millett 3, G. Foster 4, F. W. Elliott 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, 504 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples in six parts: R. Scott 1, E. Chapman 2, H. Norman 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout (conductor) 7, J. Sweetland 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, March 18th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Carter's odd and even calling): W. Spice, sen., 1, S. R. Dobbie 2, S. Taylor 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, G. Kenward 5, W. J. Walker 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, G. Pound 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, March 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. W. Watts 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, G. Woodman 3, W. Wheeler 4, G. Feist (first quarter-peal inside) 5, G. Lewry 6, R. Langridge 7, G. W. Swallow (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lewes.

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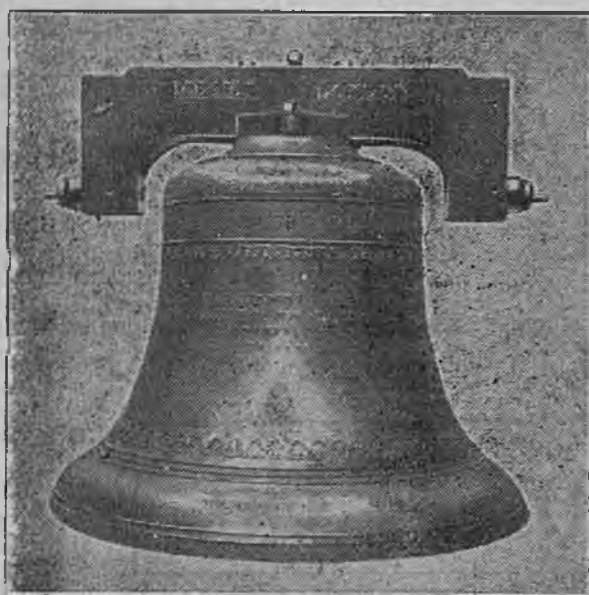
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our article on Mr. Edwin Barnett last week mentioned some famous Cumberlands of a generation ago with whom he was associated. Twelve years ago to-day Henry Dains died at the age of 78. George Newson died thirty-two years ago to-morrow. It was George Newson who conducted the 13,440 Double Norwich at Romford in 1894, and of this band Mr. Barnett is the only survivor.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, hero of many long and famous peals, who was born on April 7th, 1857.

This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of the peal that was rung in this steeple on Tuesday, 7th of April, 1801, 5,220 changes Court Bob Royal, in 3 hrs. 37 mins., being the first ever rung by any society in that intricate method. George Gross 1, George Gross, jun., 2, James Nash 3, William Shipway 4, John Pousden 5, John Hints 6, Malachi Cannon 7, Thomas Reeves 8, Samuel Cowling 9, William Stephens 10. Composed and called by G. Gross, sen.

This is the wording of a Cumberland Youths' peal board in Shore-ditch tower, recording a memorable performance of a century and a quarter ago. There are some famous ringers in that band, men who made ringing history in those far-off days, and whose names will live as long as ringing lasts.

To-morrow is also the anniversary of another very notable event. April 7th, 1761, saw the beginning of that wonderful performance at Leeds, Kent, which ended on the following day in the completion of 40,320 of Bob Major, which occupied 27 hours. Thirteen ringers, among whom was James Barham, are said to have taken part in the peal.

Leeds tower, in which there are now ten bells, was built in 1119, and is peculiar in appearance, being little higher than it is wide.

Among the long peals whose anniversaries are celebrated in the next few days, are the 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major, by the Norwich Association, at Ufford, Suffolk, on April 7th, 1894; 10,259 Grandsire Caters, at Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 8th, 1844; 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major, at Knebworth, Herts, by the Herts County Association, on April 8th, 1912; 13,440 Bob Major, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, by the Midland Counties Association, on April 8th, 1922; 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 10th, 1871; 13,265 Grandsire Caters, at Appleton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on April 11th, 1888; and, greatest of all, the 18,027 Stedman Caters, at Loughborough Parish Church, under the auspices of the Midland Counties Association, in 12 hrs. 18 mins., on April 12th, 1909.

The peal at Stroud on Saturday was rung as a farewell to Police-Sergeant George Hastings, who, on being promoted to the rank of inspector, is to be stationed at Tewkesbury, where it is hoped he will be able to pull the Abbey ringers together and get regular ringing at this fine old tower.

The will has recently been proved of the late Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, of Ridge Field, Mapledurham, formerly hon. secretary and, later, hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He left £31,253.

A long-length peal attempt will be made at Heptonstall on Saturday, April 14th. Visitors should arrive early and stay late, if they wish to hear the 'going off' and the 'coming home' courses. There will be 'high Jenks' if the performance is completed.

'Uncle Joe' is squatting at Hull just now. He has been inquiring if a 12-bell week of 'Maximus' can be put on for him?

One of the visitors to Croydon Bell Foundry paused beside the 18-ton bourdon bell, comparing it with the smallest one cast in England (by the late William Haley), which only weighed a bare half ounce.

The first 'silent' 5,040 of Minor ever rung was accomplished at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, in the seven following Surprise methods: London, Chester, Superlative, Worcester, Bristol, York and Cambridge. The ringers were George Clarkson, William Wheeldon, John E. Wheeldon, Charles Preston, Daniel Preston, William Twigg. All the above are still 'knocking about' on this planet, with the exception of the late William Twigg, whose memory is very dear to his pupils, for he was a ringer of the keenest enthusiasm, and a man of the greatest integrity.

BROADCASTING OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

Letters have recently appeared in the London 'Evening News' with regard to the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, which broadcast listeners frequently hear chimed on Sunday evenings. Here are two of them:—

'May I suggest to wireless listeners that a practical and useful way of showing appreciation of the services from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would be to provide the church with a new peal of bells, or a carillon, really in tune? The present bells are a poor sample to be broadcast to the world.'—'Amphion,' Whitehorse Road, Croydon.

'I think that "Amphion's" suggestion that wireless listeners should subscribe to a new set of bells for St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is unnecessary. There is nothing wrong with the bells, as would be heard if the authorities would give listeners an opportunity to hear the bells in a "touch" of Stedman in the English way.'—G. R. Channer, 34, Cathles Road, Balham, S.W.

DIOCESAN GUILDS.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Half a century ago or more, when associations of change ringers were being formed all over the land, it was not practicable to confine their energies to diocesan limits. For one thing, diocesan boundaries were too awkward then, and, for another, ringing districts were too scattered. The only way was to arrange associations where there were enough ringers to form one.

In the last fifty years these bodies of ringers have succeeded so well in spreading the art in every direction, and in making ringers consider themselves, and be considered by others, to be keen church-workers, that the time is approaching when a diocese will be considered a 'back number' if it has not its proper ringing Guild.

The question has become an urgent one, through the formation of Church Councils and of Advisory Committees. The former may not include any ringers, and may be quite out of sympathy with them; while the Advisory Committee in each diocese is composed of all the learned antiquaries who can be induced to serve; and not only are they likely to be out of sympathy with ringing, but we know that they are introducing many needless difficulties into our belfries. Where the incumbent wants to help ringing, either of these bodies may make it very difficult for him, while in the many cases where he is not helpful, ringing is likely to become a lost art.

It is, therefore, urgently necessary that ringers should consider it their first and unceasing task to see that in every parish where there is change ringing, one of the ringers, whether a member of the P.C.C. or not, should be associated with that Council for advice when matters concerning the bells arise. And, similarly, that every advisory committee should have a practical ringer, of sufficient standing, to be an efficient adviser on all questions affecting bells in the diocese.

These two matters are of more importance than any work done in the past, either by associations or by the Central Council. For without bells to ring we cannot practise our art; and one can think of, say, a score of important towers which, if they were all silenced, would place our art in a parlous state.

But we cannot prevent these disasters until we are organised on a diocesan basis everywhere, and I do not think the time is so very far off when every diocese will have its own Guild of ringers. Moreover, this time will be hastened by the present associations continuing their good work which they are now doing. Thus we have the paradox that the more efficient they are, the more effectually those which are not already diocesan are committing suicide!

At the same time no good will be done by forcing the pace. In most cases it will be better to go step by step. What is urgently needed, and should be formed without any unnecessary delay, is a ringing organisation for every diocese, for diocesan matters. But this organisation need not have anything to do with ringing meetings, practices, instruction, or the arranging and recording of peals. It might take the form of, say, a 'Diocesan Ringing Committee,' with the Bishop as president, so that he could preside at any important meeting. The chairman, or an active vice-chairman, should be an influential member of the Diocesan Conference, and the other members should form a live body, not necessarily meeting often, but quite ready to do so whenever required.

This would allow the present non-diocesan associations to continue the good work they are doing at present on the same lines, as long as they find it useful to do so. They would not then feel that they were occupying the ground which a diocesan Guild should occupy, while they would be able to continue their work among borderline towers. Rivers make convenient boundaries; their banks also are convenient places on or near which to build towns, large churches, and to transport bells; thus one finds that boundaries run through the middle of groups of towers, giving non-diocesan associations a great advantage in such districts. Still, 'one must draw the line somewhere.'

Two difficulties remain to be considered. One is where two or more associations overlap. In these cases the present danger is such that any old rivalries should be dropped, and conferences held with a view to a speedy settlement of a working policy. An even greater difficulty is where a somewhat barren district has been left a 'no man's land.' Here, again, loyalty to the common cause should induce some association to take the lead. Why is there no Guild for the Coventry diocese? Whose business is it to see to this matter? There are several associations in the neighbourhood; if they cannot cover this ground, they should become diocesan Guilds without delay.

In any case, one thing to avoid is a joint organisation for two or more dioceses, with the Bishops as joint patrons. This is an absolutely futile plan. A Bishop can do nothing in another Bishop's diocese. Therefore, each is restricted to saying a few empty compliments when the joint Guild meets in his diocese. If we have a diocesan Guild, let it be a real one.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN WESTMORLAND

On Tuesday, March 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Middleton 1, W. Nevinston 2, E. Jennings 3, T. F. Hewetson 4, W. Robinson 5, T. B. Newton (conductor) 6, W. Fisher 8 (covering). The first 720 of Surprise for ringers of 1st and 3rd, and the first of Surprise as conductor by T. B. Newton. It is the first in Westmorland since 1914.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**LANCASHIRE MEN'S ENDEAVOUR TO SET UP NEW RECORD.**

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association will on Saturday, April 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, Heptonstall, Yorkshire, attempt a record length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 22,096 changes, starting at 6 a.m. Umpire: Mr. H. Chapman.

NORFOLK GUILD.**SUGGESTED REORGANISATION.**

At the annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild next Monday a scheme of reorganisation is to be placed before the members. It is proposed that there shall be three divisions, coterminous with the areas of the Norwich, Norfolk and Lynn archdeaconries, in place of the existing districts.

The present division of the Guild's area comprises eleven districts, whose membership varies from as few as nine up to 55. The result has been that district activity has been absent through lack of interest, and it is hoped that the reorganisation will increase the efficiency of the Guild. It is thought that by the formation of a committee, consisting of chairman, secretary and committee for each division, members would be brought into closer touch with the work of the Guild, and that, as an aid to their advancement in the art of change ringing, some system of instruction should be arranged for by each committee.

The present membership of the Guild is 801, of whom, however, only 332 (hon. members 34, performing members 298, probationers 2) are resident in Norfolk. The total is made up by seven life members, 253 compounding members, and 209 Suffolk non-resident life members.

THE SUGGESTED DIVISION OF THE M.C.A.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It has occurred to me that I ought to address you a letter on the proposal to subdivide the area at present under the control of the M.C.A. It has, I know, been felt for some time by some members that such area is inconveniently large, and that it has not been possible to hold frequent meetings in the more remote parts of that area.

The formation of the new dioceses of Southwell, Leicester and Derby has naturally suggested the idea of the formation of a Guild in each diocese, as has recently been done in the case of Winchester.

Of course it rests with the members assembled at a general meeting to decide on the course to adopt. If it is decided to divide the area, the formation of the above Guilds seems to be the best way to proceed. The case of the Burton District is more difficult, as only a small portion of the M.C.A. area falls within the diocese of Lichfield, and I understand from a report in 'The Ringing World' that the Burton members are not favourably disposed towards the scheme.

I regret to say that, acting on doctor's orders, I feel that I must resign my position as president of the M.C.A. It has been a great pleasure to me to have held the post for the past eight years, and from a financial point of view, at any rate, I am glad it has been a success.

I should like to bear testimony to the hard work undertaken by our hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), and I regret that my indisposition has recently thrown extra work on his hands. I am sure that he has endeavoured to act fairly in this matter, and has not let his private opinions outweigh those of other members.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. CHAMBERS.

DEATH OF MR. EDGAR HUNT.**NORFOLK GUILD'S LOSS.**

The death occurred on Monday week, at Shropham, Norfolk, of Mr. Edgar Hunt, at the age of 66 years. By the loss of Mr. Hunt, the Thetford District of the Norfolk Guild loses one of its oldest members. He was a keen campanologist, notwithstanding the fact that he mastered the intricacies of the art when nearly 40 years of age. This was with the St. Peter's company at Thetford, and under the tuition of Mr. Edward Dunk. Since then he has managed to ring just 20 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Norfolk Guild, as it is now known.

A stonemason by profession, Mr. Hunt worked in his younger days in the Metropolis, and, later, was employed for some considerable time in the alterations of Elveden Hall, the Suffolk seat of Lord Iveagh. He was very good company, and always in demand at social gatherings.

The funeral took place on Thursday last, March 29th. The Rev. E. Harcourt Anson (Vicar), who officiated, paid fitting tribute to deceased's long and sincere labours for the work of the church. The bearers were F. Shingfield, R. Allen, A. Hewitt, and C. Hewitt, all of whom, with Mr. J. Peck (also present), had learnt to ring in Mr. Hunt's company.

Many a young ringer has received from the deceased advice on ringing and striking, and his loss will be greatly felt by all who came in contact with him.

SPliced SURPRISE RINGING.

BY GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will have read with interest the report in our last issue of the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung by the Leytonstone band at Chigwell Row, when twenty-two methods were incorporated in seven 720's, the greatest number of Surprise methods that has yet been put into a 5.040. In the following article Mr. G. L. Joyce, the conductor of the peal, explains how it was done.

The splicing of Minor methods is merely a question of substitution—the replacement of a given block of rows in method 'A' by a given block of identical rows in method 'B.' This remark must be modified with regard to the higher numbers, from Major onwards, because the extent of the rows is not produced. But in Minor, with every possible row appearing in a 720, it is necessary that the rows displaced should faithfully be reproduced by those that are substituted.

We know that the extent of the rows may be produced in a variety of different ways (or methods), and that a 720 of Plain Bob contains exactly the same rows as a 720 of London Surprise. In another way, a 720 block of the one equalises the rows in a 720 block of the other.

Certain pairs of methods will equalise the rows in blocks of less than the 720, and these are the blocks, each in its entirety, which, in splicing, are substituted one method for another. Once the block (whatever it may comprise) is completed, the splice is truly made, because the rows are equalised in the displaced and substituted blocks. It is necessary to handle the whole block, whatever its component parts may happen to be, and no more. This means that, if a certain block of method 'A' is deleted, and that of method 'B' is inserted, the matter may end there; or, of desired, two such blocks may be exchanged, or three, and so on. But each separate block is a true splice provided the whole block is exchanged. A portion of one block in method 'A' cannot be substituted for a portion of one in method 'B.' This is important; the block must be kept whole and in the same method, and each block is, in itself, a true splice.

The twenty-two method Surprise peal at Chigwell Row, recorded last week, is the direct result of the study of that excellent little book, 'Method Splicing,' which readers will find advertised in this journal. I do not propose to 'infringe copyright matter' therein, but merely to endeavour to explain its application as practised at Leytonstone. I shall write of lead 'ends' and of lead 'heads' from a practical ringer's point of view. In using these terms, Mr. Parker refers to different rows, but for convenience I shall refer to the same row, viz., the backstroke row of the treble's whole pull at lead. As an 'end,' this row is understood to be incorporated with the rows of the lead of which it is the end; as a 'head,' it will be understood to be the first row in the lead next following.

The equalising blocks are divided (broadly) into two:—

(a) Those methods which produce the same rows in blocks comprising one or more complete leads.

(b) Those methods which require blocks of complete courses to have the same effect.

Those in (a) again are roughly divided:—

(c) By lead-blocks of methods which have the same first lead-end.

(d) By lead-blocks of methods in which the first lead-ends differ.

Then in (b), (c) and (d) we have three distinct ways of splicing methods: (b) and (d) are complete in themselves, but (c) is subdivided into (1) single-lead blocks, (2) three-lead blocks, (3) six-lead blocks. The easiest to accomplish is the method classified under (d), but because of a certain peculiarity I shall leave this until the end.

SPlicing BY LEAD-BLOCKS.

Methods that splice by lead-blocks and have the same first lead-end (a) are usually so very similar one to another that a band capable of ringing one method should have no difficulty in mastering its fellow. The 'work' usually differs only when the bells are below the treble, and the variation is so simple that they may almost be regarded as the same method. I need not plagiarise Mr. Fidler on this subject, except to emphasise the point that the actual change from one method to another (best made at the lead-end) need worry nobody, because the previous method may be continued for several blows until one has time to get his bearings. The 'calling' is no trouble, because the lead-ends of the 720 are absolutely undisturbed by the splice; the bobs appear in exactly the same places as when no splice is made, and the same bells are in the same places at the bob rows.

(1) **SPlicing BY THE SINGLE-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is the easiest to understand and conduct. The methods produce exactly the same rows in the first lead; therefore every corresponding lead of each method equalises the rows of the other, so that the conductor may substitute leads of method 'A' for method 'B' when and where he pleases; one lead only or twenty-nine, how he likes and where he likes, because each block (of one lead) in method 'A' equalises the rows of the displaced block in method 'B.' But they must be whole leads that are exchanged.

Examples of Surprise Methods that will splice in this way: Munden-Ghester (Nos. 1 and 6 in the Central Council's 'Collection of Minor Methods'), Coldstream-Southwell (12 and 16), Allendale-Westminster (18 and 26), Hexham-Berwick (30 and 34), and Surfleet-Beverley (31 and 35).

(2) **SPlicing BY THE THREE-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is the easiest to ring, but it throws a little more work upon the conductor; he has to protect the blocks and keep them whole. That is to say, he

must see that the three leads, which form the block, are rung in the same method. Mr. Parker explains in detail how these methods are found, and I need only touch upon what he says in order to show how the conductor may simplify his work.

The three leads which go to make these blocks do not of necessity appear next each other in the 720—they may be widely apart; but there will not be more than three with the peculiarity which marks them as belonging to the same block. They are governed by any given pair of bells appearing in two given places at the lead 'heads.' The conductor may pick out one block, or many, for substitution. Each block of three leads will have the same pair of bells in the given two places, and every complete block will have a different pair of bells there. He may choose the three leads which have 5-6 in the two places for method 'A,' and ring the other 27 leads in method 'B.' He may amplify method 'A' by choosing another block which has 2-3 in the necessary places, giving six leads of 'A' and 24 leads of 'B'; or a third block with, say, 3-4 in the two places, and so on. But each member of a block must be rung in the same method, because it requires the particular three leads in method 'A' to equalise the rows in the same three leads of method 'B.'

The given places in the lead 'heads' will vary according to the methods being spliced, as shown in 'Method Splicing.' They may be 2nd's and 3rd's places in one case, 2nd's and 4th's in another, 2nd's and 5th's in a third case, and so on; but whatever the two given places may be, the conducting may be simplified in this way: Any one bell every time in both of the given places will produce four blocks (of three leads each) which will conform to the requirements of the splice. Suppose the necessary places in the lead 'heads' to be 2nd's and 4th's, then the tenor (for instance) every time in both 2nd's and 4th's at the lead 'heads' will give these four blocks:—

060500	060400	060300	060200
060500	040600	030600	020600
060500	040600	030500	020500

Ring these leads in method 'A' and the remainder in method 'B' and the splice is truly made. It will be seen that the tenor is six times in each place at the lead 'heads,' and that three-lead blocks have been produced with 6-5, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2, in the necessary places. When it is realised that any bell may be used as 'observation' in this way, quite irrespective of the calling of the bobs, it will be seen that the conducting of this three-lead splicing is an easy matter.

Surprise method examples: Canterbury-Morpeth (Nos. 2 and 1), Alnwick-Newcastle (Nos. 3 and 5), London-Wells (Nos. 14 and 15), Immanuel-Stamford (Nos. 22 and 24), Lightfoot-Wearmouth (Nos. 23 and 25), and York-Durham (Nos. 32 and 33).

(3) **SPlicing BY THE SIX-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is harder to ring, but no more difficult to conduct than the three-lead splice. It may be reasoned upon exactly similar lines to the above, except that six leads are necessary instead of three, and that the six leads are governed by any one bell in only one given place at the lead 'heads.' Therefore, any two bells, every time in this one given place, will give two six-lead blocks, being twelve leads for method 'A' and eighteen leads for method 'B.' The given place will vary in the same way as the two places in the three-lead splice, as clearly shown by Mr. Parker in 'Method Splicing.'

Surprise method examples: Carlisle-Munden (or Chester), 9 and 1 or 6; Ringers' ('Primrose')-Hexham (or Berwick), 38 and 30 or 34; Cambridge-Surfleet (or Beverley), 39 and 31 or 35.

SPlicing BY COURSE BLOCKS.

Methods which require whole courses to equalise the rows (b) are not so easy to ring, because the work varies more than the foregoing, but the changes from one method to another are not so frequent, and the conducting is not very difficult. Mr. Fidler has dealt fully in 'Method Splicing' with this subject, and it is sufficient to say that a course of Minor comprising five leads, the particular five which form this block must be rung in the same method. One course may be rung in 'A' and the other five courses in 'B,' or three courses of each, etc., so long as the five leads which form each course (no matter where they appear in the 720) are rung in the same method. Mr. Parker fully explains how these methods may be found, but it may profit the reader to study the first lead of a pair of the methods given below. He will find that the rows are identical for half of the lead, and will notice that, while the rows differ in the second half, yet the places made, as a rule, are exactly similar in each method of the pair. This is not always the case (instance Nos. 14 and 17), but it is a very good guide in tracing methods which splice by the course.

Surprise method examples: Newcastle-Munden (or Chester) (Nos. 5 and 1 or 6), Northumberland-Carlisle (Nos. 8 and 9), London-Cincastrae (Nos. 14 and 17), Immanuel-Annable's London (Nos. 22 and 27), Lightfoot-Netherseale (Nos. 23 and 28), Durham-Surfleet (or Beverley) (Nos. 33 and 31 or 35), Norfolk-Ringers' ('Primrose') (Nos. 36 and 38), Ipswich-Cambridge (Nos. 37 and 39).

SPlicing BY THE SECOND'S AND SIXTH'S PLACES.

These methods (d) are the simplest to ring and conduct, because they are, virtually, exactly the same so far as the 'work' is concerned. We are indebted to Mr. Parker for an ingenious composition which enables these methods to be spliced. He points out the advisability of dividing the leads between the two rows which form the treble's whole pull on the front, thus making rounds and the backstroke rows into the 'heads' of leads. If this is done, it will be seen that the rows in the first lead of methods which splice in this manner

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THE BIG BELL AND THE LITTLE BELL.

Within an old cathedral hung
A mighty bell,
Which never, save at Easter, swung
One solemn knell;
And then, so sternly all around
Its echoes fell,
The peasants trembled at the sound
Of that big bell.
Not far away from the cathedral stood
A hermit's cell,
And in its belfry-tower of wood
A little bell;
Whose daily linkings through the year
So faintly fell,
The peasants hardly gave an ear
To that small bell.
The hermit—he who own'd the same,
And loved it well—
Resolved that it should share the fame
Of the big bell;
So tolling it but once a year
With one brief knell,
He taught the peasants to revere
His little bell.
And there are fools in vast repute,
Who, strange to tell,
Acquire their fame by being mute
Like that small bell;
These would-be sages rarely speak,
For they know well
That frequent utterance would break
The solemn spell.

Yriarte Trans.—Robert Rockliff.

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are absolutely identical, the only difference between the methods being the 'place' which is made 'between' the leads (or, if you prefer, the place made 'from' the handstroke to the backstroke rows). A band that is capable of ringing Cambridge can introduce its companion, Ringers' Surprise ('Primrose') without 'learning' Primrose at all. Mr. Parker shows how the extent is produced. He says, in effect: Ring Cambridge to produce a certain lead-end, then ring 'Primrose' to produce another, and so on. But Primrose is merely Cambridge with a 'sixth's place' at the lead-end. No band would think of learning another method in order to produce a 'single' in Plain Bob. Then why do so to produce a 'sixth call' in Cambridge? Learn the altered work, necessitated by the sixth's place, as you would learn the single in Plain Bob; call your 'sixth's' where necessary to produce the required lead-ends, with the bobs in their proper places, and you have your spliced extent without bothering your band about Primrose. Apply this to any methods which splice in this way, using the necessary figures as given by Mr. Parker.

It would be interesting to try this on, say, Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major, calling successive 'eighth's' at those leads between the wrongs and homes, causing the bells to hunt instead of dodging at the lead-ends. This would reduce each course so treated by one lead, and introduce 'Primrose Major' with fourth's-place bobs!

Examples of Surprise methods: Whitley-Northumberland (Nos. 7 and 8), Weoler-Sandiacre (Nos. 10 and 11), Bacup-Barnborough (Nos. 19 and 20), Immanuel-Lightfoot (Nos. 22 and 23), Stamford-Wearmouth (Nos. 24 and 25), Hexham (or Berwick)-Surfleet (or Beverley) (Nos. 30 or 34 and 31 or 35), Norfolk-Ipswich (Nos. 36 and 37), Ringers' ('Primrose')-Cambridge (Nos. 38 or 39).

BUILDING UP EXTENTS.

The building of spliced extents requires a little thought, but it is quite simple—it is merely a question of substitution. Mr. Parker gives several variations which are typical. We usually start with the blocks which are the most awkward to handle (those by the course, the six-leads, or the 'places'), produce an extent in two methods, and then work backwards to the simpler blocks. If one of the paired methods has a companion three-lead splice we try and find the necessary three-lead blocks, and simply substitute the one for the other at these leads. If any of the methods now included has a companion single-lead splice, then at any convenient lead we substitute one method for the other.

It is all very simple, and 'Method Splicing' is a profitable and interesting book to those who wish to make their ringing far more interesting and entertaining. I have quoted Surprise methods because these happen to be the ones practised at Leytonstone, but what has been said may be applied to all Treble Bob methods, and, with modifications, to the plain methods. As I have said, our peal at Chigwell Row is merely the result of careful study of this excellent little work, coupled with a little ingenuity. Actually sixteen methods were rung and six others brought in by 'sixth calls'. Of the sixteen, four pairs were practically similar, leaving only twelve methods which presented any difficulty. Of these, two pairs were merely variations of the work differently placed in the rows (from middle to front), and thus there were only ten in the peal that were worth calling 'different methods.'

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

There will be a final opportunity on Monday for those associations who would like to make a collective contribution to our fund for the assistance of Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, to 'pass round the hat.' The appeal will be closed after next week, but we shall always be glad to acknowledge contributions to the fund. Let it be made up to £200 with one concluding effort!

We acknowledge with thanks the following further contributions:—

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Jarrow-on-Tyne on Saturday last, and was very successful in every way. The bells of Christ Church (eight) and St. Peter's (six) were kept going during the afternoon and evening. After an excellent tea at the Co-operative Cafe, a short meeting was held, presided over by the president of the district (Mr. R. L. Patterson), supported by the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. Wm. Story, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. E. E. Ferry (secretary) and others. Thanks were accorded for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hall, of Christ Church, for having made such excellent arrangements.

The next meeting was fixed for May 5th at West Hartlepool. In the course of a few remarks, Mr. Story said that it was most appropriate to have a meeting at Jarrow on that day, as it was the birthday of the late Frederick Harrison, a Jarrow man, who did so much for ringing in his native town, and for the association.

A MEMORIAL TABLET.

At All Souls', Bolton, Lancs, on Saturday week, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 49½ mins., with the bells half-muffled: C. Pike 1, A. Holden 2, J. Kay, jun., 3, H. Wallbank 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, J. W. Kay 8. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the late Mr. Jos. Markland, recording his 36 years' service at All Souls' Church. The tablet was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Martin), and after the ceremony the tower was thrown open to other ringers, and touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles and Minor were rung.

PRESENTATION AT MARKET HARBOROUGH.

At the Parish Church, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, on Sunday evening, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. A. Manning (conductor) 1, F. Clark 2, R. March 3, Frank Wallington 4, W. Wallington 5, J. Chester 6, Fred Wallington 7, W. Hector 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Frank Wallington, who is taking up an appointment in the Sheffield Police Force. The opportunity was taken to present him with a travelling case as a mark of appreciation, together with the best of wishes for his future success.

MR. GEORGE BENNETT'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, in 1 method 1, in 3 methods 2, in 4 methods 4, in 5 methods 2, in 6 methods 2, in 7 methods 5; Erin Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 4; Little Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 11; Double Norwich Major, 16; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Oxford Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; New Cambridge Major, 1; Superlative Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, March 24th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Farnsworth 1, N. Hemmington 2, W. Sterleind 3, J. Hobbs 4, F. Bradley 5, A. Barrett 6, L. Chadburn 7, P. Salter (composer and conductor) 8. Rung after an attempt for peal.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Thursday, March 22nd, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Tyler 1, B. Morris 2, E. Sarjeant 3, H. Patrick 4, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 5. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. All except the conductor are service ringers at this church.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): J. L. Rye 1, W. Male 2, H. Huxley 3, T. Male 4, W. Collett 5, E. H. Adams (conductor) 6, J. Rye 7, E. Bosworth 8.

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RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Houghton-le-Spring.—The Lord Bishop of Durham will dedicate the two new trebles at Houghton-le-Spring on Easter Eve, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. The local ringers will ring at the dedication; after the service bells will be open to all ringers. Tea will be provided in the Kieper School at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—On Easter Sunday, ringing for evening service will commence at 5.15, when any ringers visiting London will be welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday (April 9th). Committee meeting in the Church House 11.15 a.m. Service in St. George's at 12. Address by Rev. E. Lionel Gedge, Rector of Crayford. Collection for Earl Haig Memorial Fund. Dinner in the Town Hall 1.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open: Gravesend (8), Northfleet (8), Swanscombe (8), Milton (6). Members wishing to ring at Cliffe, Higham, Shorne, Meopham or Cobham are requested to write to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before April 6th. —Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

NORFOLK GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 9th. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham. Luncheon at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting for the election of new president, officers and committee will follow immediately after the luncheon. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Bury St. Edmunds. Cathedral (10) and St. Mary's bells (8) available all day. 3 p.m., committee meeting at Abbey House. 3.30, service in Cathedral. 4, tea, Abbey House. Meeting follows. Quarterly meetings at Ufford, March 31st, and at Fressingfield, April 21st. Tea at 4.45 at Fox and Goose Room, 9d. to all sending me word by April 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at St. George's, Stockport. Service 10.45 a.m. Preacher, Rev. A. J. Humphreys. Meeting, 11.45 in Schools. Luncheon, 1 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. members, 2s. visitors.—Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Soham, on Easter Monday, April 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 sharp. Ringing at Soham (10 bells) from 10 a.m., Ely St. Mary's (8) and Fordham (6) from 6 p.m.—Rev. R. Copeman, 53, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., Rector of Ross. Dinner at the Boothe Hall, 2s. 6d., at 1.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

JOINT MEETING OF SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—On Easter Monday, Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) and Eastwood, near Rotherham (8 bells) available. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, as early as possible?—Robert Harrison, jun., and Hilda Jacques, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary (10), St. Peter (10), Lenton (8), Beeston (8) and Basford (8) will be available during the day. Committee meet in St. Peter's School 2.30. Short service in St. Peter's Church 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., at which all members are specially requested to attend. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's School, followed by the general meeting. — Reports for 1927 now ready, 6d. each, by post 7½d.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry St., Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.15. Meeting, 6. Members free. Handbells 6.30. Various towers open for ringing. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 9th. Bells (10) tenor 17 cwt.) available for ringers all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe (members 2/6, non-members 3s.) at 1 p.m. — T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, April 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 9th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. Luncheon will be at 'The Silver Grill' at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-resident members and friends 2s. 9d. per head. Business meeting after lunch. A hearty welcome will be given to visitors and ringing friends.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Frequent service of trains from London Road Station. Fare 1s. 8d. to Glossop Central.—J. Hall, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the members will be held at the Dalton Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 9th, at 4 p.m. The bells (10) will be rung from 1.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at North Collingham, Newark, on Easter Monday. A good ring of 6 bells (almost new) available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and probably another peal of 6 in the evening. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, Collingham, Newark, not later than April 4th. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Ringers on the Northern and Retford side of the Trent are requested to book to Newark. Cheap rail and bus fares, thence to Collingham, buses running hourly. The lane at Carlton Ferry at present is under water. Looking forward for a good attendance.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells, 10, 8, and two sixes, all going well. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Tea 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute. Towers open at 2 p.m. The two six-bell towers earlier by arrangement. If coming to tea, drop me postcard.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 12th and 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral 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.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome, but visitors must notify me of their intention of being present not later than Wednesday, April 11th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. One shilling will be charged, but please advise your district secretary by April 11th if you are coming. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4.; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4., and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (D.V.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business at Gill's Restaurant 5 p.m. Kindly send notice of intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling, Totton, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30, also Dibden (8). Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 10th?—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 10th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheadle (R.C.) on Saturday, April 14th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle, not later than April 11th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, April 10th, so that arrangements can be made for tea?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Method proposed to practice: Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mrs. Garlick, The Café, Tarleton, before Thursday, April 12th. A good attendance required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Christleton on April 14th. Tower open 3. Service 4. Will those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 11th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Ringers and friends cordially invited.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Reports for 1927 are now ready.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Davenport.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 18th?—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Will members look up Double Norwich. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Permission to ring at Burlescombe (6) and Sampford Peverell (6) has kindly been given. Will any band or ringer let me know at what time they would like to visit either or both of these towers so that I can arrange accordingly? Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, April 17th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary, Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

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Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.
Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.
Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

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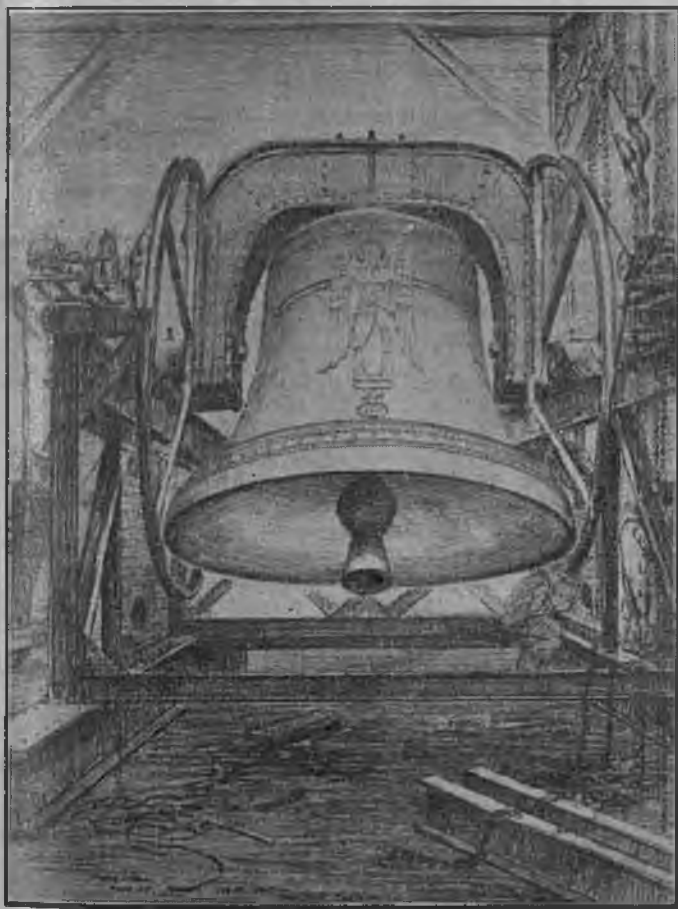
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LONG SERVICE.

Among the many meetings held on Monday not the least interesting was that at St. Albans, where the Hertford County Association met for its annual gathering and to do honour to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who for exactly a quarter of a century has so enthusiastically and efficiently filled the office of honorary secretary. Twenty-five years is a good slice out of a man's life, and a long period to occupy a voluntary position which involves no small amount of labour, as well as tact and patience, and the sacrifice of time. Mr. Cartmel has given his services ungrudgingly in the interests of the art of ringing, as well as of the Church, of which he is so devoted a son. Every year the association elects a new president, but the secretary and the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), like Tennyson's brook, 'go on for ever.' Both have seen, during their long term of office, a new generation of ringers come upon the scene, but it is fortunate for the organisation which they serve that it should have, as a secure anchorage, the interest and experience of two such men.

There are few associations which can boast of having two important officers who have carried on their duties together for so long; and it says much for the enthusiasm of both, as well as being an indication of the confidence of the members, that they should have borne the burden of office for so many years. Officials, as a rule, come in for little of thanks so long as things go well, although there is no hesitation to bestow the 'kicks' when things are ill. That, however, is one of the fruits of office, and secretaries and others are not greatly distressed by the absence of the one, or disturbed by the application of the other. What does dishearten them, however, is the apathy which is so often to be found among the members. So much is often taken for granted or left to someone else to do that the whole burden of the organisation is cast upon the officials. This, to say the least, is not fair. The associations are run in the interests of the members, to bring them into contact one with another; to provide them with opportunities for practising and advancing in their art and to encourage them in their service ringing. Yet many fail to respond to all that is done for them. Their ringing often takes a very secondary place among the pursuits of their leisure hours, and they overlook the fact that in return for the work that is done for them they owe a loyalty to their officers.

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the like that ringers should make a point of being present, but throughout the year they should show by their active interest that they appreciate what is being done for them by those whom they have placed in positions of responsibility. The Hertford County Association has, happily, long been a united family and fortunate in the possession of an admirable band of officers. To this much of the success of the organisation has been due, but an outstanding influence has been that of the honorary secretary, and the recognition on Monday of his long and faithful service was a deserved tribute to his work and to the high personal esteem in which he is held.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	*FRANK RENTON 7
*JAMES A. TRALE 2	*JOSEPH JESSOP 8
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	*LEONARD DRAKE 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	*FRANCIS BARKER 10
PERCY J. JOHNSON 5	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 11
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 6	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the eighth. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Ash, the eldest daughter of the eleventh ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	RONALD BULLEN 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	ALFRED WINCH 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN KENTISH 8
ALBERT HARMAN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 5	GEORGE CROSS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by Wm. H. HEWETT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 6
*FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
*BERNARD WELLS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
*HERBERT PIPER 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 8
JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.
* First peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... Treble	NORMAN FISHER ... 5
JOHN W. SYKES ... 2	NORMAN SHORT ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 3	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 7
WALTER BINGHAM ... 4	* MARK FISHER ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHORT.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. First peal by an entirely local company. First peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mr. Arthur S. Robinson, and in appreciation of the work which he has put in for Dore Church as assistant organist, chorister, ringer, and member of the Church Council.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ... Treble	* RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
* FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	* SIDNEY STILWELL ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	* JOHN KENT ... 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. E. Goddard, J. Kent and W. Eltingham.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	ISAAC EMBRY ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A birthday peal for Mr. F. A. Mitchell. The band congratulate Mr. E. J. Beer on ringing his first Surprise peal as he did.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ... Treble	* WILLIAM COCKSHOTT ... 5
* WALTER EGERTON ... 2	OGDEN MOORES ... 6
* ERNEST MOORES ... 3	* WALTER HOWARTH ... 7
* SYDNEY GOULDIN ... 4	ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are regular service ringers. First peal on the bells by a local band for 41 years, there being no record of a previous peal since December, 1887.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS ... Treble	THOMAS RILEY ... 5
HAROLD KENT ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
CHARLES MASON ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	CHARLES W. PARKER ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	JOHN GOOCH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... 5
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
JOHN POTTER ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	JAMES GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Annie Potter, daughter of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble	WILLIAM THORLEY ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 6
* RONALD H. DOVE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
* DAVID S. COLLINS ... 4	† JACK TOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

* First in the method inside. † First peal. First peal and first 'touch' in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	ALFRED J. BOLL ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
CHARLES H. SERRIDGE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT S. THIRKELL ... Treble	BERTRAM LUCK ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Canterbury by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and first attempt. Especially arranged as a compliment to the Archbishop of Canterbury on attaining his 80th birthday. Also a wedding peal for Frank P. Thirkell, brother of the ringer of the treble, who was married at St. John's, Redhill, the same day.

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USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
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On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.
*GEORGE WENT Treble 5
*E. W. LOFF 2 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3 7
†DONALD G. CLIFT 4 Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. 3rd and 7th ringers from Bedwellty. All the others are members of the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble 5
RGINALD V. JOHNSON 2 6
NORMAN H. HARDING 3 7
BERNARD WELLS 4 Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung after meeting short for Surprise.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2 6
FRED J. COOK 3 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4 Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late John Leyton Mahoney, who was a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

R. SMITH Treble 5
J. W. SIEDDY 2 6
H. RAYNOR 3 7
H. E. AUDSLEY 4 Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*JOSEPH LOVETT Treble 5
GEORGE WINES 2 6
JAMES CROSS 3 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4 Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal.

OLVESTON, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CECIL H. PAWSEY Treble 5
WILLIAM H. BROWN 2 6
*VICTOR WILLS 3 7
HAROLD ROBBINS 4 Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*TOM SANSON Treble 5
†GEORGE B. COLE 2 6
STANLEY E. ANDREWS 3 7
†ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4 Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK G. S. COLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 5th bells from Staffordshire, and came on chance. Mr. Bengier and Mr. Jennings should be associated with this peal. Unfortunately, their train was late, and, after waiting 40 mins., the treble man was asked to stand in. Mr. Bird was elected a member before starting.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3 7
JOHN KING 4 Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

SIX BELL PEAL.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and four of Morris' arrangement, and 14 ordinary six-scores.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR ADAMS Treble 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3 Tenor

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

Rung to mark the eve of Easter.

PUTNEY.—On March 20th, for an evening Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. Ellingham 1. T. Bolton 2. W. W. Bailey 3. W. H. Ball 4. J. Herbert 5. Robt. Bullen 6. W. T. Elson 7. E. Cassel (conductor) 8.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO SOHAM.

The Ely Diocesan Association, in accordance with the resolution passed at the previous meeting, held its annual meeting at Soham, on Easter Monday. The fine day enabled 26 members to assemble in the somewhat isolated Fen town, with its fine church and tower with ten bells. Perhaps, as the N.U.T. were holding their annual meeting in Cambridge, it was well that their deliberations were not disturbed by the ringing of the bells of the University Church. Ringing took place from about noon onwards. Various 'touches' of Grandsire, Stedman and Major methods were rung, and the fine ring of ten were heard after a long silence.

A short service, conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Boughey, who gave an interesting address, was held in the transepts of the church at 4 p.m. Those present then sat down to tea, arranged by mine host, Mr. W. Sharpe, at the Crown Hotel.

In the absence of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who had sent an apology, the Rev. H. B. Woolley presided. The business meeting followed.

The Hon. Secretary read a brief report, noticing the work done in regard to the Akeley bells, and the successful appeal for the rehanging of the heavy ring at St. Wendrida, March. He also referred to the reorganising of the Cambridge Youths under the presidency of the Vicar of St. Mary-the-Great, Dr. P. N. Waggett. He stated that, thanks to the assistance of the auditor, the balance sheet had been drawn up, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand, but he considered that the district secretaries might well try to obtain an increase in the number of hon. members. He also, while thanking the members for reappointing him to the joint office of hon. secretary and treasurer, thought he must ask them to relieve him of the latter office.

During the year 1927 25 peals had been rung for the association—22 on tower bells and three on handbells, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 5 (handbells 3), Double Norwich Major 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Surprise Minor 9, Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Bob Minor 2, and Doubles 1. It was noteworthy that of the 13 peals of Minor, nine were Surprise peals, viz., Cambridge 2, Wells, Beverley, Durham, Annable's London, Immanuel and London 1 each.

The meeting proceeded to elect the following officers: Hon. secretary, Rev. R. Copeman; treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis; auditor, Mr. A. E. Austin; district secretaries, Archdeaconry of Ely Mr. F. Warrington, Archdeaconry of Hunts Miss C. Fields, Archdeaconry of Wisbech Mr. H. W. Giddings, Marshland District Mr. W. G. Cross; committee, in addition to the above, Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, H. B. Woolley and R. P. R. Routh, Messrs. H. Fields, E. G. Hibbens, A. G. Rivers and J. Taylor.

As members were leaving to catch their train, the meeting closed with a general vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Rev. R. F. R. Routh, to the Vicars and churchwardens, to the Rev. P. F. Boughey for his address, and to the organist for accompanying the hymns.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELL AT CAVERSFIELD.

The dedication of the new treble bell at Caversfield, Oxon, which, as described last week, replaces a thirteenth-century one which has been placed in a frame in the church, took place on Palm Sunday, April 1st, at 3 p.m. The tiny church was packed to its utmost capacity, and a sapient choir was in attendance, drawn from the neighbouring parishes of Bicester and Launton. The service, which commenced with a shortened form of evensong, was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. O'Reilly), and after the second lesson three members of the choir, the churchwardens, and clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, and the churchwardens, Major the Hon. E. H. Wyndham, M.C., and Mr. W. A. Phipps, having presented the rope of the new bell to the Rural Dean (the Rev. H. Last, Rector of Launton), the dedicatory prayers were offered by him, and the bell was rung up.

The ropes of the bells were then handed to the Vicar, with the customary charge as to their uses and duties, and the three bells were rung for a few rounds, and the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' was sung as the choir and clergy returned to the chancel, where the remainder of the dedication service was offered, followed by the hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest.'

Preaching on the text, 'Sound a trumpet in Zion, call a solemn assembly,' the Rural Dean said he had to congratulate the parishioners of Caversfield on behalf of the Bishop and the whole diocese, and also on behalf of the rural deanery, on their having acquired that third bell to add to the two they already possessed, and they were particularly to be congratulated, because they had not sacrificed the old bell, which was a unique feature in the church which possessed so many interesting features, and was, as he understood, the oldest known bell in the country.

The Rural Dean went on to say that they had dedicated the new bell to the service of Almighty God, and enumerated the ways in which a bell could render that service, and would remind them, among other things, not to neglect the assembling of themselves together.

The service ended with the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' and the bells were again rung. The ringers during the dedication service were F. Sharpe (treble), J. Evans (2nd), and H. Foster (tenor).

After the service, the opportunity was taken by a great many to inspect the old thirteenth-century treble bell, which is now situated in a frame hung exactly as it was up in the tower, complete with all its fittings, in the ringing chamber on the floor at the west end of the church.

A CRACKED BELL AT IPSWICH.

At the annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on April 3rd, it was reported that instruction had been received to discontinue, on the advice of experts, ringing the 7th bell of St. Mary-le-Tower in order to prevent an extension of a crack which has developed.

It was decided that the annual outing be a trip to London, with ringing at various towers, on June 16th.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. W. P. Garrett; Deputy Master and treasurer, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. F. J. Tillet; auditors, Messrs. Brundle and Garrett; secretary, Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier St. Ipswich.

SHORT-CIRCUIT.

Partial short-circuit is not the same in its incidence on all numbers of bells, and depends on the number of leads in the full normal plain course. (a) If this number is prime, no partial short-circuit can possibly occur, and, therefore, with the Plain Bob lead-heads, four, six, eight and twelve bells are entirely free from it. (b) If this number is composite, partial short-circuit, producing plain courses of two or more leads, is at once liable to occur, and therefore five, seven, nine, ten and eleven bells are affected by it. It is, in fact, endemic on the odd numbers.

Double Bob Doubles is short-circuited in two leads, for example. On ten bells the possible short plain courses are all three leads in length, and, as Shipway, at any rate, rejects Double Bob Cinques, with a five-lead plain course, as incomplete it would appear that three-lead plain courses on ten cannot be admitted.

A diagrammatic representation of short-circuit on ten bells is as follows:—

A b c d e f G h k a b c D e f g h k A.

The letters represent the Plain Bob lead-heads, and the capitals those of Double n. Court Bob Royal.

Double n. Court Bob Royal is Double Norwich Court Bob Royal with the 5-6 places added. Similar short-circuit is produced from Double Oxford Bob Royal by removing the 5-6 places. Other instances can be easily obtained.

Double Court Minor, Double Norwich Major, Double n. Royal and Maximus form a very striking sequence, in which, as each set of places is added, a dodge is added, both to them and to the other work, in the most charming way. The hammer blow which strikes one of its members is a matter for much regret.

The presence of a bell in the hunt moves partial short-circuit up to the next higher number of bells.

Total short-circuit is 'grand slam' in one lead, and is capable of occurring on all numbers of bells. Gaps in the ranks of eight-bell methods can be found owing to it. It is really only a particular case of the other form.

BELLITIS.

LAMBERHURST BOYS RING FOR EASTER SERVICE.

On Easter Sunday, at Lamberhurst, Kent, for 7 a.m. service, 720 Norwich Surprise: J. Bassett 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Marshall 3, A. Smith 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, B. Luck 6.—For 11 a.m. service, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. Henley 1, W. Marshall 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, B. Luck 6.—For 3 p.m. children's service, the back five were rung by L. Pitts (aged 11 years) 1, W. Durham (aged 13) 2, J. J. Bassett (aged 12) 3, F. Lockyer (aged 13) 4, A. Relfe 5.—For 6.30 p.m. service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Relfe 1, A. Marshall 2, W. Marshall 3, A. Henley 4, J. Bassett 5, A. Smith (conductor) 6.—After evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Wood-wards 1, J. Bassett 2, J. Waghorn 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, B. Luck (conductor) 6. The boys also rang rounds with the other ringers before the other services.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY FREDERICK DENCH.

23456 M. W. H.

64352	1	1
26543	2	1 2
25463		1 2
32654	2	1 2
62534		2 1
65324		1 2
23564		2 2
32465	2	2
64235		2 2
62345		1 2
63425		1 2
35426	1	2
24536		2 2
25346		1 2
23465		1 2

Rung at Great Baddow, March 24th, 1928.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Tuesday, March 20th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. White 1, J. Woffendon 2, G. Hunt 3, Geo. F. Pickles 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER THOLLOPE.

In my previous articles I have tried to explain and illustrate two main points. First that change ringing is essentially the movement of bells among each other; and, secondly, that this movement is, and must be, cyclical in form. A method is really a particular form of movement, and this movement is made up of a number of cycles. All these cycles are either similar to hunting courses or dodging movements, in which a number of bells first make a number of steps forward and then the same number of steps backward. In every case the cycle is complete.

Hunting is the simplest form of movement, and the extension of hunting from one number of bells to a greater number is the one thing in extension of methods about which everybody is quite clear and certain. Plain hunting on three bells will give you six changes, on four bells eight changes, on five bells ten changes, and so on. There is one way, and one way only, in which this extension can be had. This applies equally when you are dealing with the hunting courses which go to make up a method; they have one way in which they will expand, and one way only. When we realise this, we are in sight of the solution of the problem of extension of methods, so far as it has a real solution. But, as the cyclical movements which make up a method are combined in a great variety of ways, we shall find that though it is quite easy (having understood what I have just written) to set down all the possible extensions of any given method, yet it would take a very long time to describe all the varieties and combinations which are possible. Instead of attempting to give any general rules (which I have done elsewhere), I will take one or two examples, explain them, and leave it to the reader who is so minded to apply the examples to other methods.

First of all, the simplest of all methods, Plain Bob. Here you have (1) a hunting course on all the bells which expands in one way, and one way only:—

123	1234	12345	123456
213	2143	21435	214356
231	2413	24153	241635
321	4231	42513	426153
312	4321	45231	462513
132	3412	54321	645231
123	3142	53412	654321
	etc.	etc.	etc.

Then (2), when the treble is leading, you have another hunting course on the Extreme or Working bells, in which the bells move backwards. This expands in one way, and one way only:—

1234	12345	123456
1324	13254	132546
1312	13524	135264
1432	15342	153624
1423	15432	156342
1243	14523	165432
1234	14253	164523
	12435	146253
	12345	142635
		124365
		123456

The members of these secondary hunting courses are separated from each other, but the whole cyclical movements are complete, and the rows which they produce come in the same order as if you rang them straight off. The reason why we all recognise that Bob Major is the same method as Bob Minor, but extended to a larger number of bells, is simply because it agrees with the simple rule that extension of movement is only moving in the same direction, but for an increased length.

There is, however, an alternative extension. You can increase the first cycle as before, adding to the number of bells, but keep the second cycle on the same number throughout:—

12|345	123|456	1234|567
21|354	132|546	2143|576
12|534	123|564	1234|756
21|543	132|654	2143|765
12|453	123|645	1234|675
21|435	132|465	2143|657
12|345	123|456	1234|567

The bells to the left of the vertical line are simply plain hunting throughout the course; the bells to the right are making the secondary cycle. The first of the examples is Grandsire, the second is a hobbled course of Bob Minor, the third is Grandsire Triples, with three bells in the hunt.

This illustrates the first of several points which I want to make. It is that there is no method in which it is not possible to have more than one valid extension.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: G. Battle 1, A. Lenthum 2, J. Bruse 3, J. C. E. Simpson 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age, and this was his first 720. It was rung as a birthday compliment to him.

A FUNERAL PEAL OF 200 YEARS AGO.

Apocryphal the inquiry recently made in these columns as to the correct occasions for muffled ringing, the following 'Method of Ringing Funeral Peals in London in 1734,' from a MS. in the Guildhall Library, London, by William Laughton, of Leather Lane, London, dated March 10th, 1734, will be of interest to our readers:—

'After the bells of the bells are clothed with pieces of leather, called muffers, which are the properest things for that purpose, ring ten or a dozen rounds to hear whether they strike equal or no; if they do not they must be altered by putting some tow under the cloathing of such as strike too hard, and putting on thinner muffers to such as strike too soft, till they are made to sound equal. Then, about half an hour before the corpse is brought to be buried, proceed in the following manner: Ring one pull round and stand, all but the tenor, but let her be rung out a pull by herself; then ring two pulls round, and the tenor two pulls by herself; then three pulls and the tenor three; then four and the tenor four; then five and the tenor five; then six pulls round, and the tenor to be rung as many strokes by herself as the person is years old that is to be buried. When that is ended, ring the numbers backwards as you began with all, that is—six, five, four, three, two and one; but the tenor must be rung the same number of pulls by herself between each number of rounds. After the last round is ended, ring the tenor again by herself as many strokes as the deceased is years old (this is performing the exercise backwards and forwards), then ring a Grandsire with the tenor behind, or a course of Plain Bob, or anything else that you please, though not to exceed six score changes in length; after that, till the corpse is brought into the church or to the grave, ring only one pull round and the tenor one pull by herself; if the corpse is brought into the church first, then ring it out again in the same manner. Whilst it is burying, cut off the muffers, and ring the company out of the churchyard with one pull round, and the tenor one pull by herself; continue that thirty or forty times and stand; then finish with a 720 of any peal that you can cleverly manage, and cease the bells without standing.

'In that manner the dead peal was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on Friday, the 7th June, 1724, when Mr. Wm. Ibbotson was buried in that Churchyard; he was a wheelwright and thirty-six years of age.

'N.B.—Let the number of bells be what they will, from 3 to 6, the exercise is to be performed after this manner; but if a dead peal is rung on 8, 10 or 12 bells, then ring as many pulls as there is number of bells.'

THE OCCASIONS OF MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Routledge's letter on the above subject is interesting and instructive, but he does not mention what to do on Good Friday, and I would have liked to have had his opinion on that. Some churches do not ring at all on that day, and some ring muffled. If we ring muffled on Armistice Day in memory of those who gave their lives for our country, why not ring muffled for Him who gave His life for the world? If all churches rang muffled, it would help the people to remember that it is a holy day, the greatest of the year.

JAMES E. SCOTT.

Secretary, Tynemouth Parish Church Guild
(Christ Church), North Shields.

ONE OF NORFOLK'S BEST LIGHT PEALS

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a parish meeting at New Buckenham, on Monday, April 2nd, it was decided to overhaul and hang in new bearings the peal of six bells, which are classed as one of the best light peals in Norfolk. A subscription list has been headed by the Vicar. If any reader should be interested, a donation would be very thankfully received by, yours truly,

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS

(Captain of local band).

Chapel Hill,
New Buckenham, Norwich.

A BELL FRAME PUZZLE.

In the evening of Tuesday, March 13th, the village of Aston Tirrold, Berks, had the pleasure of once more hearing its bells after a silence of some months. They are a melodious ring of five, well worthy of a sixth bell, which it is hoped will be added at no distant date. The old frame was condemned some time ago. Its presence in the tower was somewhat of a puzzle, being in most ways too big for the tower. It gave one the impression that it was constructed in the churchyard, and then was found to be outside measurements, whereupon bits were taken off it and off the walls of the tower until it was possible to get it inside.

A very fine frame of English oak to contain six bells has taken its place, and the existing five have been rehung on ball bearings with a certain amount of other new fittings. The work was entrusted to Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berks, and with most excellent results, as was acknowledged by the band of members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who first rang the bells on the above date. A remarkable feature of the work is the ease with which the ropes can be handled, new as they are, in spite of the fact that owing to shortness of draught the sallies go round the wheels.

TWO MORE BELLS FOR ANSTON.

At Anston, Yorks, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Anston Surprise in 26 mins.: W. Platts 1, H. Haigh 2, H. Stenton (conductor) 3, H. Turner 4, F. Stenton 5, C. F. Fowler 6. This is the last 720 to be rung on these bells before restoration. They have done good service for 60 years, and are now to be taken down and sent to the bell foundry with a view to recasting the tenor, overhauling the others, re-hanging, etc., and there is a hope of getting two more bells to complete the octave.

The ringers have rung all the Minor methods contained in the Central Council's collection and other books, and they are looking forward to raising sufficient money to add two more bells.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

123456
214365
124635
216453
261435
624153
621435

Double Oxford
Minor 6 in the
hunt.

264153
624513
265431
256413
524631

Double Court
Minor 5 in the
hunt.

256431
524613
542831
456213
516123
451632
456123

Reverse Bob
Minor Treble in
the hunt.

541632
514623
158432
516342
153624
156342

Double Oxford
Minor 4 in the
hunt.

Bob Minor Treble
in the hunt.

This diagram gives the actual structure of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and you have only to turn back to what I have written on the extension of Double Court to see how Cambridge Major comes from the Minor in the same way that Double Norwich comes from Double Court Minor.

Lincolnshire Surprise is, of course, another extension and a better one than the extension which we ring, but it cannot be called Cambridge, simply because it has appeared too late in the day.

This shows that the method is derived from the Plain Hunting Course and not, as some people seem to think, from an imaginary Treble Bob Hunting Course.

H. LAW JAMES.

NORTHAW.—On March 27th, at St. Thomas', 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Roberts, jun., 1, J. North 2, E. A. McKie 3, J. Parker 4, J. Roberts, sen., 5, R. Stiles (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method by all. All are local Sunday service ringers at this church.

A VETERAN OF THE EXERCISE.**RANG FOR THE DEATH OF THE PRINCE CONSORT.**

There is no more respected figure in the Exercise than Mr. Joseph Waghorn, of East Ham, who, although he has passed his 85th birthday, still takes the keenest interest in ringing, and is to be found at most of the important gatherings of the year, although his advanced age now prevents him doing much actual ringing.

In the course of such a long life, Mr. Waghorn has shared in the ringing of bells for many notable events, and he was one of those who rang at Westminster Abbey for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He began ringing at the age of 16, and rang for the death of the Prince Consort in 1860. He took part in a peal at Tottenham on Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1888, and other events of interest in which he shared in the ringing were the coming-of-age of Edward VII., when he was Prince of Wales, the entry of Princess Alexandra into London and her subsequent marriage, the coronation and death of King Edward, the coronation of the present King and Queen, and the wedding of Princess Mary.

There is one other distinction which, we believe, Mr. Waghorn can claim. He has attended a service at every cathedral in England. Mr. Waghorn, although not now a member, is usually to be found listening to the debates at the Central Council meetings, wherever they may be held, and last February he was an honoured guest at the Johnston Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham.

THE CURFEW.**A LEGEND OF CHERTSEY.**

Among the few places which have seen a revival of the curfew is the ancient town of Chertsey, Surrey, where one of the most treasured possessions of the church is the fifth bell in the present ring of eight—a pre-Reformation casting which local tradition states to have come from Chertsey Abbey at its dissolution. It is said that this bell tolled for the funeral of Henry VI., murdered in the tower of London, and hurried to Chertsey for burial, 'without priest, clerk, torch or taper, singing or saying.'

Chertsey's ancient bell is also associated with another ancient legend—first put into story form and dramatised by Albert Smith—which relates how Blanche Heriot, to save the life of her lover, Neville, condemned to die at sundown, climbed to the bell tower and held the clapper of the bell, determined that 'curfew shall not ring to-night.'

A tragedy occurred at Berwick-on-Tweed on Monday, March 26th, when, just after he had rung the curfew at the Town Hall, George Payne, described as the master bellringer of the town, was found hanged. The bell rope was round his neck.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are all familiar with the ringing activities of the Pye family. 'E.M.' wants to know if the following is one of their ancestors: '1507. Paid to Henry Yerde Pye, bellringer, for his quarter of Michaelmas, 20d.'—from St. Mary-de-Castro Church accounts, Leicester.

Mr. Challis Winney writes that the recent handbell peal (Holt's Original), which he called, was on the 44th anniversary of his first peal as conductor, not of his first peal.

An example of what may be done by keenness and perseverance is to be found in the peal at Usk, the report of which we publish in this issue. This is a country tower, but the band, who have taken up change ringing during the last twelve months, have worked on without outside help, practising twice weekly and ringing for an hour before morning and evening services on Sundays. They first mastered Grandsire Doubles, and now have a good Triples band. Six of them were in the peal on Saturday, and it was their first attempt. It shows what can be done with determination, and they are to be congratulated upon their success.

The Kent Treble Bob Royal record was made at Ashton-under-Lyne fourteen years ago to-day, when Mr. Sam Wood conducted a round 14,000, which was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins. The previous Treble-Pen record, rung at Shoreditch in the Oxford variation, had stood for a hundred and thirty years.

At the same church three years earlier, namely, on April 17th, 1911, the record length of Treble Bob Maximus was rung. This was 12,240 of Kent, which occupied 8 hrs. 39 mins.

Ninety years ago next Monday, at Birstall, Yorks, the first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung.

Tuesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on April 17th, 1769. 'The harmony and regularity of its changes,' write an old chronicler, 'filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment.'

'This incomparable peal,' he goes on, 'was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. William Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now, so that it may be affirmed that this is the first complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.'

A peal of 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major (then the longest length that had been composed) was rung at Irthlingborough on April 17th, 1900.

The anniversary of the 13,440 Double Norwich Major by the Royal Cumberland Youths, at Romford, to which we referred last week, was rung on April 18th, 1894. In this connection Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., tells us that he is not the only survivor of the band, but that Albert Pittam and Charles Wilkins are still in the land of the living.

Twelve months ago next Wednesday, members of the Lancashire Association scored the 17,824 Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall. They will have a bigger task still when they get down to the Double Norwich at the same church to-morrow.

CLAIM TO CANTERBURY PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The band who finished a peal at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday last, with clapper out of the 8th in the last course, wish to give up any claim to this being recognised as a peal. Thanking you to find room for this notice, yours truly,

J. H. CHEESMAN.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the Norbury (Cheshire) ringers I beg to tender heartiest congratulations to the Leytonstone band for the splendid peal of Surprise Minor. This is, indeed, a wonderful performance, splicing 22 Surprise Minor methods in seven true extents. We sincerely hope this success will be an incentive to many other companies to follow.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES FERNLEY.

THE PEAL AT EPSOM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Beams' inquiry, nothing whatever happened to the bells in any course of this peal. However, something went radically wrong with the mental faculties of your humble servant in the last course. I called the bells into the plain course with a bob wrong, and sailed along with the erroneous mental deduction that the homing position would come after I had done full work. Of course, it comes before this work, and the consequence was the rounds change of the peal flashed up when I was not even thinking or looking for it. I was for the moment nonplussed, and the absence of 'This is all' caused confusion amongst some of the ringers, who wondered whether to ring rounds or changes. It took me a few moments to recognise that my mental error had allowed me to overrun the rounds change, which had come up perfectly correctly. Had a bob at home been required, I should have had to apologise to my fellow-ringers for letting them down at the last course-end of the peal.—Yours truly,

THE CONDUCTOR.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on Monday, a presentation was made to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who for twenty-five years has discharged the duties of hon. secretary.

The gift, which was handed to Mr. Cartmel by the president (Mr. F. A. Smith) on behalf of the members, took the form of a silver tea service, and was accompanied by an illuminated scroll signed by the president and district secretaries. To Mrs. Cartmel was presented a pair of silver vases.

Mr. E. P. Debenham (the hon. treasurer) said that Mr. Cartmel began ringing in 1885, and rang his first peal in St. Albans Abbey in 1885. He (Mr. Debenham) took over the secretaryship in 1887, and Mr. Cartmel acted as assistant secretary until he succeeded him as secretary in 1903, and they thanked him very sincerely for the admirable manner in which he had piloted the association for so many years.

Mr. Cartmel, in reply, said he had had a happy time during the past 25 years, and had made many lasting friendships. He looked upon bell-ringing and bellringers as a wonderful fellowship with great possibilities of doing good.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £21 1s. 10d., compared with £13 15s. 7d. at the beginning of the year.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary said he thought it was generally agreed that the life of a busy person seemed short, but when recounted by years the journey appeared somewhat lengthened. This thought came to his mind when he remembered that this was his 25th annual report, made possible by the kindness of the members in electing him these many years as their secretary. He was still 'not out,' and if it was their pleasure not to 'declare,' he was prepared to take the next over. If length of service was a worthy asset, then that association had been fortunate from its foundation in 1884 in its choice of officers. Their treasurer had been wandering through the wilderness for over 40 years, and although he had worn out many pairs of boots in the pursuit of his hobby, yet he preserved the same youthful serenity and enthusiasm that had always marked his bellringing career. His chariot wheels had not been clogged with deficits, for in whatever condition the exchequer stood they could depend upon him telling them of that little nest egg standing in the association's name at the P.O. Savings Bank. Long might it be so. Lengthy service was also the lot of Messrs. Lawrence and Nash, and others who had retired. A perusal of the minute book recalled friendships that had been priceless, and, although many had passed beyond, the joy of fellowship still remained.

As regarded the state of the association, a perusal of the peal list was a fair indication of enthusiasm and progress, and the tradition of the past had been well upheld. Thirty-three peals had been rung in 23 different towers, divided between 18 conductors, and two peals upon handbells, making the splendid total of 35 peals, all the higher methods having been rung, from Bristol downwards. Many had rung their first peal, but a far greater number had rung their first in advanced methods—a healthy sign of progression. The six-bell towers throughout the county were 'going strong,' and they congratulated the Little Munden Society upon having rung 98 full extents in fifteen methods during the year 1927.

AN EMERGENCY SICK FUND.

The question of an Emergency Sick Fund, the report proceeded, was discussed at the annual committee meeting, the principle being generally approved. The recent misfortune to Mr. A. T. Baker had given prominence to the need of some such organisation. The prompt, commendable action of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who brought the sad circumstances to the notice of the Exercise, resulted in timely help being given. The committee, however, feeling keenly that something on a more permanent basis should be attempted, instructed one of the association's delegates to give notice of a motion to the Central Council of Church Bellringers (which meets at Whitsuntide), so that the question could be discussed, and, if thought advisable, a committee appointed to consider the problem as to the advisability of creating an emergency sick fund. How the money was to be raised and administered need not enter into discussion now, but he suggested that the subject was worthy of further consideration, whatever might be the outcome.

The report recalled the deaths of members, viz., Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, Mr. S. F. Barnes, formerly of St. Albans Cathedral Society, Mr. H. Shaw, of Luton, Mr. Samuel Page, of Benington, and Mr. W. E. Garrard, of London. Thanks were accorded to Mr. W. Mercer, the auditor, Mr. T. J. Hull, the librarian, and the district secretaries, Messrs. W. Ayre, G. T. Croft, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash and C. H. Horton. By their services the district secretaries had given not only an impetus to ringing, but to the prestige of the association. In appreciation of that service the members had warmly supported their efforts. They thanked the district secretaries for all they had done, and wished them success in the future.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary hoped they would carry with them the inspiration of that annual meeting. To many, old friendships had been renewed, and new friends had entered upon their horizon. Some had probably seized the occasion for ringing a new method, or had

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

TO-MORROW'S GREAT ENDEAVOUR.

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association will to-morrow (Saturday), at the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, Heptonstall, Yorkshire, attempt a record length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 22,096 changes, starting at 6 a.m. Umpire: Mr. H. Chapman.

BETWEEN? NO, NOT BETWEEN!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No one was more astonished than I was to hear read again the illogical views of a gentleman whom we all know has educational attainments, rather above the average, who with persistence keeps writing and telling us that the change takes place in between the rows.

Our friend fails to grasp this significant fact, that in the 'Art of Ringing' there is only a short rhythmic interval between the rows, and that ringing is but one long drawn-out row of figures, no matter whether it be a touch or a peal of 5,040!

Every round or change is a succession of rows, one behind the other, and not on top of one another, as we write them out for convenience sake. Every round is divided into a rhythmic series of blows and intervals; no differentiation of those intervals takes place except at the handstroke lead of the treble, which, as we know, is accentuated simply to mark out 'hand' from 'back' stroke.

If Mr. Trollope will write out for himself four rows of Plain Bob as they are rung, it should be quite sufficient to convince him that he is in error. For example, bells ring at given intervals, thus:—

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8- 2-1-4-3-6-5-8-7-2-4-1-6-3-8-5-7,

and there is no 'between' anywhere, except the interval, which comes between one bell speaking and the next one to it. The interval between the rows is only equivalent to the intervals which come between the bells, except the handstroke.

Surely, everyone will agree that the change takes place in the row as it is built up. But Mr. Trollope would have us seriously believe that 2 and 1, 4 and 3, 6 and 5, and 8 and 7 actually changed between the rows, where the tenor finished the first row and where the second picked up the lead in the next row. Of course, I know that I am only endowed with a very dull mental equipment, but these are the views of, yours truly,

IRENEUS.

(Continued from previous column.)

ring upon a higher ring, and were feeling 'bucked up.' This was as it should be. The annual meeting, and also the district meetings, should give an impetus to every band to persevere, not only in the advancement of change ringing, but in the determination to keep the bells going every Sunday for morning and evening service, as a reminder to the careless and indifferent (and others) that 'this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' He hoped they would all go back to their bellfries with this inspiration, not forgetting that they were part of a great army of men and women (roughly, some 40,000) engaged in work for God's Church below for 52 Sundays in each year, whose spirit of unity, friendliness, and brotherliness was a feature worthy of emulation, not only by other churchworkers, but by all who pursue the daily round and common task.

MR. CARTMEL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected president for the ensuing year. The other officers and representatives were re-elected.

It was agreed that the representatives to the Central Council should support the proposal for establishing peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.

Mr. W. Ayre (district secretary, Western District) called attention to the fact that there were 16 towers without members belonging to the association, and asked if anything could be done to bring them into the association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Wigginton) said he thought many more Vicars could be obtained as hon. members of the association if an alteration were made in the rules on the lines of the Yorkshire Association, whereby any Vicar of a tower where there was a peal of bells could become an hon. member of the association for so long as he was in charge of the peal, for a single subscription. He pointed out that a great many Vicars were unable to afford an annual subscription.

It was decided to send a message of congratulation to the Archbishop of Canterbury upon his completion of 25 years as Primate and upon attaining his 80th birthday.

Prior to the meeting, the members attended a service in St. Albans Abbey, at which the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson) read the lessons, and an address was given by the Vicar of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans (the Rev. H. Gathorne Crabbtree). The Dean was present at tea and meeting which followed.

BELL TONES AND RINGERS' OPINIONS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I fancy that a good many old-fashioned members of the Exercise felt something of a shock when they read the other day that the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are to be recast; and I opened the next issue of 'The Ringing World,' fully expecting to find a deluge of protest. But no; whether it was stupefaction or only apathy, not a voice was raised in opposition, and it looks as if the famous old peal is to go to its doom without tears and without much comment. And yet, St. Martin's really are a peal to which you can apply that much-abused word 'famous.'

In the whole history of change ringing perhaps there are only two others of equal interest—Mancroft and St. Saviour's, Southwark. The glories of the Mancroft band were finished half a century and more ago. St. Saviour's never was more than one of several towers where the London ringers practised; but St. Martin's has had a first-class band and first-class ringing almost without interruption from its earliest days till now. For the bare record of peals, Ipswich has, perhaps, the finer list, but the history of Ipswich ringing belongs to modern time only, and Ipswich never had a list of great names connected with it like Birmingham. Lates and Thurstans, Cooper, Day and Johnson—these men are among the giants of the Exercise.

One would have thought that sentiment would have been strong enough to save the bells from anything more drastic than tuning. Indeed, we always have been told that they are a very fine ring, not a Painswick or a Mancroft, but well above the average, and worthy representatives of their founders, who were men who did turn out some really good bells. As to that, I can say nothing. I have never heard them—I am almost ashamed to admit it. And I certainly should not presume to judge from hearing them once as a visitor. The men on the spot must settle that. Anyhow, they will probably be replaced by a better ring. Our modern bell founders know their job, and can be trusted to do good work. But they will not be the same bells. Bells are like human beings: they have an identity which is easily destroyed, and once destroyed cannot be revived. To talk about recasting a bell is really all wrong. Once a bell is broken, its life is gone. You can make a new bell out of its material, or you can replace it by a new bell, but it is not the same bell. A building you can alter, you can reconstruct, you can even rebuild, without destroying its identity and continuity, but you cannot do the same thing with a bell.

To us outsiders, perhaps the most interesting thing is the statement that the new bells are to be Simpson tuned. The battle of the tuning has been going on merrily for a long time. We have had plenty of arguments on both sides, but so far as I can see the success of the Simpsonians has been all along the line. There was a time when you could find very few ringers who really liked the new style; now you will find its most active partisans among ringers, and there are plenty who will not allow any merit at all to bells tuned in the old way. Personally, I do not care a little bit one way or the other. I know what I think is a good bell when I hear it, and, so long as it sounds right, how it is tuned does not matter in the least. That is the business of the founders. If they can give us the bells we want, let them tune them how they please. And the bell we want is the one which appears to give one good round musical note. We do not want a bell which appears to give a bundle of notes of practically equal strength, whether these notes are in accord with each other or not. I know quite well that every bell does in fact give several notes, and that if you train your ear you can always hear them. So, for that matter, does a violin string. A good many ringers, by training themselves to hear undertones, have made it impossible for them to like old-style bells, and in the same way you can easily, by listening unduly for the minor third, train yourself to an intense dislike of the modern style.

The opinions of both these classes of men are not really of much value in judging the two styles. For what matters is how the bell appeals to the man with a musical ear who is not consciously listening for anything but the strike note. There are plenty of bells, both old and new, which will satisfy such a man, and I think it quite safe to say that the mere fact that a bell is five-toned tuned does not make it a good bell, nor that it has those objectionable features, which ringers call 'howling.'

One thing, however, is certain. The introduction of Simpson tuning has been accompanied by a very great improvement in the bells which are cast nowadays. The two are evidently very closely connected, but I hardly think it is all cause and effect. I recall quite a number of modern bells tuned on the old style, which, to my mind, are quite as satisfactory as any new-style bells. Southwark Cathedral tenor is an instance.

I am not sure that ringers as a whole are the best judges of the musical qualities of bells. It is so very seldom that they hear them where they should be judged—that is, outside. Inside the tower you can have conditions which will make a very ordinary peal nearly perfect for change ringing, for what you want is primarily a peal which you can hear clearly and distinctly, so that you can appreciate good striking. Bells with a lot of hum, however musical they may be outside, are not the sort to induce the best striking, and for the same reason spring clapper controls and clapper buffers are nuisances, without any compensating advantages. Ringers should discourage all such contrivances.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE POSITION OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st, when there were 37 present. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a special service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. Wm. Shepherd, who also delivered an interesting and helpful address, in the absence of the Vicar, who was recovering from a recent operation. The collection taken at this service for the Benevolent Fund amounted to 10s. 7d. The ringers then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea had been prepared by several kind ladies of the parish, and was much appreciated. The business proceedings followed, the Rev. Wm. Shepherd presiding, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Wood, R. Longhurst, C. Finch, Balcombe; J. Lewry, H. Temple, Bolney; N. C. Cragg, E. G. Higgin, I. Edwards, F. Edwards, A. Elliott, A. Killick, F. Killick, G. Leney, A. Miles, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, P. Tarry, Coleman's Hatch; C. Mitchell, Cuckfield; A. L. Ryman, Hartfield; A. H. Brackpool (unaffiliated).

It was reported to the meeting that Coleman's Hatch would require an instructor, and Mr. J. Wren (East Grinstead) kindly volunteered his services, which were gratefully accepted.

The election of Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

All the officers of the division were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. O. Sippetts, who did not desire to continue a member of the committee. Mr. G. Apps, of Cuckfield, was elected to fill the vacancy. The officers are therefore as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; committee, Messrs. J. A. Hart, J. Wren and G. Apps; committee of advice, Messrs. K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler.

Mr. N. E. Hope, of East Grinstead, stated that he would like to take the opportunity of making clear the position of the East Grinstead and District Guild. He said the Guild was formed by himself and one or two others for all towers within a radius of ten miles of East Grinstead, with the sole idea of helping beginners and the lesser advanced ringers to become more proficient in the art of change ringing. To this end practice meetings were held, and had proved very successful. Speaking personally, he could say he had very much benefited from the meetings, and he believed there were many more members who could say likewise. The Guild had enabled ringers in that district to meet together and practise together more often than it was possible for the association to have meetings. He wished to make it quite clear that there was no intention whatever of interfering with the work of the association; in fact, they were trying to help the association forward in that particular area. He hoped, therefore, that if they had committed any technical breaches the association would overlook them.

The Divisional Hon. Secretary, in reply, said there were some who thought he had some feeling against the Guild, but this was not so. He pointed out that the machinery for combined practice was provided for in the rules of the association, but the Guild, as now formed, operated over the borders of Surrey and Kent. The association did not go outside the county borders. He also referred to the office of Master adopted by the Guild. The Master of the Association was Mr. J. T. Rickman, and the Secretary pointed out that there could not be a Master within a Master. But as regards meeting together for combined practice, they were doing a good work, and he wished them every success.

Mr. J. T. Rickman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Wm. Shepherd for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, coupling with this the name of Mr. Hope, who kindly presided at the organ. He requested Mr. Shepherd to convey to the Vicar, Dr. G. Golding-Bird, the very hearty wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery to health, and to thank him for his kindness in allowing the association to hold its meeting there. He also wished Mr. Shepherd to thank the various ladies who had prepared such an excellent tea, and to tell them that their kindness was very greatly appreciated.—These motions were all very enthusiastically passed.

Ringing was again resumed, and continued until nearly 8 p.m. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The following towers were represented: Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Hartfield, East Grinstead, Heane, Hastings (Blacklands), Lindfield and Turner's Hill, together with non-resident members.

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Simpson tuning has come to stay. There is little good in trying to get back to the old style. But I think we should recognise that it is only a means to an end, not an end in itself. There still will remain the distinction between good, bad and indifferent bells, and, perhaps, one may express a hope that all the old style bells, which we once used to think so much of, will not disappear, even though their places may be taken by better ones.

HALSE.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (called in six different ways) in 23 mins.: J. Nelson 1, A. Pole 2, W. Clapp 3, F. Pole 4, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 5, G. Lang 6. J. Nelson, late of Bosbury, Herefordshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE QUESTION OF PAYING FOR PEALS.

In the annual report of the Midland Counties Association, presented to the members at their annual meeting on Monday, it was stated that as far as peal ringing went, 1927 was a record year with 183 peals, the previous highest being 149 in 1922. Among these were 66 peals of Minor and Doubles, and, commenting on them, the report says: Most prominent are the number of five and six bell peals, of which the general hon. secretary holds himself partly responsible where Leicestershire is concerned. His activities in this direction have encouraged ringers who were more or less dormant, and a number of both honorary and ordinary members have been made in some places and a stimulus added in others. It would be well if all branches of the M.C.A. activity realised that there are in nearly every county more than three times the number of five and six bell towers to those of higher numbers, and much good might be done, many members interested and secured, and the art considerably increased, if these towers were not isolated so much, but brought into line with their more fortunate confreres of greater numbers.

From the footnotes which had appeared to peals, 39 ringers had rung their first peal, and no fewer than 162 rang their first peal in a new method. There were also 11 first peals on the bells, and 11 first on the bells in a new method. Five ringers had scored their first as conductor, and ten their first as conductor in a new method. Broadly speaking, the year had been most successful, not only in peal ringing, but in other directions. No less than 95 new ringing, 26 honorary and 6 new life members had been made, which certainly showed a healthy state of interest. A certain number of each class had been lost through death and lapse of subscription, and the membership, when the report was printed, was 222 patrons and hon. members, and 887 ringing members.

The balance showed that an income of £130 had been received from all sources. The gross expenditure was in round figures £113, leaving a surplus for honorariums, as might be decided upon, of £17. It was clear that the association could not always create profit sufficient to guarantee a fixed amount. Derby again headed the list with honorary members, due, undoubtedly, to the untiring energy of the president, to whom the thanks of the whole association were due and were accorded. There was again a serious loss on the report. For some years a veritable mine of information for peal ringers and conductors had been published. This has been paid for by the funds of the whole members. While nothing should be said or written derogatory to peal ringing, it should be remembered that it is only one phase and an adjunct to church bellringing, and it might be thought well to consider whether those whose names were printed so voluminously at the general expense, ought not to contribute to the cost. If peal ringers were to pay, say, two shillings per peal—or an average of three-pence for man—the sum of £10 per year would be added to the funds.

The bell repair fund, the report added, had now been depleted by grants to several churches (amounting to £28) to £2 3s. 8d. During the current year there would be due £100 from Government certificates. The members would have to decide whether the whole sum be again invested, and, if so, how? There was at present the War Loan of £150, which brought in £7 10s. per annum. At the bank there was £72. Altogether the association was worth at the moment the sum of £518, amply sufficient to provide for the establishment of the three diocesan Guilds of Derby, Leicester and Southwell, whenever the time came. If the old proverb that 'Coming events cast their shadows before' be true, then this intimation was not out of place, and the members would be wise in being fully conversant in the matter, and on the qui vive for a moment which might be nearer than many might think. Funds should therefore be carefully conserved for any eventuality.

BISHOP DEDICATES A PEAL TABLET.

Recently, at Swindon Parish Church, so beautifully situate on the hill, and forming a prominent landmark visible over a wide stretch of typical English countryside, following a Confirmation service, the Bishop of Malmesbury, accompanied by the Vicar (Canon Mayall), proceeded to the belfry to dedicate a handsome white marble tablet, mounted on a slate bed, which has been erected to record the first peal accomplished on the fine new ring of ten bells installed in 1924.

Mr. E. Bishop, on behalf of the ringers, requested the Bishop to dedicate the tablet, and his Lordship, before doing so, said how pleased he was to come among the ringers and to bear testimony to the valuable work they were doing on behalf of the Church. The ringing of a peal amply demonstrated the proficiency of the hand taking part and the interest they took in their work.

The tablet, which is of beautiful workmanship, was designed and executed by Mr. Bert Bishop, who rang the treble in the peal.

The Bishop was thanked for his kindness in dedicating the tablet, especially as the hour was so late—nine o'clock—and he had to journey to Bristol by motor-car—a distance of over 40 miles. His Lordship mentioned that he was very much struck by the beauty of the bells, and he should make a point of visiting the ringers on any future visits to the church.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'

We close this week the appeal for Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of Hillsborough, Sheffield, but our columns remain open for the acknowledgment of further contributions. All who have given, or who have in any way helped to further this fund, have our grateful thanks for their assistance. The response has been most generous, as we knew it would be in a case so deserving. A statement with regard to the fund will be made when the final donations have been received, and in the meantime we acknowledge the following further subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	193	17	11
Ringers of Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, per E. A.			
Marsh	5	0	
Ringers of St. Philip's Church, Nelson, Lancs, per J.			
Whitney	5	0	
W. J. Moss, Stretford, Manchester	2	6	
	£194	10	5

DESIGNED AS A DUNGEON?

Among the few towers I have had the pleasure of visiting, writes 'Uncle Justacuss,' I think the ringing chamber of the magnificent Parish Church of Cottingham was the most difficult to find. One must ascend the usual spiral stair right up to the bell chamber, where, if one has keen eyesight, one finds a small trapdoor at the corner of the bell frame. You raise the door, and descend a step ladder to the ringing chamber. The architect must have designed it for a dungeon, not for ringers, as he forgot to leave a doorway to it.

I think the finest and most eloquent tribute to the bell founder's craft is contained in the few words inscribed on top of a peal board in Beverley Minster tower recording a peal of Stedman Caters, called by one Guillaume de Barbiere. It says: 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals.' Verb sap.

AN OLD SUFFOLK FOUNDER.

THOMAS GARDINER AND COLNE ENGAINE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst looking through some old papers I came across some relating to the bells of Colne Engaine, a village in North Essex. These are the papers of Thomas Gardiner, the Sudbury bell founder, and the following extracts may be of interest:—

* Nov. 6, 1747/8.—Gentlemen, this is to satisfy you that I saw the bell weighed, and it weighed teen hundred and sixteen pound and no more (10 cwt. 16 lb.).

* Feb. the 20, 1747/8.—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Colne Engaine new tenor wd.	10	2	13
The old tenor wd.	10	0	16

* Feb. the 20th, 1747/8.—Mr. Mead, Churchwarden of Colne Engaine, and the rest of the gentlemen there bill for casting the tenor bell and putting the other in good order.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
The old bell wd.	10	0	16
The new bell wd.	10	2	13
	£	s.	d.
For casting to the agreement	10	10	0
For addition of new mettle	02	13	0

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* Ochr. the 25th, 1760.—Delivered then to Mr. Mead and Mr. Mayhew, of Colne Engaine:

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
The fifth bell that weighed	10	0	11
The old bell weighed	10	1	00
	£	s.	d.
For casting 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. of old mettle	9	17	6
For addition of 24th pounds of new mettle	1	08	0

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* Feb. 19, 1761.—Recd. of Mr. Ed. Mead and Mr. Jere Mayhew. Churchwardens for the parish of Coln Engaine, the contents of this bill and all demands, by me,

Rec. £10 10s.

THOS. GARDINER.

Witness, GEORGE FULLER.

The signature is undoubtedly the signature of Thos. Gardiner himself, and I should think is the only writing of his on these bills. The bill concerning the casting of the tenor in 1747/8 and the one concerning the fifth in 1760 are in the same handwriting, the other two are in a different hand.

These dates evidently do away with the theory I have read that Gardiner left Sudbury in 1746. On the tenor I am informed that the following is cast:

'Thomas Gardiner did me cast:
I'll sing his praises to the last.'

Yours truly,

GRANVILLE C. BIXBY.

Long Melford, Suffolk.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. L. Mitchell 1, O. Smart 2, W. Butt 3, B. Marchmont 4, A. Cottle 5, G. Greenaway 6, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 7, F. Padwick 8.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, W. E. Cross 2, W. Phipps 3, A. R. Gale 4, T. Smith 5, C. W. Pipe 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Copley 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, A. Symonds 3, T. Scott 4, H. E. Day 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

WOODFORD.—On Easter Sunday, three 720's of Plain Bob. For morning service: F. Corney 1, J. Crampin (first 720, and only started ringing in November) 2, A. Reeves 3, E. Plummer 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6. Also a 360 for afternoon service, and also a 720 before evensong, conducted by J. A. Waugh, by the same band. After evensong: R. Cousins (first 720, and started ringing in September) 1, J. Crampin 2, E. Plummer 3, C. Petty 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples: H. Ellis 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. J. Nelder 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, J. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. H. Hewitt 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, J. E. Davis 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on April 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: H. H. Mance 1, F. Howson (first quarter of Grandsire Caters) 2, W. Dean 3, H. W. Mance 4, A. Newman 5, C. D. Nichols 6, E. Reeve 7, C. F. Mitchell 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: R. Wood 1, A. Coote 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Laker 4, A. C. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. The above was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, also the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by the ringers of the 2nd.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Single: A. Coote 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, E. T. Exeter 4, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 5, A. Steele 6.—For evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: E. T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Mary's, before matins, 720 Carlisle Surprise, 360 Kingston Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—Before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, H. Wright 2, L. Camp 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley 5, E. Sitch 6. Oxford conducted by E. Sitch, Cambridge by G. Camp.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday morning, April 1st, for service, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: *T. Bland 1, A. W. Hearn 2, *C. Chavane 3, L. W. Goodwin 4, Lev Goodwin 5, *R. Harvey 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, *H. W. Yardley 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bland 1, A. W. Hearn 2, C. Chavane 3, L. W. Goodwin 4, Lev Goodwin 5, R. Harvey 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, *G. Miller 8. * First quarter-peal in any method.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on April 1st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Surprise in 27 mins.: H. Rogers 1, E. Lloyd 2, E. Parry 3, A. Howard 4, T. A. Rogers (conductor) 5, T. Rogers 6. First in method by all. The first in Wirral Branch by a local band.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins.: C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. W. Bailey 4, Robt. Bullen 5, W. H. Ball 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

ALDENHAM.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Palm Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: 47. Godman 1, S. Jones 2, W. Inwood 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Gilks 6, E. Southey 7, L. Harpen 8.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (being nine and a half 120's Grandsire and 1,120 of St. Dunstan's Doubles, each called differently), in 50 mins.: E. G. Fenner 1, W. B. Hiscock 2, J. B. Bennett (conductor) 3, A. R. Miles 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, J. Bellingham 6, H. Brook 7, J. Haffenden 8. Rung with 7-6-8 covering. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Union Triples: E. Middleton 1, J. Sewell 2, E. Jennings 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, W. Robinson (conductor) 6, T. B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8. First quarter in the method on the bells and in the county, and by all the band.

NOTICE.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, to-morrow (Saturday), April 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District. —A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davantry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (p.v.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business at Gill's Restaurant 5 p.m. Kindly send notice of intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling, Totton, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30, also Dibden (8). Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 p.m. — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Method proposed to practice: Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Ringers and friends cordially invited.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Reports for 1927 are now ready.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 18th? C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Will members look up Double Norwich. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, the 18th inst., so that an estimate may be given to caterers.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. G. E. Shaw, 160, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, not later than April 17th?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Church, Llangattock. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Bellevue, Brecon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., St. Andrew's Hall, Well Street, 5.30 p.m. Old Hackney (8) from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford, E.18.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Benenden on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea in the Bay Horse Inn at 1s. 9d. per head. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Withyham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 2.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector. Will those intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, April 18th?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Stoke-under-Ham bells available. Will those requiring tea kindly give early notice?—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN Guild.—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on April 21st. Bells available from 2.30: King's Somborne (6), Stockbridge (6), Broughton (5), Longstock (5). Service in the church, with an address by Canon Braithwaite. Tea in the Village Hall 4.45. All ringers are welcome and must notify me of their intention being present not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Permission to ring at Burescombe (6) and Sampford Peverell (6) has kindly been given. Will any band or ringer let me know at what time they would like to visit either or both of these towers so that I can arrange accordingly? Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, April 17th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, The Vicarage, Bucklebury, near Reading, not later than Wednesday, April 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 and short service at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the School-room adjoining the church at 5.15, to be followed by the general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Borzeat on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 17th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Stanton Drew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (5). Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Andover District will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by April 18th.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Kindly take note of these meetings and practices to be held in the branch towers during the year, at which all ringers are welcome: April 21st, Sonning (8 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; May 19th, Barkham (4 bells), 4 p.m., Arborfield (6 bells), 6 p.m., practice; June 16th, Wargrave (8 bells), quarterly meeting, 3 p.m., with use of Twyford bells; July 21st or 28th, Easthampstead (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; August 25th, Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; September 22nd, Finchampstead (6 bells), quarterly meeting, 3 p.m.; October 20th, Sandhurst (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; November 17th, St. Paul's, Wokingham (8 bells), prac-

tice, 6 p.m., branch committee meeting 4 p.m.; December 8th, All Saints', Wokingham, practice, 6 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me before Tuesday, April 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. Green. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, the 25th inst. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

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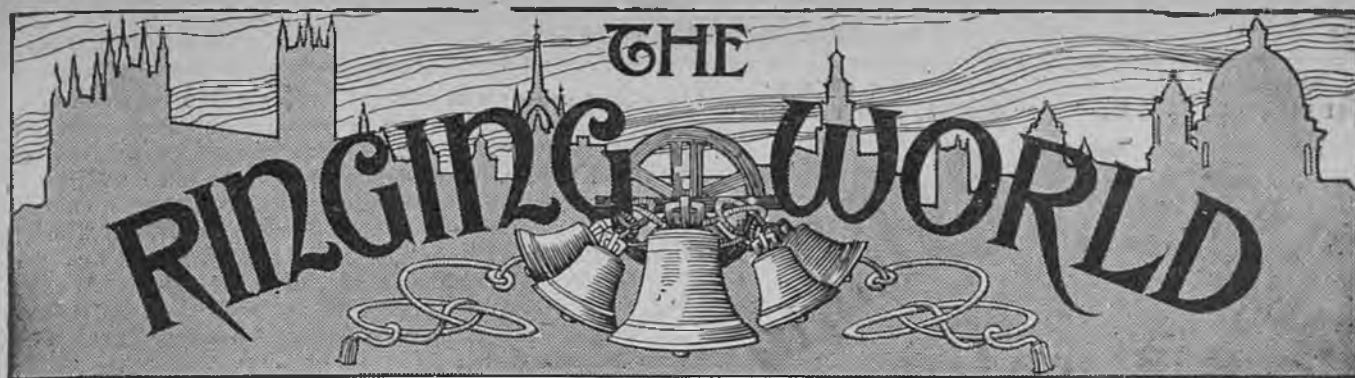
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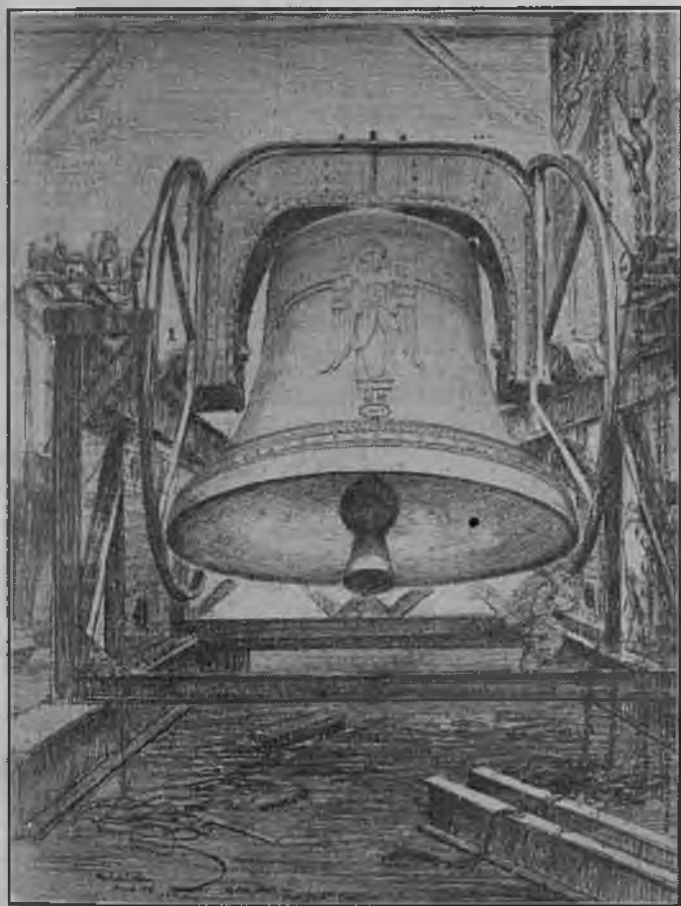
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If and when the Midland Counties Association sets about a division—and it is admittedly now somewhat unwieldy—the diocesan basis must offer the best solution, but the scheme will have to be a comprehensive one, and

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ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	EDWARD V. DUFFIELD 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

THOMAS PRICE Treble	* JAMES BUTLER 7
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	JACK S. ROBERTS 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 9
CHARLES GARDINER 4	LESLIE BARRY 10
HENRY C. BOND 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	* WILFRED H. HAYWARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. J. Ballinger's 100th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Tuesday, April 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble	* FREDERICK J. TITE 6
THOMAS R. HENSHER... .. 2	JOHN KING 7
ROBERT G. BLACK 3	JOHN R. MAIN 8
CYRIL D. NICHOLS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 9
HARRY BAXTER 5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Composed by GEO. DALTRY. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. C. W. Bird has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower, this being his thirtieth peal on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

EDWARD JENKINS 6	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
*ERNEST JONES 2	JOHN WILKINSON 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 8
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
JOHN C. E. SIMPSON 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal * inside.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN 6	JOHN EATON 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	CHARLES WEBB 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN NEAL 8
O. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5	JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

A birthday peal to Miss Margery Smallwood.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL 6	*ARTHUR GILL 6
JOHN WM. CUNDALL 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
THOS. B. KENDALL 3	*FRED HODGSON 8
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	*JOHN AMBLER 9
*WILLIAM AMBLER 5	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. Rung on the 48th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. H. Lindsay, of Headingley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*CLARENCE BLACKBURN 5	WILLIAM HORAN 5
*ARNOLD BLACKBURN 2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

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

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*FRANK GORR 5	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
*ERNEST J. LADD 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
*GEORGE LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
* First peal and first attempt at Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 31st anniversary of the first peal of Major on this grand ring of bells, the conductor of this peal then ringing the 6th to Kent Treble Bob Major.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*TOM JONES 5	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER 5	JOSEPH WREN 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
*FRANK GORR 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell. This was Mr. Reginald E. Lambert's 100th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5	CLEMENT J. MORE 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER 5	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	ARCHIE BREARLEY 6
JAMES MCCLUSKEY 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
ARNOLD HILL 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the association.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 10, 1928, 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 13 cwt.

*ALBERT WORMALD 5	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	*HAROLD L. JONES 6
HARRY WARD 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS 7
*PERCY MASSEM 4	*HUGH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Tuesday, April 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON Treble	*JAMES C. GRAY 5
ANDREW TULLY 2	*ARTHUR TUGWOOD 6
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	*JOHN GEORGE 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	*ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by the late T. TEASDALE. Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN

* First peal in the method. Seven of the above ringers are members of the local band; the ringer of the tenor hails from Gosforth.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM J. SYMONS Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
†ROBERT J. BALDREY 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 6
G. HARRY MYERS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	SIDNEY P. SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lieut.-Commander E. M. Bolton and Miss E. Harding, which took place at the above church. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 3rd and 7th belong to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, the rest to Emmanuel. Quickest peal on the bells.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	*WILLIAM H. POPHAM 5
JAMES H. BLACKMORE 2	ERNEST PARKER 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JAMES R. JONES 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4	*HENRY PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PARKER.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the completion, by Mr. Jesse Marche, of 50 years' service as parish clerk at St. John's Church. Also as a birthday compliment to J. H. Blackmore.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ILNESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
BERTRAM LUCK 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

First peal of Ilkeston by all the band. Rung as a welcome home to Lord and Lady Cornwallis, after a six months' tour in India. Thomas E. Sone has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*JAMES M. NICKERSON Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
JOHN KING 3	JOHN J. MAWBY 7
JAMES WARD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on completion of thirty years as captain of this bellry. Also to Mr. William Hillyard on retiring from the office of churchwarden after thirty-six years' valuable service.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	JOSEPH HAWKINS 6
WILSON RUSHTON 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cockerill and Mr. P. E. Clark.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*DAVID HUGHES Treble	†G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	*JOHN BREESE 6
†JAMES F. SMITH 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
THOMAS A. ROGERS 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 7).

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
GEORGE FREEBREY 3	PERCY TATE 7
*JACK BAILEY 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. The above was rung after meeting short for Caters.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN BURLES 3	WILLIAM BOND 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S No. 9.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT YATES Treble	SYDNEY BROWN 5
WILLIE AARON 2	ARTHUR INGHAM 6
JOHN BEATTIE 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method for both the above associations, and for all the band. This is also the first peal in Lancashire for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. All the above are non-resident members.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: K. G. Godfrey 1, J. H. Godfrey 2, J. Hind 3, F. H. Stuckey 4, C. Turner (conductor) 5, J. Arbury 6, E. Marks 7, J. Lovering 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss M. Davenport and the Rev. E. S. Powell. First quarter as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers.

DARLINGTON.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED COATES Treble	WILLIAM DAWSON 5
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 2	WILLIAM BROADLEY 6
THOMAS B. CLAYDON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY TAYLOR 4	HERBERT BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of William Broadley.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER-WASHBROOK VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE CLAPHAM Treble	ALBERT E. FLOWMAN 5
AMOS SMART 2	HARRY PETTITT 6
GEORGE EITE 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
THOMAS ABBOTT 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor about 10 cwt.

PEARL INSKIP Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
WILLIAM STOCK 2	AMOS SMART 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the 50th tower in which the ringer of the 3rd has rung a peal.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... Treble	*NATHAN ROBINSON 4
*HUBERT T. FROBCK 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
ALBERT HUCKELL 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to local band. Mr. Frobck is 55 years of age, and this was his first attempt for a peal.

LOWER SLAUGHTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STOW-ON-THE-WOLD BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, fifteen different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT WARREN Treble	BERNARD T. PHILLIPS ... 4
A. WILLIAM WRIGHT 2	GEORGE AYRES 5
FRED A. CLEMENTS 3	ALFRED HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. CLEMENTS.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the tenor, and as a mark of appreciation to the Bourton-on-the-Water tower for valued tuition and advice, especially to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, who hail from Bourton, and who have come over to Slaughter every Tuesday night since August last to teach the new band. This is the first peal by all except the ringer of the 4th.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ERNEST DEAKEN Treble	*FRED WHEELER 4
*BERNARD WHEELER 2	WILLIAM SWAIN 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	FREDERICK WM. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. WM. KNOWLES.

* First peal. This was the first peal rung for the above association since the change of name.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	CYRIL POOLEY 4
HANBURY F. CARTER 2	*EDWARD C. COOKE 5
EDWARD C. WILSON 3	WILLIAM TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. Second peal on the bells hung in this noble tower in 1874. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th from Northrepps, 4th and 6th local, 5th from Fakenham.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
*JOHN W. WARD 2	*FRANK HARPER 5
ROBERT G. KING 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods, and hail from Melbourn, Cambs. The ringer of 3rd is from Royston.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BERWICK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GORDON LILLEY Treble	*FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* Fiftieth peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, April 4th, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. H. S. Whitmore, who was sidesman of the above church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: Ernest N. Tidy (first quarter-peal) 1, James Knight, jun. (first quarter-peal) 2, Edward Tidy 3, James Knight, sen., 4, Leonard Tidy (conductor) 5, William Ashdown 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

According to the usual rotation, the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, when from an early hour the bells of St. Mary's (ten) and St. Peter's (ten) were made good use of by visitors from many parts, and later in the day Beeston (eight), Lenton (eight), and Basford (eight) were available, whilst the standard of ringing was of the usual meeting type, more or less 'syncopated.' All the seven centres of the M.C.A. activity, viz., Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, and Nottingham, were well represented by members from places too numerous to mention, and it was pleasing to mark the presence of the hon. secretaries of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Mr. R. G. Black), Bath and Wells (Mr. J. T. Dyke), Warwickshire (Mr. J. A. Fenton), and many other friends of kindred societies, and last, but not least, James the Great (by George!).

The committee met at St. Peter's Schools at 2.30 p.m., and in the unfortunate absence of the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), owing to advancing years and illness, Mr. C. Draper, of Derby, presided. Routine business was disposed of, and certain recommendations passed to be placed before the general meeting, whilst the suggested division of the association into diocesan Guilds was freely discussed at considerable length. Owing to the great diversity of opinions expressed, it was finally decided to put to the members (a) whether to take a complete vote of all members, or (b) whether to let the matter drop for the time being.

A short service was held in St. Peter's Church at 4 p.m., and the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., who officiated, gave an inspiring address. A collection was made and subsequently voted to the Restoration Fund of St. Peter's Church. The general hon. secretary here records his great disappointment that so few members attended this service which was specially arranged for them, but is consoled somewhat by the fact that those who did attend were, in the words of the Rector's text, 'faithful witnesses' to those who stayed away.

A meal tea was provided in St. Peter's School, and once again the hon. secretary had to apologise for some inconvenience and overlapping, caused through certain members failing to notify the local committee of their intention of being present, although the Editor of 'The Ringing World' published a special letter of appeal on the matter.

After tea, the general meeting was held, about 130 members being present. In the absence of the president, Ald. R. B. Chambers, the Rector of St. Peter's, Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., presided, and was supported by the Rev. A. Chaplin, of Cotgrave, Notts. A letter of apology was read from Ald. Chambers regretting his inability to be present, owing to ill-health and doctor's orders, and expressing good wishes for a successful meeting.

Members elected since the last quarterly meeting in January were confirmed, viz., two honorary, two life, and 23 ordinary. The committee's recommendations for the next three quarterly meetings were passed, after voting on an alternative of Southwell for Mansfield, viz., June Melbourne, September Mansfield, January, 1929, Loughborough, the next annual meeting to be at Leicester by the usual rotation.

Honorariums to secretaries, C.C. delegates' fees, steeplekeeper's and vergers' allowances were ordered to be paid in accordance with the committee's resolutions, and a grant of £5 5s. to Croft (where three old bells are being made into six with all new fittings) was ratified.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, a vacancy occurred among the representatives on the Central Council, and three nominations having been received, a ballot was taken, and Mr. John H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, elected.

Alderman R. B. Chambers wished, on account of advancing age (he is now approaching 80 years) and ill-health, to resign the presidency after nine years' most useful service, in which, by his strenuous efforts in obtaining the large number of honorary members, he has raised the association to its present financial soundness. Under doctor's orders he has to cancel all his public engagements, and has already resigned from the Derbyshire Education Committee, the Derby Magistrates' Association, the Derby Branch of the League of Nations Union, and many other charitable and public institutions.

Mr. W. Willson voiced the feelings of regret of the whole of the members, recognising the president's great work for the M.C.A. in the past, and proposed an alternative that Alderman Chambers be asked to remain as president, and to have as assistant, or vice-president, Mr. Joseph Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent. The hon. secretary informed the members that Mr. Chambers had promised to look after the Derby honorary members who formed the bulk, whilst he himself would look after the remainder. This proposition was carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. Willson, having definitely resigned the position of hon. treasurer, proposed as his successor Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, who was also nominated by the Burton District, and this was carried.

The re-election of the general hon. secretary was proposed by seven or eight persons at once, to the consternation and amusement of the chairman, who wanted a seconder, and Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, has got to 'carry on.'

PROPOSED DIVISION DEFEATED.

Then followed a long discussion on the proposed division of the association into Diocesan Guilds, and the committee's alternatives were put to the meeting. Very deep and sincere appeals and protests were voiced by Messrs. A. Coppuck, J. H. Swinfield, W. White, R. H. Bartram, J. Harris, C. H. Webb, P. S. Price, H. W. Needham and others, there being much diversity of opinion.

As a result of the discussion at Syston in January, the hon. secretary had written to each of the four Bishops explaining the position and the proposal which had been put forward that the association should be put on a diocesan, as distinct from a county and territorial basis. The letter went on to state: 'If the M.C.A. territory were simply coterminous with the four dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell, the matter would be comparatively simple, but the M.C.A. is confronted with the fact that there are other not unimportant societies operating within the main areas. In the Southwell diocese there is the North Notts Association to be taken into account, while in Derby diocese there is the East Derbyshire Association and the old East Derby portion of the Sheffield District Society. In Leicestershire there are the Framland and Goscoat Societies covering those deaneries. In the Lichfield diocese the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the North Staffs Society are working successfully. So that if the scheme for the division on the lines suggested is to be made effective and to embrace all the ringers in their respective dioceses, it will have to be handled with diplomacy. The committee would be grateful to your lordship if you would give us your opinion on the matter, and if the diocesan Guilds were established you would be willing to become a patron of the portion included in your own diocese.'

THE BISHOPS' VIEWS.

The Bishop of Derby replied that he thought it would be a good thing to reorganise change ringing societies on a diocesan basis, but he saw the difficulty of dealing with old-established bodies. If they should rearrange by dioceses, he would gladly become patron.

The Bishop of Leicester wrote that the proposal that a diocesan Guild should be established seemed to him an excellent one, and he would be glad to do anything he could to promote its success. It would be necessary to get into touch with the Framland and Goscoat Societies, and consider with their representatives their position and their wishes in regard to a diocesan Guild.

The Bishop of Lichfield, in his letter, said on the face of it there was a good case for making the associations coterminous with dioceses. If there was a Lichfield Association, he would be proud to be a patron. But it would not be worth while, for the sake of symmetry, to run the risk of damaging associations which are now working well. He had not the knowledge to enable him to judge how far the associations were working well, and what were the local prejudices which must not be offended. So far as Lichfield diocese was concerned they must remember that North Shropshire was in the diocese. The leading members of the N. Staffs and S. Staffs Societies might well be consulted as to whether they would consider amalgamation a good thing, or whether there were objections to it. The Bishop concluded by saying: 'I am afraid this is not a very helpful letter, but I do not know the ropes well enough to allow me to be confident in giving advice.'

In the absence of the Bishop of Southwell, the Archdeacon of Nottingham (a ringer and hon. member) wrote: 'Clearly, the present area is too large, but it is possible to get too small. I do not know what difficulties there may be, and therefore my opinion is probably of little value. It is clear that we would cease to be such a combining force, if we confine ourselves merely to a county or diocese. Diocesan Guilds are excellent, and I should certainly value one for the whole of Notts, which is now the diocese of Southwell. At the same time there ought to be some means whereby such Guilds were kept in touch with one another. Could the present association be so continued as to work locally through the Diocesan Guild? In this way it would help to maintain the brotherhood of ringing, which is such a delightful feature!'

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that, as reported in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World', Burton-on-Trent District were unanimous against the division, as their position was unique and peculiar. In the early days, this district was one of the mainstays of the M.C.A., both as regards officers and ringing performances, and in the latter sphere especially they added to the laurels of the association many historic and valuable records. The town itself stands in two dioceses, whilst its 80 odd members are divided (territorially) into three, just over twenty in each—Derby, Leicester and Lichfield. The Hon. Secretary also pointed out that the remaining 800 members were divided as follows: 200 in Derby, 400 in Leicester, and 200 in Southwell diocese. It would be seen that whilst each of the Lord Bishops would welcome diocesan Guilds, they were reluctant to advocate the breaking up of old associations, which were doing good work, and not being quite sure of the position could not with certainty advise upon such division.

Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, the original mover of the resolution to ask for the Bishops' views, said this altered the case considerably, as they could not thrust the matter on to the Bishops while such uncertainty held, but they should leave it until such time as the position could be more clearly seen.

The committee's motion was put, and by an overwhelming majority it was decided to carry on the good work as heretofore, and not to split the association, at least until much more favourable conditions prevail, and the Bishops, whose letters the hon. secretary read, were more sure and unanimous in asking for the members to form diocesan Guilds.

Heartly votes of thanks were given to the local committee for arrangements made, especially to Mr. L. Chadburn, who had carried on pro tem. in the unfortunate absence, through grave illness, of the local hon. secretary (Fred W. Bailey), who, everyone was pleased to know, is going on favourably. Further ringing and fraternising ended a very successful and enjoyable day.

E. M.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SPLENDID MEETING AT NORTH COLLINGHAM.**

Collingham is seated on a gentle eminence above the Trent Marsh, five and a half miles north by east of Newark. It is a large, pleasant and well-built village, comprising the two parishes of North and South Collingham, which together contain 5,115 acres of land. North Collingham parish includes the better half of the village, also Potter Hill, a lofty tumulus on the border of Lincolnshire, where many Roman relics have been found, and it is very likely to have been a military station. The church, dedicated to All Saints, stands in the centre of the village. It is a very ancient structure in the Norman style of architecture, and in the tower a ring of six bells, recently increased from four, are decidedly musical, and certainly much admired by the parishioners, the tenor being a little more than 9 cwt. It was at this place that a hearty welcome awaited the arrival of the North Notts ringers and members of kindred associations on Easter Monday by the Rev. R. F. Gould, the three lady ringers and four gentlemen who constitute the local team. Splendid use was made of the bells from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the 43 ringers, who came from the following places: Anston, Barlborough, Branston, Bassingham, Gainsborough, Gamston, Lincoln, Ordsall, Treeton, Misterton, Sutton-on-Trent, Southwell Cathedral, Wheatley and Worksop, with the full company of local ringers.

The methods rung during the day were as follows: Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Duke of York, Sandal, London and Cambridge Surprise. In 720 of Cambridge, the first on the bells, the band included two ladies, who scored their first 720 in the method: F. S. W. Butler, Miss K. Burchnell, Miss G. Burchnell, H. Stenton, H. Haigh (conductor), and L. Pierrepont. The Vicar, who visited the tower during the afternoon, complimented the ladies who had taken part, and gave a special word of praise to his own band of ringers, who were under splendid leadership.

Tea was served, the lady ringers of Collingham doing splendid service in catering for the wants of the inner man. The tea and meeting were presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Mrs. Gould, the Misses Burchnell, the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), and the assistant secretary (Mr. H. Revill). The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the ringers, and said that anything that tended to increase the standard of change ringing should be welcomed by all true lovers of the art—for it was an art. It was not a game of sport, but a true art and science, and nothing was more beautiful than the sound of church bells when skilfully rung in the true, loyal spirit—the team spirit which should prevail with all ringers. Whenever the North Notts ringers wished to visit Collingham again, he would be glad to give them a most hearty welcome (applause).

Two new members, Miss Ethel Marshall, of Gainsborough, and Mr. William Morrison, of Bawtry, were elected.

The annual meeting will be held at East Relford in May or June, the date to be fixed by the committee and advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The Anston ringers, who are having their bells rebung, some recast and probably augmented to eight, made application for a grant from the funds of the association, and this will be brought before the annual general meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding over tea and meeting, for use of the bells, and many other little kindnesses to the ringers, also to the ringers of Collingham for their splendid catering, brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing was kept up until 8 p.m. During the day some of the ringers tried their skill on a peal of five bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, South Collingham.

H. H.

LADIES' GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO A LATE SECRETARY.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society, when the bells of the Parish Church (ten) and Eastwood (eight) were at the disposal of those present. Members attended from North Wingfield, Dore, Handsworth, Little Norton, Rotherham and Mansfield-Woodhouse, and those who reached the church in time were able to ring for the wedding of a prominent member of the district, Miss A. Taylor. A special feature was a touch of Bob Minor rung entirely by ladies, conducted by Miss N. Cawthorne.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Allen, presiding.

It was unanimously decided that the peal tablet recording the first peal of Major ever rung by a band of ladies should be of marblette, and for which Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, will gratefully acknowledge subscriptions.

It was hoped to be able to present the late secretary, Miss M. Davenport, with a gift on the occasion of her marriage with the Rev. E. S. Powell, but owing to her inability to be present at the meeting a deputation was sent to convey the same to her with the best wishes of the members for her future happiness.

The gift took the form of a bell-shaped gong, with a suitably inscribed tablet on the base.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar's wife for presiding over the meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The East Derbyshire Association has changed its name, so we gather, to East Derbyshire and Notts Association.

The meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association to-morrow is to be held at Old Hackney instead of South Hackney.

The four memorial bells added at Lincoln Cathedral to make a ring of twelve are to be dedicated at the Lincoln Guild annual meeting on April 28th.

A sum of about £9 was realised by the recent dance social at Acton for the Isleworth Bell Fund, which now amounts to £131. About £200 in all is needed to enable the two treble bells to be added.

Forty years ago to-morrow a peal of 10,304 Bob Major was rung in 6 hrs. 17 mins. at Leiston, Suffolk, by members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Sunday is the sixth anniversary of the record peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton, when 21,363 changes were rung in 12 hrs. 25 mins.

A hundred and fifty years ago next Monday a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts. This was evidently in preparation for greater efforts, for about a year afterwards a peal of 12,210 was rung on the same bells, although the record of 15,120, set up at West Ham in 1737, never appears to have been exceeded in the Hertfordshire tower.

Monday is also the centenary of a peal of 8,000 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Redenhall, Norfolk.

'IRENEUS PISTOR.' FUND REACHES £200.

With the closing of our appeal for help for Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, whose affliction has resulted in the permanent loss of his sight, we are delighted to announce that the fund has reached £200—a really wonderful as well as a gratifying result, and one which reveals the extraordinary spirit of practical brotherhood which prevails in the Ringing Exercise.

Any further contributions, if sent to the Editor, will be acknowledged in these columns. The following further amounts, for which grateful thanks are tendered, have been received this week:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already received	194	10	5
Collected at Sheffield District Society meeting at Rotherham, per R. Harrison	1	10	0
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church ringers, per E. W. Readsmoore	10	0	0
Collected at the meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, per E. W. Elwell	1	7	6
King's Norton ringers, per R. O. Ladin	1	0	0
F. R. Yates, King's Norton	1	0	0
F. Brown, West Hallam, Derbyshire	2	6	0
F. Bowden, Haslemere, Surrey	1	0	0
Miss K. Collard, Haslemere, Surrey	1	0	0
Harry Pates, Clacton-on-Sea	10	0	0
'E. S. A.'	5	0	0
W. Simmonds, Oxford	2	6	0
Ringers of Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts	18	0	0

Total £201-17-11

A PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the peal of Stedman Chiques rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on Easter Monday, I am sure my brother provincial College Youths would like me to express in your columns the great appreciation of the spirit of our London brethren of the Ancient Society in giving us an opportunity of standing in on the rare occasion when permission can be granted for a peal by the Cathedral authorities, and especially of Mr. H. Langdon, who both arranged the band and also conducted the peal in his characteristic and masterly manner.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

[The report of the peal had not reached us when we went to press.—Ed. 'R.W.']

DEATH OF AN OLD CROYDON RINGER.

By the death on Easter Sunday of William States, at the age of 72, the Croydon Parish Church ringers have lost their oldest comrade. For over fifty years, 'Father,' as he was always called, had been a ringer at the Parish Church, and for many years acted as steeple-keeper.

The funeral service took place on Friday, April 13th, at the Parish Church, where the bells, which he had loved so well, were rung fully muffled. Among the ringers present were Mr. J. D. Drawett, J.P. (Master) and Mr. C. H. Kippin (general secretary), of the Surrey Association (of which deceased had been a member for over 40 years), and many members of the local company. The interment took place at Mitcham Road Cemetery, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by A. W. Clark 1-2, D. Cooper 3-4, C. H. Kippin 5-6, Mrs. A. W. Clark 7-8. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Surrey Association, and one, in the form of a bell, from his comrades of the Parish Church belfry. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute to his memory.

THE RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

FAILURE AFTER 10½ HOURS.

A great attempt was made last Saturday at Heptonstall, Yorks, to beat the existing record length, and the Exercise will share with the band regret that ringing had to be abandoned after 10 hrs. 36 mins. on account of the bearings of the tenor running dry. In that time approximately 18,360 changes had been rung, the method being Double Norwich Major. This is fairly fast ringing, being nearly 29 changes a minute.

It had been apparent to the ringers for some time before they stopped that all was not well with the tenor, but they went on in the hope that they might pull through. However, the bell defeated them, but it was defeat that was almost as great as success.

The bells are a fine peal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the tenor is 18 cwt.

The band, who were ringing as members of the Lancashire Association, were T. B. Worsley 1, J. E. Bibby 2, E. Jenkins (conductor) 3, P. Ladin 4, T. Barlow 5, J. H. Riding 6, G. Lindoff 7, A. E. Pegler 8. They desire to thank the local band for their work in getting everything in order, and Messrs. W. Bibby and J. E. Ashcroft for providing ropes for the attempt.

Not a bit dismayed, they hope, if permission can be obtained, to make another attempt later in the year.

The existing record peal is the 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung in 12 hrs. 25 mins., at Appleton, on April 22nd, 1922. The longest length of Double Norwich is the 17,104 rung in 10 hrs. 35 mins. at South Wigston, on December 27th, 1904, the previous record in the method being the 17,024 in 11 hrs. 12 mins. at Kidlington on May 22nd, 1893. Apart from the peal at Appleton, only once before has a band, single-handed, rung over 18,000 changes, and that was in the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins. on April 12th, 1909.

BELL TONES AND RINGERS' OPINIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Trollope's letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 13th, may I ask, Why should there be a storm of protest against the recasting of the peal of twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham? Surely, it only concerns the authorities and ringers of St. Martin's, and, as they are to be recast, I am glad to note they are to be tuned on the five-tone principle.

There has been a lot said and written about the tuning of bells, and the fact that there are more peals to-day being turned out tuned to the five-tone principle I think goes to prove that it is the best. There are still some old peals about that are full of music, and individual bells also, and I was surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago the criticisms on Bow tenor. In my opinion she is not a perfect bell, and, I think, could be improved by tuning, but I do think she is a good bell. I have listened often, both inside and outside the tower, to the whole peal with pleasure. The trebles are a bit wild, I admit, and they undoubtedly could be improved.

I do not agree with Mr. Trollope's remarks on clapper controls. If you have a peal of bells correctly tuned to the five-tone principle, and have them all fitted with clapper buffers, the outside effect, in my opinion, is better than without them; but, if the bells are not correctly tuned, the outside effect would be the reverse, because you would accentuate the hum of false harmonies running into one another, which would increase the discord. I have recently fitted clapper buffers to the whole peal of ten at Haslemere. People who are competent to judge, who are not ringers, have remarked on the improvement, that the bells sound distinctly softer. Of course, inside the tower there is more hum, which, I think, makes ringing a little more difficult, and the trebles are not heard quite so distinctly as before, but this I hope I shall overcome by fitting a sound shute to the treble and second, with a large mouthpiece over the top of the bells when they are up, and running the shute right down into the ringing chamber in the church.

I do not think ringers, as a whole, think enough of outside criticism. It must be remembered that we have the outside public to please as well as ourselves.—Yours, etc.,

J. H. R. HESSE.

'COMMON SENSE.'

Dear Sir,—Would you please kindly allow me, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to say 'Thank you' to Mr. J. A. Trollope for his excellent common-sense contribution on 'Bell Tones and Ringers' Opinions' in your last week's issue?—Yours truly,

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

PRITTLEWELL LOSES AN OLD RINGER.

Mr. John Perry, an old ringer of Pritlewell, Essex, passed away on April 5th. He had been ringing at St. Mary's Church for over half a century. He rang in the first 720 on the old six in 1887, also in the first peals of Triples and Caters, when the bells were augmented. He had rung altogether about 20 peals of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal in various methods. He was buried on April 11th, and the bells were rung muffled to the usual 'whole pull and stand,' after which touches of Stedman, Cambridge, etc., were rung by W. Bacon, G. Bacon, H. T. Wilson, G. E. Wilson, W. Dudley, L. Page, S. Baybutt, J. W. Cornford and W. H. Judd.

DIOCESAN GUILDS.

VIEWS OF THE MIDDLESEX COMMITTEE.

An interesting reference to diocesan Guilds is made in the report presented on Saturday to the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting at Ealing. The report opened with the following paragraph:—

The most important event that occurred in the world of ringing during the year that has just ended was the successful launching of a new diocesan Guild in the western part of Surrey, for the recently-formed diocese of Guildford. Formerly in the Winchester diocese, the area covered by the new Guild includes some very active centres of ringing, and the success of this young organisation seems already assured. A fresh problem has, however, arisen, as practically the whole of the territory is in the county of Surrey, where there is a county association. This problem is, of course, capable of being settled by those chiefly concerned with it, but we venture to suggest that the only solution of this and other similar cases of overlapping is by the adoption of diocesan status all round. We notice that the Midland Counties Association is considering the formation of Guilds for the various dioceses in its area, with the present organisation as a parent body. Here again other existing societies are concerned, and we shall watch developments with interest. With the formation of new dioceses in all parts of the country it is quite conceivable that the idea of a separate ringing organisation for each would only result in small, and consequently weak, societies, and the suggestion of the committee of the Midland Counties Association seems to be a practical way of avoiding this obvious drawback, whilst at the same time attaining diocesan status. We have to thank our late president, Mr. A. T. King, for obtaining the recognition of the Bishop of this diocese in 1903, but, in the course of time, the problems that confront other associations to-day may confront us to-morrow, and we should do well to study whatever methods may be adopted by ringers in Surrey and the Midlands with a view of solving their difficulties. The proposal of the Midland Counties Association to form diocesan Guilds with a governing body covering its present area, if capable of being applied successfully, would solve any similar problem arising in our own diocese should a division at any time take place.

DEATH OF THE REV. W. SALTREN WILLETT.

LINK WITH FORMER GENERATION BROKEN.

Many ringers, especially of the older generation, will hear with sincere regret of the death of Rev. W. Saltren Willett, which occurred at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, 11th inst. The elder son of Rev. Charles Saltren Willett, Vicar of Monkleigh, North Devon, he was born over seventy years ago, and was educated at Eton, whence he passed on to Oriel College, Oxford, in the year 1876. It was while at Oxford, where for a short time he was secretary of Oxford University Guild, that he laid the foundation, sound and good, of the knowledge of the groundwork of change ringing, and became, as he continued to be to the end of his ringing career, an exceptionally steady, trustworthy hand in a peal. In the midst of a trip, or a bit of shaky ringing, just when collapse seemed imminent, he would plod on, without noise or fuss, as steady as a rock, not infrequently to the saving of the situation. He was the very man that delights the heart of a conductor. Always a good striker, he would, even if he had not been in practice for months, settle down at once to his work, and, though he may have protested beforehand that he would be likely to cause a smash, we who knew him and his ringing knew better than that. When once settled down to Stedman Triples or Stedman Caters he was thoroughly in his element, and, as far as he was concerned, all the rest were happy. Whether he kept a list of his peals, we do not know. So far as we are aware, they were mainly in the methods of Grand sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. He rang in the chief clerical peals, and in the old days was to be found again and again in the company of Rev. F. E. Robinson.

As regards his clerical career, he was ordained at Lichfield, and served his first curacy at Barton-under-Needwood from 1880 to 1882. Thence he went to St. Martin's, Brighton, which he left in 1884 for the curacy of Windsor, remaining there till 1888, when he took his own living of Monkleigh. After remaining there for eleven years he accepted the living at Gilston, near Harlow, and there worked until well on in the war, when he was overtaken by a nervous breakdown caused almost entirely by the strains of that period. Full of sympathy, he felt acutely the losses and suffering among his parishioners, to whom he was deeply attached. When his health failed, it became evident that he could not do otherwise than retire, and he and his family took up their abode at Tunbridge Wells, where he finally passed peacefully away. He leaves a widow, daughter of the late Right Rev. Bishop Bowlby, and two sons and a daughter.

To his friends and to those who knew him personally, he leaves the happiest of memories behind him. Always the same—quiet, cheery, full of dry humour, he was a delightful companion. A good raconteur, his stories were brief and pithy. Able to see as far through a stone wall as most of us, he was quick to detect quackery or nonsense of any sort, and hinted it. Once a friend he was always a friend, and, in fact, his whole character was like his ringing—firm as a rock. It is one of the pleasures and privileges of life to have known him.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, April 14th, by his old friend, Rev. Canon Coleridge, at Rushall, near Tunbridge Wells, where he had long worshipped. 'Requiescat in pace.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS DISCUSS CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA.

Over a hundred members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at Ealing on Saturday. With three eight-bell towers available there was plenty of scope for ringing, and good use was made both in the afternoon and evening of the peals at St. Mary's (which have recently been returned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.), St. Stephen's and Christ Church. Service was held at St. Mary's Church, and was conducted by the Rev. T. Matthews (curate), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) was the preacher, and at the outset he referred to the death of the Rev. E. Saltren Willett, an old ringing friend, whose funeral he had attended at Tunbridge Wells that day. Probably none but the president of that association (Mr. Milne) knew the Rev. Saltren Willett, who was at Oxford with them 52 years ago, and succeeded their president as secretary of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers in 1877. He (the preacher) rang with him in the first peal of the University Society in 1879. He was a most accurate ringer, but had not rung for many years. Standing at his graveside that day, he (the preacher) was reminded of the words in Psalm xl. 2: 'He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon a rock.' That was an Easter message telling them of the resurrection. Not a few of them, continued the preacher, were present at the Bell Foundry at Croydon, when they heard that wondrous peal of ten bells, the treble a ton and a quarter, and the tenor 18½ tons. None of them, he supposed, had ever heard such tones in their lives—certainly, he never had—and that great big bell coming in at the end, a solemn note, speaking to them as, he thought, no other note of music had ever appealed to them. Yet not many weeks before, those bells, so to speak, were in the mire and the clay. The lesson which came home to them whenever they heard bells ringing was that they must take care that their lives also were in tune with the bells. There were good ringers and there were bad ringers, just as there were big bells and little bells. He read the other day that while looking at that mighty bell at Croydon a ringer produced the smallest bell that had ever been cast, weighing about half an ounce. It was cast by the late Henry Haley. Compare those two bells and think of the numerous notes that come in between the little bell and the big one—a wonderful series. So it was that every ringer had his part to play in life. He might be, or he might not be, very skilled in the bellry, but it was the bounden duty of every Christian man and woman to be well skilled in the faith which he or she professed, and to see that nothing marred the harmony of his life in any way, but that everything was done to the praise and honour and glory of God. As he looked at that great bell in the foundry the thought occurred to him of what would be the effect if some musician were to stand beneath it with a violin. He could strike many notes, and there would be no response whatever; but let him strike the exact note of that bell on his violin, and that empty mass of metal would vibrate with sound in response to the comparatively feeble one. So it was with them all. Over them was the great blue vault of heaven, like some great bell. They were puny creatures underneath it, striking their notes in their daily lives. When they struck the right note the whole heavens rang with praise, and the angels and archangels took up the strain. They might not be very beautiful in their voices, but they might be very beautiful in their lives. Whether in the ringing chamber, the workshop or the home, let their lives sound out true and real and pure, so that the heavens might respond and the whole earth and firmament be filled with the praise and glory of God. In conclusion, the preacher offered his blessing upon the work which they were doing in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea was served in the Good Shepherd Hall, where the business meeting afterwards took place, Mr. F. A. Milne, president, being in the chair.

In the report, which was adopted on the motion of the president, the committee stated that an extension of the holding of mid-week practice meetings in the North and East District was fairly successful, while joint meetings with neighbouring associations were an interesting feature of the year's activities. Good feeling and comradeship animated the proceedings, and the committee were convinced that these meetings were a means of drawing societies together towards a common understanding.

There was a considerable increase in the number of peals rung during the year, the total for 1927 being 72, nine of which were rung on handbells. The number of members who took part in the peals was 173, and those who conducted peals numbered 22. One of the handbell peals, consisting of seven extents of Bob Minor, was something of a novelty, each of the three ringers conducting two extents, whilst the seventh was rung non-conducted. Incidentally, this peal was the first rung by one of the band, and the first on handbells by another.

Those who rang their first peals numbered 15, whilst 84 members performed something new. Three members rang their first peals of Cambridge Maximus, whilst there were four first peals of London, five of Bristol, three of Superlative, five of Cambridge Major, two of Cambridge Royal, and two of Stedman Cinques. Two members rang their first peals on handbells, and one his first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

The committee again record their satisfaction at the number of new members admitted, the figures for the year being 4 honorary and 55-ringing members in the North and East District, and 3 and 28 respectively in the South and West District. On the other hand, there has been a larger number of lapses of membership than usual, and also a heavy loss by death, no fewer than eleven members having died during the year. Consequently, the total membership remains almost the same as last year, the actual number being 830.

The report recorded that instruction had been given at several towers and varying degrees of progress made. In connection with the work done in this direction, thanks were accorded to Messrs. E. Corke, F. W. Goodfellow, A. W. Coles, G. M. Kilby, H. Kilby, E. Edwards, J. A. Trollope, J. E. Davis, and the district masters and secretaries, for the invaluable assistance rendered.

Several important bell restorations had taken place during the year. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have rehung the peals of eight at St. Mary's, Ealing, and St. Augustine's, Kilburn, in both cases in new cast-iron framework, besides recasting the fourth bell at the latter church. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the peal of ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on ball bearings; whilst Messrs. Mears and Stanbank have rehung the peals of six and eight at Hornsey and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, respectively, in new bearings, with newly-strengthened framework. The Isleworth bell augmentation fund now reaches £120, and further subscriptions are earnestly solicited. In view of the many appeals which have recently been received in connection with bell restorations, a fund has been started in the South and West District, from which grants may, if thought fit, be made. It has been decided that each ringer in a peal in this district shall contribute 3d. towards this fund. The committee of the district concerned is confident of receiving the loyal co-operation of the members in this matter.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand in the Central Fund of £29 7s. 9d., compared with £25 13s. 2d. at the beginning of the year, was adopted, and all the officers re-elected, viz.: President and hon. treasurer Mr. F. A. Milne, Master Mr. William Pye, joint hon. secretaries Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, and auditors Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

The President again nominated Messrs. C. S. Bird and W. Pickworth as vice-presidents, and it was resolved that the association peal books and other volumes should remain for the year at Acton tower.

A VOTE AGAINST 'PEAL DIPLOMAS.'

The agenda of the next Central Council meeting was brought before the members by Mr. Coles, and the resolutions which are to be proposed were discussed.

On the question of the issue of peal diplomas, the Hon. Secretary said the committee had come to the conclusion that it was not desirable to issue certificates for a first or any other peal, and this view was supported by several speakers.

Mr. J. A. Trollope thought the awarding of diplomas was unworkable, but those who brought the matter before the Council were anxious to see if something could not be done for the encouragement of young ringers, and he thought the association should not tie the hands of its representatives, but should allow them to use their discretion after having heard the views put forward at the Council meeting. Personally, he thought the only way to encourage young ringers was in their own towers.

The committee's recommendation was carried nem. con.

The motions in favour of retaining the curfew, the angelus, and the ringing of other traditional bells, and of placing plaques in bellries to commemorate distinguished ringers, were approved.

The motion with regard to the definition of peals on five and six bells was discussed at some length, but no resolution was passed, it being left to the representatives to vote according to their own judgment after hearing the arguments in the Council meeting.

The proposal to investigate the possibilities of a scheme for helping ringers in cases of extraordinary sickness was also discussed, and it was resolved that the association's representatives should vote against this. One member pointed out that they already had to pay enough now in the way of contributions to sick funds, and Mr. W. H. Hollier said if they were going to impose more work on the secretaries of associations they would not get secretaries to carry on.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Coleridge for his address, and for attending the meeting, to which Canon Coleridge replied.

Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. E. G. Sharp (St. Mary's), Rev. Maynard (St. Stephen's), and Rev. W. T. King (Christ Church) for the use of their respective bells, and to those who had arranged the tea.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. T. Beadle, an old and respected member of the association, who has long been ill, and is once more in hospital.

Mr. Horace Belcher and his family, with Mr. A. Fulwell, gave some excellent handbell selections after tea.

The ringing at St. Stephen's in the afternoon included Superlative, Stedman, etc.; at St. Mary's in the afternoon and evening, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman; and at Christ Church Bristol, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Stedman and Spiced Surprise Major (four methods).

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE CATHEDRAL BELL RESTORATION.**

Once again an enjoyable day was spent at Worcester on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on Easter Monday. Five rings of bells were going early in the morning to the music of methods ranging from Doubles to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. Those at the Cathedral were not available, as, although they were still in the tower, they were not safe to ring, but a new peal at Claines, recently relunged and increased from five to eight, was a welcome addition to those usually in use on these occasions. The business portion of the day's proceeding was transacted in the Cathedral Chapter House in the afternoon, with the president (the Very Rev. Moore Ede, D.D.) as chairman. Among the apologies received was one from the Master, Mr. J. D. Johnson, his absence being due to the illness of his wife, and the Chairman voiced the feelings of those present by expressing a hope that she would soon be well again.

A subscription from members and friends toward the rehanging and recasting of the Cathedral bells had been organised, and the treasurer, Mr. A. E. Parsons, reported that he had received about £85, including a grant from the Belfry Repairs Fund of £20, and it was decided to keep this open for a time and to make an effort to raise in all £100.

There are at present in the Cathedral tower, a ring of twelve bells, tenor 50 cwt., in D flat, three semitone bells, not hung for ringing, but used for the chimes, and the hour bell of 90 cwt., and the Dean and Chapter have decided to have all, except the hour bell, recast and relunged. When completed, there will be a ring of twelve, tenor 50 cwt., in B natural, and one of the three new semitone bells will be hung for ringing so as to make a ring of eight, with a tenor of about 20 cwt.

The Chairman, in speaking of this improvement, mentioned that the recasting was due to the remarks made at the last annual meeting of the association, and that the total cost would be about £1,400.

The formation of a library was referred back to the committee, the arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, and the next meeting is again to be held at Worcester.

The Central Council agenda occasioned a certain amount of discussion, and after the re-election of all the officers the meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks, moved by Ald. J. S. Pritchett.

The members attended afternoon service in the Cathedral, and the musical rendering of this is always a pleasure. Tea followed, and the day ended with further ringing.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**'ROUND RINGERS' WANT A SHIELD.**

A general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on Easter Monday, when between 60 and 70 members attended from Gulval, Kenwyn, Kea, Truro Cathedral, Pillaton, St. Goran, Gwennap, Perranwell, Zennor, St. Newlyn East, Landulph and Redruth, as well as Mr. F. I. Hairs (London), Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), Mr. W. Hiscott (Plymouth), Rev. R. Hocking (Vicar of Pillaton), Rev. J. V. Yonge (St. Goran), Rev. Jenkin (Landulph), and Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (Zennor).

The ring of ten at the Cathedral and the rings of eight at Kenwyn and Kea were available for ringing throughout the day. The Cathedral bells came in for most attention, and the many round ringers from six-bell towers acquitted themselves exceptionally well on this higher number with more metal. The only method ringing done was Grandsire, and several good touches of Triples were brought round in this method.

Evensong was sung in the choir at 4 p.m., and conducted by the Precentor, Canon E. C. Corfe, who also gave an address. The Rev. F. J. Driscoll presided at the organ.

Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's Hall, and afterwards a flashlight photograph of the company was taken. This was followed by a short discussion of great importance to the future prosperity of the Guild.

As no annual general meeting of the Guild has been held for several years, the officers of the Guild are elected and the general business is transacted at the annual committee meeting held on the last Monday in January of each year. This committee, which consists of the officers and one representative from each band in union, is always poorly attended, as Monday is a very inconvenient day for those who live at any distance from the place of meeting.

It was the general feeling of all present that this committee meeting should be held on a Saturday, and the Truro district secretary (Mr. A. S. Roberts) was asked to convey this motion to the general secretary, Canon H. R. Jennings, who was unable to be present.

Several 'round ringers' supported the view that the Guild should award a shield, to be competed for annually, for affiliated bands. Mr. Nicholls (St. Gluvias') said his band were strongly in favour of this, as also were the St. Stephen's band. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella pointed out that the Guild's task was to cultivate change ringing, and thought that, if a shield was awarded, bands would be content to do nothing but 'rise, ring rounds and fall.'

Mr. W. H. Southeard said that if the round-ringing bands wanted to improve their striking and progress, which it was the object of the Guild to further, they should be tested on rounds one year, Grandsire Doubles the next, and so forth. A shield would then be an advantage, but he was inclined to think they would be content to continue ringing.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**BIG GATHERING AT GRAVESEND.**

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday at Gravesend. Once more we have to be thankful for glorious holiday weather, which was duly appreciated by the members, one hundred and twenty-five or so, attending from different parts of the county. The towers of St. George's (eight), Northfleet (eight), Swanscombe (eight), and Milton (six) were open for ringing, and both before and after the service and dinner the bells were kept going in various methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Other six-bell towers in the neighbourhood were available for any band who cared to visit them. At the service in St. George's, the Rector, Rev. Ernest Michell, read the prayers, Rev. G. A. Tait, Vicar of Meopham, read the special lesson (Rom. xii.), and Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ. A small surplined choir of ringers attended—an unusual feature at these gatherings, but very acceptable, though quite unnecessary from the choral point of view, as the Kent County Association are more than able to 'hoist the tune' without the assistance of a choir. In the course of the service three hymns were sung—the Easter hymn, the ringers' hymn ('Unchanging God'), and 'Light's abode, celestial Salem.' The Rev. Canon Gedge, Rector of Crayford, formerly Rector of Gravesend, gave a very striking address on Psalm cxxxiv. 3, 'Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.' Such an effect had this discourse, that the wish was expressed that it might be printed and circulated among the members. The collection after the address was for the 'Douglas Haig Memorial Homes,' and amounted to £2 11s. 6d.

By the kindness of the Mayor, Alderman J. A. Axcell, luncheon was laid in the Town Hall, a spacious chamber, on whose walls were hung portraits of past Gravesend worthies. The Mayor presided, supported by the Rector, Revs. G. W. Mennie (Rector of Milton), G. T. Colson (Vicar of Northfleet), G. A. Tait (Vicar of Meopham), Messrs. Everden and Grant (churchwardens of St. George's), the hon. secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and members of the committee.

After the toast of 'The King,' given from the chair, had been duly honoured, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. J. Beer (Gravesend), R. Brett-Smith and E. Brett-Smith (Eltham), J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe), T. Groombridge, jun. (Crayford), and T. Groombridge, sen. (Chislehurst).

The health of 'The Archbishop and Clergy' was proposed by Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), who referred to the interesting ceremony at Canterbury on Easter Eve, the presentation of the Freedom of the City to the Archbishop on the attainment of his eightieth birthday.—The Rector of Gravesend, in returning thanks, suggested that an address of congratulation might be sent from the meeting to the Archbishop. The members present cordially agreed, and the following day the secretary conveyed the members' congratulations to the Archbishop.

The toast of 'The Mayor' followed, and his Worship, in the course of his reply, related some of his experiences at the end of a bell rope. He reminded his hearers that the last and only annual meeting at Gravesend was in 1886, and expressed a hope that the Association would not let another forty-two years go by before the next general gathering at Gravesend.

After this the business meeting was held, which was mainly of a formal character, the reading of the report and balance sheets, and the re-election of the officers, vice-presidents, committee, secretary and treasurer.

Slight additions were made to the rules respecting non-resident life members, on the proposition of Mr. I. Emery (Bramley), seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.

The company then dispersed, some to the towers for ringing, some across the water to Tilbury to see the big liners, others to stand about, as ringers will, within hearing distance of the bells—all, as far as could be gathered, well pleased with their day's outing and at the success of the association's forty-eight annual meeting.

F. J. O. H.

ASPENDEN BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to Mr. G. W. Cartmel for his interesting account of these bells, and also to Mr. W. K. North for his letter giving the record of the Braughing peal. But it does seem strange that, although a few peals have been rung at Braughing, the bells of Aspenden appear to have been severely left alone, more so considering that Renington is so near.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

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ing rounds, as was the case with the prize-ringing associations in East Cornwall.

Mr. A. S. Roberts asked if anyone who was in favour of having a shield was prepared to give one, as he did not think one would be forthcoming from the Guild Committee.

This ended the discussion, and the various bands returned to the towers for further ringing. Unfortunately, Dr. J. Symons, the Diocesan Ringing Master, was unable to be present owing to sickness.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: *W. Maddox 1, H. Knight 2, F. W. Perrens 3, *R. Thompson 4, *H. Piper 5, T. Smith 6, F. Brotherton 7, W. H. Lawley 8, W. A. Cooper (conductor) 9, *H. Boswell 10. *Longest length on ten.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, before 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Kingston Treble Bob. On Sunday, April 15th, before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 London Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Ringers: F. Wright, H. Wright, C. Harrington, I. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

TETENHALL, STAFFS.—For the Eucharist Service, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: J. W. Taylor 1, K. C. Taylor 2, Ben Dalton 3, T. E. Taylor 4, A. Butler 5, A. Bennett 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. Bate 8. First quarter of Triples by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss G. Stadden 2, Miss H. Orchard 3, A. Berg (first quarter on an inside bell) 4, J. Nisbet 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, Kensington, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), in 45 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, A. Prince (conductor) 2, S. White 3, G. Jones 4, F. Merritt 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell 7, W. Starr 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: W. E. Ticehurst 1, W. Falconer 2, C. W. Fountain (York) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, A. Tugwell 8.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight bells, at the Cathedral: J. Clark (conductor) 1, R. Clark 2, W. Lincoln 3, H. Devenish 4, C. Gentry 5, A. Head 6, W. Cheater 7, C. Cooper 8.

WRITTELE, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Lincoln 1, W. Lincoln 2, F. Radley 3, H. Edwards 4, H. Joyce (first quarter in the method) 5, A. Head 6, W. Cheater (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, W. Emery 8.

HORNSEY.—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins.: G. W. Bloo 1, C. H. Ross (conductor) 2, H. Blee 3, E. G. Hibble 4, M. Pensom 5, J. G. Nash 6.

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for 8 a.m. service, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles: W. Alderton 1, L. Gregory 2, S. Lawrence 3, A. Nightingale 4, W. Beeson (conductor) 5, I. Perkins 6. All the above are local ringers, and it is the first time they have rung complete 120's for Sunday service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Dodson 1, J. Gill 2, J. Emery 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. R. Pink 6, W. T. Beeson (conductor) 7, H. Batty 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Law 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. A. Cock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, W. H. Hayward 7, J. Smith 8. Taken from Parker's twelve part.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 1st, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 270 Grandsire Caters: Miss K. Collard 1, R. Hayes 2, B. Elliott 3, R. Overy 4, F. Bowden (conductor) 5, Miss I. Hastie 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10. Also three courses of Grandsire Caters, with H. Furlonger ringing the 2nd.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, R. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, J. Jennings (first in the method) 5, H. T. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: O. Edwards 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. Clarke 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, J. H. Hunniset 5, H. J. Hunniset 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

NORFOLK GUILD.

At the annual meeting on Easter Monday, the Archdeacon of Norwich was elected president, and the question of the reorganisation of the Guild was referred to a small committee.

A full report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

NOTICE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—All ringers are invited to attend a meeting at St. Mary's, Calne, on Saturday, April 28th, to ring on the 8 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.) just re-hung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears & Stainank of Whitechapel, London. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea can be had at Maslin's Restaurant close to church.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Will members look up Double Norwich. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Church, Llangattock. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Bellevue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea in the Bay Horse Inn at 1s. 9d. per head. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Withyham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 2.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Stoke-under-Ham bells available. Will those requiring tea kindly give early notice?—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on April 21st. Bells available from 2.30: King's Somborne (6), Stockbridge (6), Broughton (5), Longstock (5). Service in the church, with an address by Canon Braithwaite. Tea in the Village Hall 4.45.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Permission to ring at Burlescombe (6) and Sampford Peverell (6) has kindly been given. Will any band or ringer let me know at what time they would like to visit either or both of these towers so that I can arrange accordingly?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuncaton on Saturday, April 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 and short service at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the School-room adjoining the church at 5.15, to be followed by the general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Borzeat on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Stanton Drew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (5). Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Andover District will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A combined meeting of the Devizes and Marlborough branches will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Crossens on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on April 21st. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will take place at Old Hackney on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting 5.30, in the tower. St. Paul's, Glyn Road, bells available (if required) from 7 to 9 p.m. Note: Old Hackney, not South Hackney.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fuller's Road, E.18.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 26th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on April 28th at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers invited.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Malins Lee (6) on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room (1s. each), followed by business meeting. Kindly reply by 24th inst. to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me before Tuesday, April 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. Green. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, the 25th inst. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available after 2.30. Will those intending coming please notify me on Wednesday, the 25th, to arrange for tea?—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 24th? Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) at 2.30 p.m. Please advise me if attending as early as possible.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Major Harrison. Could intending visitors please let me know by the 24th? Large grounds also open. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 28th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Brown Bear, as usual. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cerney on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Vicar. Will those who intend being present please let me know by 23rd inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., to be followed immediately by the dedication, in the Nave, of the four new memorial bells by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 4, and from 7 to 9. The tower of St. Peter-at-Arches will also be open for handbell ringing. All members requiring tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than by Wednesday's post, April 25th. — F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, April 28th. A good meeting is desired. Will all who require tea notify me before the 26th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 25th.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham, Surrey.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing from 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, April 24th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5.30, 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, April 25th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church, Kirkgate, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m. All towers are requested to send a representative. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Spring meeting at Deane on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Also Oakley bells. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2 to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) please advise the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King, beforehand. A good attendance hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3.0 p.m. Guild Service 5.0 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1/- per head. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must reach me not later than Monday, April 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30; also Steep (5). Service 4.30, with an address by Canon Masters. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, April 24th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESES OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Chippenham Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday next, the 28th inst. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Saturday, May 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bradley. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 2nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Services in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean. Further details to follow.—F. L. Edwards, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary, Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

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Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Notice of motion to alter, delete or add to rules must be given before April 30th. Revised copies upon application.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

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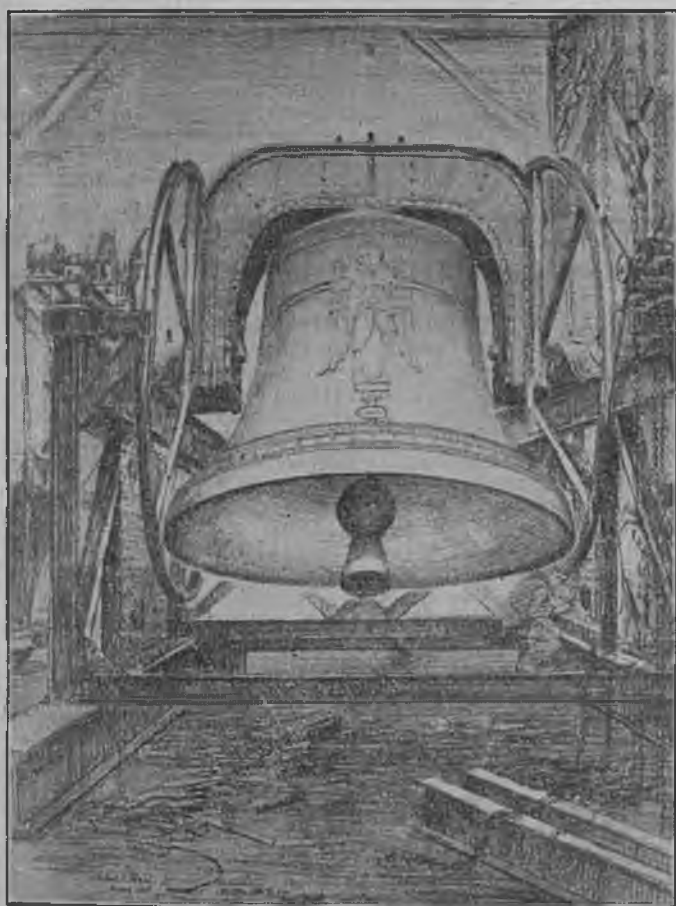
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The Norfolk Guild has for some time past been faced with the difficulty of maintaining the interest of its members. There have been complaints that its ordinary meetings have been poorly attended; that life in the districts is stagnant, and that generally the rank and file have not rallied to the support of the officers in the way the latter have a right to expect. Norfolk is a county not altogether easy to organise; for successful organisation depends largely on easy means of intercommunication, and many of the towers in East Anglia are in very isolated situations. Even with the coming of the motor bus the facilities for travel in Norfolk, at times which would enable ringers to meet, are poor, and any activity that there may be has got to be developed very largely in the individual towers. Hitherto the Guild has been divided into eleven districts. Some are obviously too small to hope for success, but, with one or two exceptions, none of these districts seem to have functioned properly; whether it has been due to the difficulties of organising, or sheer apathy we do not know. But whatever the cause, the members do not seem to have taken advantage of the facilities which they might embrace for the holding of district meetings. In many other associations these gatherings are the foundation of the work, and have done more than anything else to foster the spirit of brotherhood and extend the art of ringing.

That some reorganisation of the existing arrangements is necessary is recognised by the committee of the Guild, and a proposal is now before the members, as will be seen from the report of the annual meeting elsewhere in this issue, to scrap the present division of the area and set up three districts only, each comprising an archdeaconry, with a district committee, to endeavour to infuse fresh life into the work of the Guild. It has not yet been definitely decided that this is the best way of reorganising, but if anything is done it will probably be on these lines. Changes of this description, which usually bring with them the introduction of new blood into administrative posts, often have the desired effect, but nothing will be accomplished without hard work. Nobody is more difficult to move than the apathetic ringer, and once he has slipped into indifference to his ringing organisation it takes a great deal to reawaken his active interest. The Norfolk Guild has a great reputation and a great record, and, though it has been shorn of half its original territory, by the formation of the Suffolk Guild, it must have great scope for useful work. We cannot imagine, for instance, that 300 anything like represents the number of ringers in the present diocese of Norwich,

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TREVOR PRITCHARD Treble	THOMAS WITTS 5
*FREDERICK PHELPS 2	HARRY PHELPS 6
ERNEST TRUEMAN 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
FRANK PONTING... .. 4	ROBERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	WM. H. BARBER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WM. J. DAVIDSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Messrs. Davidson and Barber are from Newcastle, and Mr. Stratford from Whitley Bay.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
FRED. N. SKEATON 3	KEITH HART 7
HERBERT RANN 4	ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILFRED C. IBBETT Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... 6
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to the local band, 5th, 6th and 7th are from Cambridge, and wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fields for their kind hospitality after the peal.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	*EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
*FRED A. COWARD 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
GEORGE KEMBALL 2	*JOHN W. PASSMAN 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
THOMAS LANCASTER 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method on an inside bell.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
GEORGE THOMAS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	ALFRED COFFLIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Coppock, of Nottingham.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	REGINALD L. INCE 5
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung for the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald L. Ince, who kindly entertained the company to tea. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' is excellent.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HAZELL Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MISS RUBY HAZELL 3	GORDON CADDWELL 7
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ... 4	TOM GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD POSTON Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	HENRY E. COX 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	*JOHN J. WEBB 7
JOHN CLARK 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

In the NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WM. STANNARD Treble	G. LILLEY 5
J. CHINNERY 2	*E. FOOTER 6
*C. STANNARD, JUN. 3	†P. EVERETT 7
*WM. GOODSHIP 4	†H. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. E. Footer was proposed a member of the Suffolk Guild previous to starting.

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NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP ... 5
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... 2	† GEORGE PERKINS ... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	CHARLES W. COOK ... 7
* FRED GINN ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob Major.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
* HARRY L. LONG ... 2	WALTER AYRE ... 6
JACK STOPP ... 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 7
REGINALD S. COOK ... 4	ERIC ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

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

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. CASHMORE ... Treble	L. A. SMITH ... 5
T. E. READ ... 2	T. E. ROBERTS ... 6
F. C. CASE ... 3	A. J. GREEN ... 7
* R. FODDY ... 4	* G. FODDY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. Nelson Ward.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... 2	HARRY BAKER ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' April 13th, 1928.

AN ICKLETON BENEFACTOR.

At Ickleton, Cambs, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect on the occasion of the funeral of Miss J. Herbert, who passed away at the age of 91 years. She was for many years a supporter of the ringers, and headed the list for the restoration of the church bells with £105. E. Flitton 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, G. Lilley 4, W. Hurley 5, A. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, E. Lilley 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all and on the bells. All are local men, and this was the longest length by the treble and tenor men, who only started ringing last autumn.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* HENRY C. WOODWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 4
HENRY T. CHANDLER ... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	SIDNEY P. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Easter Day.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOSEPH LORD ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4
WILLIAM POYSER ... 2	W. HARRY BOXTON ... 5
GEORGE W. BRAME ... 3	W. ALBERT PARSONS ... 6

JOHN W. GLEW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LANCASTER.

Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

SEATON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT WEBBER ... Treble	* WILLIAM R. BOUNDY ... 4
FRANK J. DAVEY ... 2	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
SAMUEL J. HOPKINS ... 3	* SAMUEL SALWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal of Doubles. The tenor man was elected a Guild member before starting. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Exeter, and 4th and 6th from Seaton.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford and three extents of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

* GEORGE T. MILLER ... Treble	HENRY RODMELL ... 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR E. WEST ... 5
LEONARD RODMELL ... 3	* JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal of Minor on the tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hara on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary. Thomas O'Hara has the unique distinction of being the first ringer to be mentioned in the first copy of 'The Ringing World.' Also rung on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the tenor man's 'first as conductor.' He called his first the day Thomas O'Hara was married.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

* WILLIAM E. HOLDEN ... Treble	* CHARLES J. BALL ... 4
ARTHUR R. SOWDAN ... 2	* HERBERT SHERMAN ... 5
* TOM BARTRAM ... 3	* FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. It is the conductor's first 720 of St. Clement's.

AN EVENING OUT.

At North Cave, Yorks, on April 18th, 360 Wells Surprise, conducted by J. E. Sykes, 720 London Surprise conducted by L. Rodmell, 240 Cambridge Surprise conducted by L. Rodmell, 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced conducted by J. E. Sykes. Those taking part were F. Carrick, L. Rodmell, A. Turner, H. Rodmell, A. E. West, G. F. Williams, and J. E. Sykes. Mr. Blanchard and the Vicar welcomed the band, and their thanks are offered through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
A. NORMAN GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
R. HENRY BARTRAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (Rev. H. Sparling) for permission, and Mr. T. Simpkin for having all in readiness and good order. This is the 109th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4
* JAMES HEMMING 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

WEST HATCH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

T. LOCK Treble	T. W. CREED 3
R. MILLS 2	G. LOCK 4
F. LOCK ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. LOCK.

First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. After the peal, the Rector provided refreshments, etc., for which the band wish to thank him, also for use of bells.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. PRESTON ... Treble	DAN A. PIERCY 4
* SAMUEL BRETT 2	WILLIAM BRETT 5
FRED BLOOMFIELD 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal. Ringers of the 2nd and 5th belong to the local company. Treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Ordsall.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS E. M. CUTSFORTH ... Treble	* HAROLD WALSH 4
* FRED BELL 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
* JOHN TYSON 3	JAMES ASPDEN Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTSFORTH.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy to the parents of Clifford H. Entwistle (accidentally killed). All are service ringers at the above church.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Rotherham Parish Church on Easter Monday, over 60 members being present from Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Anston, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Pudsey, Loughborough, Dore, Derby, Wortley, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, and the local company. The bells were kept going in various touches from Bob Minor to Surprise methods, the fine peal of ten by Taylor and Co. sounding extremely well. After a well-served tea, Canon Allen presided over the meeting, and several new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Canon, churchwardens, ladies, and the local company was passed.

KINGSTON DEVERILL.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Morris' arrangement, and 40 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BUNCE Treble	* JACK GRAY 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	FRED A. COWARD 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	* ENOS DODDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. COWARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of St. Simon's, ten of Canterbury, eleven of Plain Bob, and eleven of Grandsire.

SIDNEY MUNTON Treble	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... 3
RONALD COLEMAN 2	FREDERICK W. RANDALL ... 4

ALBERT STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

NEWCHURCH, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor (estimated) 10 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	BERTRAM J. SNOW 4
ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	WILLIAM UPTON 5
ALBERT D. CALLOWAY ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

First peal on the bells.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, 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 Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* LEONARD E. TUBB ... Treble	WILLIAM P. BLAKE 4
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... 2	BERTRAM F. TUBB 5
FREDERICK S. TUBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Leonard E. Tubb was elected a member prior to starting. It was his first peal and first attempt. All the ringers are of the local band.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... Treble	* HARRY WARREN 4
* GEORGE WARREN 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
FREDERICK J. TITE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Arranged by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of London Minor by all the band and on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

*ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JAMES A. BASSETT 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor and for the association. First peal as conductor, and quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's.) 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.)... 7-8
J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn)... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT MEETING.

The two six-bell towers of Capel and Ockley were visited by the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, and, despite the vagaries of an English spring day, when rain, snow, and sunshine alternated, nearly forty members put in an appearance from Leatherhead, Dorking, Banstead, Newdigate, Capel, Ockley, Guildford, Woking, Farnham, and Beddington. Capel will always hold a special place in the interests of the Guild. It was once the home of a six-bell band, celebrated throughout the country; and then, after a long lapse from membership of any association, it came wholeheartedly into the new Guild, and, on the first day of its history, rang the first Guildford Diocesan Guild peal. Unfortunately, its ring of bells is but a poor lot, although there have been hopes that some day this state of things might be changed. How soon that end will now be achieved is uncertain, for the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Carver), who initiated the scheme, and who was a keen supporter of the Guild, having himself recently learned to ring, has just left the parish for the living of Charlton Hawthorne, in Somerset. It was, in fact, a great disappointment to the members that his induction on the preceding Thursday prevented him being with the members at the meeting on Saturday.

In the circumstances, the conduct of the Guild's service was left in other hands, but the members received a homely address from the gentleman who took Mr. Carver's place.

There was little business to be transacted at the meeting which followed tea in the Church Room, and at which the Guild Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presided. Several new members were elected, and the district hon. secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) detailed the arrangements made for other meetings during the year. There would, he said, be no separate meeting in June, as on the 30th of that month the Guild was to hold its summer festival at Epsom, which was in that district. There would be a meeting at Banstead in August, a joint meeting with the Guildford District at Shere and Albury in October, and a meeting at Cobham in December.

Mr. A. Winch spoke of the good work which was being done at the combined practices, one of which was held in the district every week.

The Rev. J. Ward, of Newdigate, who for many years was in charge of a church in Australia, expressed his great pleasure with the Guild's proceedings and admiration of the characteristic service which had been held. Their procedure, he said, must add to the reverence with which they carried out their duties, and to the brotherhood which existed among them.

A cordial vote of thanks to the preacher and the organist, and to the authorities and ringers at the two churches closed the proceedings.

A variety of methods were rung, both in the afternoon and evening, at the two churches.

SUMMER FESTIVAL.

A special committee have in hand the arrangements for a summer festival at Epsom on June 30th. It is hoped to organise charabanc parties from a number of groups of towers, to work out for each an itinerary by which the ringers of the party will be able during the afternoon to ring on at least three peals of bells, and eventually concentrate on the Parish Church at Epsom, where service will be held, at which the Bishop of Guildford has promised to preach. There will also be arrangements for ringing in the evening. It is hoped to have three, if not four, eight-bell and two ten-bell towers available.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING at STOCKPORT.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Schools, Stockport, on Easter Monday. Proceedings commenced with a service at 10.45, at which Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., Vicar of Norbury, and an honorary member of the Guild, preached an excellent and inspiring sermon.

At the business meeting held an hour later in the schools, the accounts, showing an increased balance of £12, were adopted. The Secretary apologised for the absence of the printed report, which had been delayed owing to circumstances over which he had no control, but promised that it would be in the hands of the members shortly.

Arising out of a remark made by Mr. Elwell, an interesting discussion took place on the dirty state of some of the belfries in the diocese, several members taking part. It was pointed out that, being a part of the church, the belfry or ringing chamber should not be used as a lumber room, and there were several suggestions for dealing with the matter. Archdeacon Thorpe, of Macclesfield and Stockport, suggested a resolution, which was adopted for circulation to the Rural Deans, and promised to mention the subject in his archidiaconal charge. The resolution runs: 'That this Guild desires to call attention to the state of certain belfries, in the hope that a more satisfactory state of affairs may be brought about.'

Rev. C. A. Clements was again unanimously re-elected Master, with the Rev. A. T. Deeston as treasurer, and Mr. E. W. Elwell as secretary. Messrs. H. and J. Jackson were re-elected auditors, and Mr. J. Cooke as peal recorder.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation of the committee that the maximum grant for restoration work be increased to £7 10s., and grants of this amount were confirmed to Higher Sutton and to Marbury.

It was also resolved to admit junior members on payment of 1s. per annum, which is half the usual subscription, provided they are under 18 years of age. By this means it is hoped to encourage young ringers to take up the art at an early age.

After the decision to hold the next annual meeting at Bebington, a vote of thanks was passed to the preacher and the St. George's officials who had so kindly arranged the details of the meeting.

The next item on the programme was lunch, and an excellent one it was. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mrs. Jackson and the ladies who helped her to prepare it, and for all the trouble they took. At lunch, the loyal toast was drunk, and a collection for 'The Ringing World' fund for 'Ireneus Pistor' realised £1 7s. 6d.

After lunch, the afternoon was devoted to ringing, which took place at St. George's, St. Mary's, and Norbury Parish Church. The whole day was a most successful one, and the attendance numbered about 70 members and visitors.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT BROMBOROUGH.

A most successful meeting of the Wirral Branch of the above Guild was held at Bromborough Parish Church on Saturday. A goodly number of members was present, and enjoyed to the full the fine peal of eight bells, the methods rung varying from Plain Bob Minor to Superlative Surprise Major, and all were thoroughly satisfied both with the quality of the ringing and the 'go' of the bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Barr, M.A.), who, speaking from the chancel steps, extended a hearty welcome to those present, and said his reason for speaking to them from that position was because he considered they were all on a level as worker's in God's service—he as a minister, the organist at his organ, and the bellringers in the belfry—all serving God in their own special ministry. People seemed to think the time would come when there would be no need to attend church, as sermons could be heard in their own homes on the wireless. He wished to emphasise the fact that the sermon was not the principal part of the service, and that the more important parts could not be carried out at home. Speaking of bells and bellringing, he said it seemed to him that bellringing created an enthusiasm and a keenness which was seldom met with in other walks of church life. He wished he could catch some of the fire and keenness of bellringers and infuse it into the leaders of other branches of parochial work. In conclusion, he said how pleased he was to see such a number of young boys present, and trusted they would progress and prosper in the office of bellringers.

A substantial tea was provided and thoroughly enjoyed, following which the usual monthly business meeting was held, the Rector presiding, after which the company adjourned to the belfry, the bells being kept going until about nine o'clock.

W. J. B.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.—On Easter Monday, April 9th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. M. Rice and Miss A. D. Cowl, a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but, unfortunately, a change course occurred in the eleventh course, after which the band rang 1,340 Bob Major in 50 mins.: W. J. Symons (longest length in the method) 1. R. J. Baldry 2, G. H. Myers 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Goddard (longest length in method) 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, T. G. Myers 7, J. Woodley 8.—On Easter Sunday, at Emmanuel Church, 518 Grand sire Triples: W. Pugsley 1, R. J. Baldry 2, W. J. Symons 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Goddard 5, J. Woodley 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. H. Symons 8.

PRESIDENT OF DEVON GUILD MARRIED.

Considerable interest was taken by parishioners and friends at Christ Church, Dore, on Wednesday, April 11th, in the marriage of Miss M. P. B. Davenport, a member of the local band of ringers and lately secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, to the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., Vicar-designate of Clyst St. George, Exeter, and president of the Guild of Devon Ringers. The event, which was favoured by a beautiful, sunny morning, attracted a large congregation, and the pretty little church, its Easter decorations enhanced by quantities of flowers from Devon, arranged in bowls and clusters by Mrs. Cockey and Miss M. Benton, was almost full when the bridal procession arrived.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin, the veil of Brussels lace being lent by Mrs. W. P. Wright, of Eym Hall. She carried a bouquet of narcissi, with maidenhair ferns, and was followed by her two bridesmaids, Miss Jessie Davenport and Miss Dorothy Wright, in dresses of apple green and white georgette, each carrying bouquets of pale gold tulips. Mr. Charles Westley acted as best man.

The service, which was choral (bridal music being played by Mr. A. F. Farnsworth) was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eym Hall, assisted by the Vicar of Dore, the Rev. W. R. Gibson. The Rev. W. P. Wright, a ringer himself, in a pleasing little address at the close of the ceremony, referred to the ringing activities of the bridal pair, to the position of the bridegroom as a priest of the Church, and to the bride's great fitness as a helpmeet for him, and concluded with a little analogy on the significance of the wedding ring.

For the occasion, the bells were placed in charge of members of the Ladies' Guild, and the following took part in touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and 'firing,' both before and after the ceremony: Miss Mary Benton (Dore), Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth), Miss Marjorie Holmes (Dore), Mrs. H. J. Jacques (Mansfield Woodhouse), Mrs. W. M. Ryder (Rotherham), Mrs. Scott (Workshop), Miss Elsie Smith (Norton), Miss Nora A. Spilby (Doncaster), and Miss Dorothy Tarlton (North Wingfield).

Among the relatives and friends present were Mrs. Davenport and Everard Davenport, Mrs. Davenport, son., Mrs. Westley, Miss Cause, Miss Cane, Miss Nichols, Mrs. W. P. Wright and party, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Mrs. Holmes, the Rev. L. C. F. Tomkins and party, Mrs. Benton, Deaconess Weston (Sheffield Cathedral), Mrs. Watkinson, members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's, Abbeydale, the Sheffield Girls' Movement, and many others. Owing to the ill-health of the bride's mother no reception was held, and the bridal couple left shortly after the ceremony by motor for Southampton en route for the South of France.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the grand old Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, April 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Alexander), Mr. Jefferies, the talented organist, being at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which 36, including the Vicar and organist, sat down, the catering being done by Mr. W. Holloway, who was formerly one of the Westbury ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes.—Mr. B. Cook gave a report of the business transacted at the Diocesan Committee meeting.

A discussion followed as to the advisability of trying to form new branches, with a view to covering ground not already covered by the Salisbury and Marlborough Branches. The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Marlborough Branch was to be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Pewsey, when an effort would be made to start a branch for the Pewsey District. If this were done, it would relieve the Devizes Branch of four six-bell towers, viz., Upavon, Enford, Fittleton and Netheravon, and should be the means of making a good branch.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to the organist.—The Chairman asked the Vicar, as Rural Dean, to use what influence he might have to get a representative of the Guild on the Bishop's Advisory Board.

The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to see such a large number present, and was glad to welcome the Branch to Westbury. He wished they could come more often, but, as they knew, the tower was still under observation, and cases of illness near the church sometimes prevented the bells being rung. He added that he would certainly use what influence he had to get a representative on the Advisory Board.

Visitors present included Miss N. Williams, Messrs. W. J. Prescott, W. H. Crocker and F. Rich (Bath), Mr. L. G. Hill (Slough), Mr. H. Hunt (Bagshot, Surrey) (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. F. Lambeth and S. Wilshire (Chippenham), Messrs. Romain (secretary, Salisbury Branch), Southey and Roles (Salisbury), and Messrs. F. A. Coward and E. Coward (Mere), (North Dorset Branch). Ringers were also present from Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Chirton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Melksham, Rowde, Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.

It was decided to hold the next two monthly meetings at Rowde and Bromham (May) and Bishop's Canning (June).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Headstock, Soundbow and Co., of Warrington and Bolton, beg to announce the following rule decided upon at their recent Hoptonstall meeting: 'That anything over 13,000 shall be classified as "a good practice."

At the annual vestry meeting at Christ Church, Dore, on Easter Monday, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey was elected people's warden for the fifth time. At a previous meeting of the parochial electors, he was also elected a member of the Diocesan Conference for the See of Derby.

The most interesting anniversary next week is that on Thursday, for it was on May 2nd, 1715, that the first peal of which we have any authentic record was rung. It was the famous peal of Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

Last Sunday, in addition to being the anniversary of the Appleton record peal—which, by the way, was duly 'celebrated' by a small party who met by accident in London—was also the anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters (still the longest length in the method) at Cheltenham in 1889. The conductor of that peal, Mr. W. T. Pates, is still in charge of Cheltenham belfry.

Sixty years ago to-day a famous band of College Youths rang the then record peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green, in 9hrs. 12mins. Ted Horrex was the last of that company to go.

The first peal by Cambridge University Guild was rung on April 28th, 1890. To-morrow is also the anniversary of the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Stony Stanton.

The first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung on May 1st, 1812. This was a peal of Grandsire, at Leeds, composed and conducted by Samuel Smallpage.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HON SECRETARY'S THANKS TO MEMBERS.

Fellow Members,—By the courtesy of the Editor, I wish to convey to you all my grateful appreciation of the kindness literally showered upon me on Easter Monday at an annual meeting, when the president, in your name, presented to me a handsome silver tea service, together with an illuminated address, to mark the completion of 25 years' service as your secretary, and to Mrs. Cartmel two beautiful silver vases. I confess that I was so utterly taken by surprise that I fear I very inadequately expressed in words the true emotions of my heart, and the feelings of my wife. Although it was a record gathering, I know that to many contributors attendance was impossible, so the courtesy of the Editor is welcome, as it enables me to express to one and all my sincere appreciation of their kindness. The epitome of the letters read by Mr. Ayre, and the remarks of various speakers at the meeting all seemed so overwhelmingly kind that cold print, or even words, fail to express one's feelings. Again, your kindness was once more shown in electing me your secretary, and further in appointing me to the presidency.

To those gentlemen who initiated and carried through the effort, and to all kind friends who have by their generosity made the presentation possible, please accept from Mrs. Cartmel and myself our sincere thanks.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. CARTMEL.

Duffield, St. Albans.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank brother and sister ringers for the prompt response to our directory notice. My committee will be very grateful for the kind wishes for success which have accompanied subscriptions.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds have undertaken this task for the benefit of the ringing community, and have no regard for a profit to be made, although they are not in a financial position to stand for a loss.

The scheme has been carefully drafted out, and it is up to every ringer to ensure the success of this large undertaking.

In conclusion a free copy will be sent post free to every subscriber of 1s., even though it is as large as 200 to 300 pages. The size of it of course depends upon the number of subscribers.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary, B.U.R.G.

PEAL CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not hear the peal of Cambridge Royal at Epsom on March 17th, but would suggest that when any self-appointed critics are outside a tower when a peal is in progress, they should be courteous enough to meet the conductor and his band when they come out of the tower and criticise the performance in front of them. Some critics up this way suddenly remember that they have an important business appointment when the last course-end comes up.—Yours truly,

W. R. MADGWICK.

THE HEPTONSTALL PEAL ATTEMPT.

CONTROVERSY OVER THE CAUSE OF FAILURE.

The newspapers gave a great deal of notice to the attempt for the record peal at Heptonstall on Saturday week, and some of those in the North of England gave long articles. The Halifax 'Daily Courier' went into the question of the cause of the failure. After describing the attempt and the dramatic climax, the report stated:—

The actual state of the bells, and the ability of the team to have completed the peal under any other conditions, has already aroused a little storm of controversy, and the points mentioned above (whether failure was due to dry bearings on the tenor) are likely to be long debated in bellringing circles. Mr. Chapman, for instance, declared that the bells at Heptonstall, from every point of view, constitute one of the finest peals in the country. Before the collapse of the effort he expressed the opinion that the ringing was not as emphatic and confident as a year ago, when the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. Afterwards he said the team had done remarkably well to have rung for 10 hours and 36 minutes in Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Much depended upon the man who rang the tenor bell, and 10½ hours on Saturday's method was equal, in regard to pulling strength needed, to about 18 hours of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He described Mr. Pegler's effort as a great feat, and doubted if anyone in the country could have beaten it.

they are blaming the bells, but the bearings are not dry. I went specially to inspect them before the ring started, and there was then sufficient lubrication to have kept a mill shafting running all day. The bearings are still greasy, and, for ordinary ringing purposes, it will not be necessary to touch them for weeks. It was a mistake, when attempting such a big thing, to put in a new rope. Pegler is a strong, well-built man, but he was completely beat. I believe he had been more or less exhausted a couple of hours before he gave in.'

HOW THE NEWSPAPERS VIEWED IT.

The different newspapers treated the peal attempt from many different standpoints. One made it the occasion for describing the antiquarian charms of Heptonstall; another to refer to the decimation of the town's population during a plague in the early seventeenth century. Another emphasised the fact that it is unlucky for ringers to encounter a funeral, and that a funeral took place in the churchyard while the bells were ringing. Of course, there was the writer who tried to poke fun at it and talk of the long-suffering inhabitants. But his article makes humorous reading, so here it is. It is headed 'Heptonstall, Saturday':—

This little Yorkshire village tried to make history to-day. It became the big noise in national achievement; in fact, it was the biggest noise since a Barnum and Bailey's elephant did a clog dance on a platform of broken bottles.



HEPTONSTALL PARISH CHURCH, WHERE THE ATTEMPT FOR THE RECORD PEAL WAS MADE.

For this illustration we are indebted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast and hung the bells in 1912.

LOCAL RINGERS' OPINIONS.

Mr. Francis Robertshaw, the conductor of the Heptonstall team, said the 'Daily Courier,' strongly denied that the bearings were dry. He said he had examined the bearings after the peal ended and declared that they were not dry. 'Pegler did well,' he added, 'but the task was too much for him. He was exhausted. If it could have been possible for him to have rested ten minutes I believe he would have finished the job, but that could not be. In my opinion the man would be seriously feeling the strain at the end of five hours. The visiting ringers had a new rope fitted to the big tenor bell. That was a mistake, for it would increase Pegler's task for several hours, until the "stretch" had gone out. When told on the Friday night that a new rope had been put on, Pegler himself shook his head as though he disapproved of it. Anyhow, after the effort had broken down, a visitor, an old ringer, volunteered to ring the tenor bell in a peal of 5,000 changes to show that it was not so much the condition of the bell that had caused the failure, as the matter of human endurance. The bells have not been touched, and to-day (Sunday) our own men have been ringing as usual. The bells, including the tenor, have swung beautifully. We all think that the team on Saturday put up a fine performance, but it should be known that that was the third unsuccessful attempt which has been made to break the present world record.'

Mr. Lewis Greenwood, the belfry keeper and the man responsible for seeing that the bells were in order, when interviewed, said: 'I know

For Heptonstall awoke at 6.15 a.m. this morning to the music of its church bells, and every inhabitant who hadn't taken the precaution to sit overnight has been dashing about ever since in search of aspirins and oblivion.

It was all due to a misguided ambition of an expert band of ringers from different parts of the country to tackle the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, with 22,096 changes, on the bells of Heptonstall Church. They locked themselves in the belfry, and were prepared to carry on without food or drink until the peal was completed in 13½ hours.

But it was not to be. After 10hrs. 31mins., when 18,600 changes had been rung, the patent lubricator of the 18wt. tenor bell ran dry, and the record-breaking attempt had to be abandoned.

The present bell-ringing record, of course, is held by a Scotsman, who wanted a drink on credit in a Glasgow public-house, and had to ring continuously for the waiter for 12 hours.

But everything passed off happily to-day. At the seventh hour one of the ringers complained of perspiration, and was provided with a blotting pad. At the eighth hour a small boy called round to show his blood orange, and at the tenth hour a flustered ringer slipped on the peal.

When told later that the record hadn't been broken, the oldest inhabitant said he had heard all about it, though he had never had such a day of earache in his life before.

NORFOLK GUILD. THE PROPOSED REORGANISATION.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Ringing commenced soon after ten a.m. at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchro (8), St. Michael-at-Coslaury (8), and All Saints' (5). By kind permission of the respective incumbents these rings of bells were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day. Divine service was held at 12.30 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft, when Canon F. J. Meyrick (Vicar) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham, Norwich, on the text, 'The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them' (Proverbs xx. 12). In Snowdon's 'Rope Sight,' said the preacher, 'the writer speaks of the power of noticing the ropes' as 'the foundation of all change ringing.' He also says that 'side by side with finding his way amongst the ropes, a ringer must strive so to catch the rhythm or beat of the time, and so impress his mind and ear with it that he finds himself working both in mental and muscular sympathy with it.' In other words, a ringer must have all his faculties alert, especially those of mind and ear and eye. Those present to-day will not fail to see the bearing of my text on the ringers' art. They know by experience the close application, the long apprenticeship that is needed before the art is mastered, and even intricate methods become almost second nature. But even then, I am very sure, vigilance can never be relaxed. Watch a company of good ringers, and there will be no fuss or anxiety—you will not see the wild and anxious look that often comes into the eye of a beginner—but you can see that each ringer has his senses alert, counting his place, listening for the lead, and glancing at the rope to be followed. I was tempted to choose as a text Nehemiah i. 6, as a good motto for ringers, 'Let thine ear now be attentive and thine eyes open,' but I felt it was unjustifiable, as the words form part of a prayer to the Almighty, not an exhortation to His servants. It is a high privilege to preach at this service in this ancient home of ringing. As a ringer, I can only speak as a learner, but as a minister of Christ I can welcome the opportunity of addressing you as fellow-workers in His Church; and whereas in a belfry some are experts, some learners, here in the service of God we shall feel we must all take our place as learners, often more beginners and bunglers, but at least, I trust, keen, anxious to improve and to offer something better and more worthy than we have done. It is therefore from the point of view of the learner only that I would speak on the two parts of our subject. (i.) The hearing ear. The young ringer cannot be expected to 'hear' the bells in the same way that an old ringer can. He cannot, perhaps, even pick out the sound of his own bell, but there is one thing that the youngest ringer can and must do: he must listen to the voice of the instructor. Carelessness or inattention here is unpardonable. When he makes a mistake, he may be unable to correct it, but the conductor's instant shout (and conductors have been known to speak 'rather sharply' to beginners!) may enable him to recover and avoid disaster. Best of all, perhaps, is the presence of some old ringer who will 'stand behind' him, and whenever he sees signs of doubt or hesitation will just quietly give the needed instruction: 'After the 5th at hand, 6th at back; now you're leading,' etc. Does this familiar scene in the belfry ever remind you of the voice of our divine instructor, Who once said, 'Learn of Me,' 'Be My disciples,' and whose voice, gentle or stern as needed, will whisper in our ear and guide us through life? He is the Teacher, and the wise learner will have his ear attentive, and say, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.' (ii.) The seeing eye. This may remind us that ringing is team work. We must watch the other ropes and take our own place unobtrusively. Unselfishness should be a virtue of the belfry. A selfish ringer spoils the spirit of the belfry, as a bad ringer spoils the music of the bells. The 'seeing eye' must also be kept on the conductor. 'I will guide thee with mine eye,' is the divine promise, but only the willing, watchful pupil can be so guided. If the art of change ringing is intricate, how much more intricate is the art of life! We dare not trust our own wisdom; we know too well how often we have failed. 'Looking unto Jesus,' keeping our eyes fixed upon Him, is the only secret by which we can be sure of bringing the bells safely 'home' at the end of our course.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Luncheon was served at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, the Rev. Canon F. J. Meyrick presiding, supported by the Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary and treasurer), Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. L. Duffield, and W. C. Duffield (members of the committee), and Messrs. W. B. Duncan, R. W. Cooke, Ben S. Thompson (district secretaries), and forty-four members.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the Chairman, and duly honoured. Following the loyal toast, the members stood in silence in tribute to the pious memory of their former president, the late Dean of Norwich, the Very Rev. John Wakefield Willink, D.D.

The annual business meeting then followed. Canon F. J. Meyrick presided, and welcomed the members. He said that in his own church the Guild was one of the strongest organisations he had at St. Peter Mancroft.

The annual report dealt in detail with the work of the Guild during the year 1927. The membership had increased by 28, making a total of 801. Reference to the death of the president (the Dean of Norwich) was signified as follows: 'We may safely say that the Guild has never

had to record the loss of such an ideal and honoured leader in the whole of its history.'

The balance sheet showed a balance of 2s. 2d. in hand. The total receipts amounted to £147 3s. 4d., and the expenditure £147 1s. 2d. It was resolved that the report and balance sheet be adopted.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman proposed, and Mr. John Moy seconded, on behalf of the committee, that the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Venerable George Martins MacDermott, M.A., be elected president of the Guild in succession to the late Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich. Mr. Coleman said that he was quite sure that in the Archdeacon of Norwich they would have a splendid president and a worthy successor to Dean Willink. He (Mr. Coleman) thought the choice of the committee in nominating the Archdeacon of Norwich as president a very happy one. He would be in touch, not only with the clergy, but now with the ringers also.—The proposition was agreed to unanimously.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and Mr. G. P. Burton was also re-elected hon. auditor. The committee were re-elected en bloc.—The Secretary moved the ratification of one belfry election, four re-elections and the election of nineteen new members, and these were duly elected.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Fakenham and the August Bank Holiday meeting at Great Yarmouth.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSED CHANGES.

With a view to increasing the efficiency of the Guild, the committee had recommended that three divisions, coterminous with the area of the Norwich, Norfolk and Lynn Archdeaconries, should take the place of the eleven existing districts. It was thought that by the formation of a committee consisting of a chairman, secretary and committee for each division, the members would be brought into closer touch with the work of the Guild, and that as an aid to their advancement in the art of change ringing some system of instruction should be arranged for by that committee. The project was explained by Mr. Coleman, who suggested that the Archdeacons should be asked to act as chairmen of the respective divisional committees.

It was pointed out by Mr. G. P. Burton that the matter required very careful consideration, and the old foundations should not be disturbed until the new scheme was proved workable. After all, he said, the Guild had gone on for 51 years, and to postpone the matter would not disturb its existence.

The Chairman said that the Guild was suffering, as were many other societies, from the diocese being so scattered. The proposed scheme required most careful thought, and he advised that a small committee should draw up a report on the matter.

In this connection it was suggested that a meeting should be held at King's Lynn during the month of October. After further discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the committee, and to instruct them to get into touch with the ringers of West Norfolk to obtain their views on the scheme.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon F. J. Meyrick for presiding, and this concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the belfries for further ringing. They were joined by latecomers, making a total attendance of members of over sixty for the day.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Crofton, Wakefield. The village is possessed of a model church, built in the 14th century Gothic style, and is cruciform in plan, with centre tower. The whole is beautiful in proportions, although small in size. The ringers stand on the floor of church under the tower in sight of everyone in church, and the bells are one of the very best rings of six, with a tenor of 14 cwt.

The Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg) gave a hearty welcome to the association early in the afternoon, and evinced a fatherly interest in the whole proceedings. Members attended from Pontefract, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Wath, Shelley, Barnsley, and a full muster of local ringers.

Tea was partaken of in the church Sunday School, about 40 sitting down.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the coming cup contest at Hoylandswaine came under review. Further particulars are to be given at an early date.

A summer meeting at headquarters (Barnsley), at which the Bishop of Wakefield is expected to be present, is under serious consideration, and everything points to a favourable meeting in due course. Messrs. C. Ward, Welsh, P. Morley, Briggs, A. Taylor, and G. H. Cook were elected members, and these, with other members of Crofton tower, form the greatest number from one company in one tower.

Heartly votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, churchwardens, Church Council, and local ringers for all the kindness bestowed so freely on the association.—The Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Stead replied.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

The wedding of two members of the Worcestershire Association took place last Saturday, when at Hinton-on-the-Green, Gloucestershire, Miss Alice Victoria Lampitt, a regular service ringer at Hinton, was married to Mr. Ralph Harris, the leader of the ringers at the neighbouring village of Elmley Castle. In honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung at Hinton by J. D. Johnson 1, J. Hemming 2, Miss Rosalie Johnson 3, F. J. Johnson (conductor) 4, G. J. Hemming 5. In the evening the bells at Elmley Castle were also rung.

RE-OPENING OF THE HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING BELLS.

The two new trebles to complete the octave at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, April 7th, by the Bishop of Durham. The old six, dated 1826, have been to the Croydon Bell Foundry and tuned, and the whole have been hung on ball bearings in a new 'H' cast-iron frame on new steel joists. The tone and 'go' is all that can be desired. The bells were seen and heard at Croydon at the 'All England' ringers' meeting, and so no further description is necessary here.

The service was held at 3 o'clock, when the fine old cruciform church, with its massive central tower, was filled to its utmost capacity. The Rector (the Rev. Ralph Watson) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. F. B. R. Wilcox and the Rev. F. Owen. Other robed clergy present were the Revs. L. W. Trotman (Bishop's chaplain), the Rev. W. W. Adamson, and the Rev. W. L. Law. The Bishop gave a very interesting address, and said a good, skilled, loyal company of ringers in a parish was a great help to its higher life, if only they would look upon their ringing as what it truly was—the service of God. It was really as much part of the service as the singing of the choir or the worship of the congregation.

The two new troubles were sounded at the dedication, and after the service the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m., with an interval at 5 o'clock for tea, when ladies of the congregation very kindly looked after the ringers sitting round the festive board. The ladies had really been very badly treated, for six ringers notified their intention of being present, but some 40 sat down. It is to be hoped the delinquents' ears are burning, and that they will mend their ways.

Fortunately, the weather was very kind on this occasion.

The following towers were represented: Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals, Durham (St. Oswald's and St. Ignatius'), Sunderland (St. John's), Darlington, Shildon, Gateshead, Tanfield, Jesmond, Whitley Bay, West Hartlepool, Cheshire-le-Street, Staundrop, Willington, and the local ringers. Houghton-le-Spring have now a very handy peal, and great things are expected from them in the future.

E. F.

REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S BELLS, NORTHAMPTON
A SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION SCHEME.

On Thursday, March 29th, a notable event occurred in the history of St. Peter's Church, Northampton, when the peal of eight bells, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1734, were rededicated by the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Claude Blagden).

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the work of re-tuning the bells (tenor 123 cwt. in the key of F), rehanging them with new fittings throughout in the existing wooden frame, which has been placed on two steel supporting girders, making renewals to the clock climbing apparatus and regilding the clock face. In addition the walls of the tower have been strengthened by the provision of angle bonds.

A large congregation attended the rededication service, among those taking part in the procession being the St. Peter's ringers, with the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. J. C. Dean, of the All Saints' company of ringers, the latter gentleman having served on the Bells Restoration Committee.

The Bishop performed the ceremony, after which the St. Peter's company rang a course of Stedman Triples: W. J. Dove 1, H. E. Sibler 2, S. J. Lawrence 3, A. Slade 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8. Then followed an inspiring address by the Bishop, during which he said: 'It is a great achievement to be able to look back upon work as being finished. Most of our work is so lamentably incomplete. But you are granted that happiness. You know, too, that the work has been well and truly finished; and in later years you will be able to look back with pride upon what you did in 1928? 'And,' continued the Bishop, 'what of the future? What had been accomplished in unity was surely going to be an example for the time to come.'

After the service, touches in standard methods were rung in the limited time available, many visiting ringing friends taking part, and all expressed great appreciation of the work carried out by the bell founders (who were represented by Captain Howard Freeborn), the tone of the bells being very much improved, and the 'go' really excellent.

During the restoration work, when the wooden frame was raised to insert the steel girders, it was discovered that part of the bottom of the frame was decayed to such an extent that work had to be suspended until that portion was renewed. This meant the insertion of two oak beams and accompanying struts, and the rehanging work was thereby delayed for many days whilst the new beams were slotted and fixed. It is worthy of note that although this delay was, of course, unforeseen, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston ably kept their promise to have the job completed by the opening date, but it meant working late hours towards the finish.

St. Peter's is a very poor parish, and it is very gratifying, indeed, to know that, thanks to the generous support of the congregation and outside friends of town and county, nearly the whole of the money required for this restoration has been raised.

HAGDOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Monday, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, J. S. Napper 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, E. Humphrey 4, R. T. Hibbert 5, R. G. Rice 6, F. W. Hopgood (conductor) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'S' THANKS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have to-day (Friday, the 20th inst.) received P.O. bank book, with a deposit of £166 18s. placed to my credit, which, with the £35 already received by me, makes a sum total of £201 18s.

In acknowledging receipt, one feels too full to dictate a fitting letter of appreciation. It is, however, my bounden duty to offer my thanks, and not only my, but the grateful thanks of mine, to our ringing friends in the British Isles, the Dominion of Canada, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

Really, it is impossible to express in full our heartfelt thanks. 'Our' is the most happy word one can use, for at 22, Hawthorn Road, it is 'our' in everything. Your brotherly sympathy, spoken, written and practical, speak of Freemasonry and savour of Christianity in its purest form. The response on my behalf to your appeal has proved beyond doubt that, even if there be no Lodge of Freemasons associated with the art and science of ringing, there is the essence of one permeating the Exercise, which has risen, and will rise again, to the occasion if a brother or sister of the Exercise is in adversity.

In offering thanks, one feels that it would be most ungrateful if one failed to give appreciative acknowledgment, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to my dear old friend 'Nemo,' who (secretly) wrote to the Editor, and who is equally as full of emotion and gratitude as I am myself. To him and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith I owe a debt, for not only has the latter appealed on my behalf, but he has made himself responsible for every incidental expense in connection with the fund, after the donations had reached him. He is a 'ringing gentleman,' who, I hope, will cast aside diffidence, and will not delete my written opinion, and that of 'Nemo' and others.

Brothers and sisters of the Exercise, from the bottom of my heart I thank you for your practical sympathy, which gives one heart and courage to 'drain the bitter cup,' ever mindful that the things one has seen were but temporal, and, beautiful as they seemed, I do believe that they are incomparable with those glories we are to see in the life eternal. Again, profound thanks from yours sincerely,

ALFRED T. BAKER.

22, Hawthorn Road,
Hillsborough, Sheffield.

The following additional subscriptions have been received to the fund:—

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We publish the following at the special request of its author, 'Owens Kay,' and others:—

AN ACROSTIC.

'JOHN SPARKES GOLDSMITH.'

7-8-7-8.

John, our thanks are due to you
On behalf of 'Irenæus':
He, his wife, and daughter too,
No need to say, join in with us.

Sustenance to those in need;
Pressing duty, kindly taken,
Asking nothing; this, indeed,
Real thanks in all ringers waken.

Kindly, then, accept our thanks,
Effervescing, running over;
Sincere gratitude all ranks
Give to you, from 'Gloats' to Dover.

Our friend 'Irenæus,' now,
Loving wife, and loving daughter,
Do no longer have to bow;
Sorrow's fled, re-enter laughter.

May the years find Alf content
In his home with wife and daughter;
There's still one trait, worth comment:
He was born creating laughter.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHCOTE.—On April 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 53 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, N. Tomlinson 2, G. Bester 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, H. Balaam 5, J. E. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade 9, A. Crane 10.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Minor in 42 mins., containing 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent, and 180 of Plain Bob: W. Surridge 1, W. Cooper 2, C. H. Surridge 3, A. S. Barcock 4, F. Allen 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For practice, on Tuesday, April 10th, two 720's of Plain Bob: D. Adams 1, W. Bavin 2, A. W. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. In the second 720, G. Whybrow took the treble, and it was his and D. Adams' first 720 in any method.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 55 mins.: R. G. Bell 1, *H. G. Milton 2, S. H. Hoare 3, H. Long 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, S. E. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. Edwards (conductor) 8. * First quarter in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithun's Church, on April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 50 mins.: B. White 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, T. Potter 4, G. Wilby 5, E. G. Ladd 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. This quarter was rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. M. Shephard (curate), who is leaving this parish for Norfolk.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. Gash 1, E. Cassel 2, C. J. Tricker 3, F. G. Goddard 4, J. Kent 5, W. Ellingham (cond.) 6, G. Gash tenor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At the Church of St. Margaret, for morning service, on Sunday, April 22nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. The first 720 contained 15 bobs. Ringing at this church is first and third Sunday in each month during summer season.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service: J. Dodson 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, J. Gill 3, A. R. Pink 4, J. Emery 5, W. Beeson (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. Miles 3, F. V. Sinkins 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. B. Welham 6, E. G. Garrard 7, H. Miles 8, G. C. Rice 9, W. Langdon 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Vickers 1, A. G. Crane (Southgate) 2, H. V. Sear 3, A. Crane 4, S. Foskett 5, W. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by F. Vickers.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, 720 Wells Surprise: H. Rodmell 1, A. Turner 2, L. Rodmell (conductor) 3, G. F. Williams 4, J. E. Sykes 5, A. E. West 6. Also 120 London Surprise.

VETERAN SHIPLAKE RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, April 4th, there was laid to rest in the churchyard at Shiplake, Oxon, the mortal remains of Walter Wenman, who died in his 71st year, and was a ringer at Shiplake Church for 53 years. A fine striker, the deceased gained his early tuition from that famous conductor, the late Mr. Henry Haley, who in the early '70's was engaged by the then Vicar to train the local ringers in the art of change ringing. Mr. Wenman probably held the record for distance walked to and from the belfry. He lived three miles from the church, and during his prime never missed a service or practice.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung after the service, and then Shipway's 546 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. The deceased had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples.

At the present time this beautiful country churchyard is full of bloom, with primroses and scented violets. The ringers' wreath was inscribed with the following:—

53 YEARS A RINGER AT THIS CHURCH.

Walley, our love, peacefully rest. Adieu!
Sweet violets blue, primrose true, bloom beneath the yew,
Not raised by human hands; God's monuments for you.
To you, Adieu, Adieu!

[CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, when there was a good gathering from the following towers: Robin Hood's Bay, Skelton, Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, Darlington (St. John's), and the local company. Dinner was provided at Hood's Marino Cafe, and presided over by the vice-president, Mr. G. F. Alexander, supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Newton), and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The bells (ten, with tenor 17 cwt.) were kept going from about 11 a.m. until about eight in the evening to Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal, everyone getting a good share of ringing.

Several new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for allowing the association the use of the church and bells.

NOTICE

DEVON GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Collaton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Also Berry Pomeroy bells (8) and Stoke Gabriel (6) available; good bus service. Please advise me early for arrangements. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NOTICES.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on April 28th at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers invited. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Malins Lee (6) on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. Green. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) at 2.30 p.m. Please advise me if attending as early as possible.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Major Harrison. Large grounds also open. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 28th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Brown Bear, as usual. All will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cerney on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Vicar.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., to be followed immediately by the dedication, in the Nave, of the four new memorial bells by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 4, and from 7 to 9. The tower of St. Peter-at-Arches will also be open for handbell ringing.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing from 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5.30, 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Spring meeting at Deane on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Also Oakley bells. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—All ringers are invited to attend a meeting at St. Mary's, Calne, on Saturday, April 28th, to ring on the 8 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.) just re-hung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea can be had at Maslin's Restaurant close to church.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2 to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) please advise the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King, beforehand. A good attendance hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30; also Steep (5). Service 4.30, with an address by Canon Masters. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chippenham Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday next, the 28th inst. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3.0 p.m. Guild Service 5.0 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1s. per head.—Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 1st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd and 31st; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Saturday, May 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bradley. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 2nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells (6) available 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present must let me know not later than Wednesday, May 3rd. All ringers welcomed.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next business meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea provided. Special method, Oxford Bob. All ringers cordially invited. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 5th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than May 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Tickhill on May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, before May 2nd?—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of Eastern District at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 5th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3. Tea at Raglan Hotel at 5.30 for those who advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, by May 3rd.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Well served by train and bus. Make up your minds to come—then let me know.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hybra Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church

outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. (to all sending me word by May 8th). Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A light peal of six bells, by Taylors, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock (D.V.) at St. Michael's Church, Croft, two minutes' walk from L.M.S. Station, with an excellent train service from Leicester and Nuneaton. Clarke's buses also pass the church from Peacock Lane, Leicester, and the Coventry and Leicester buses pass Croft Hill, five minutes' walk from the church. A band of ladies will open the bells by ringing the first touch after service, after which all ringers will be invited to try the new bells. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Collection at service and profit from the tea will be devoted to bells fund.—C. H. Webb, Croft, near Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Services in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean. Further details to follow.—F. Ll. Edwards, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

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Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Notice of motion to alter, delete or add to rules must be given before April 30th. Revised copies upon application.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

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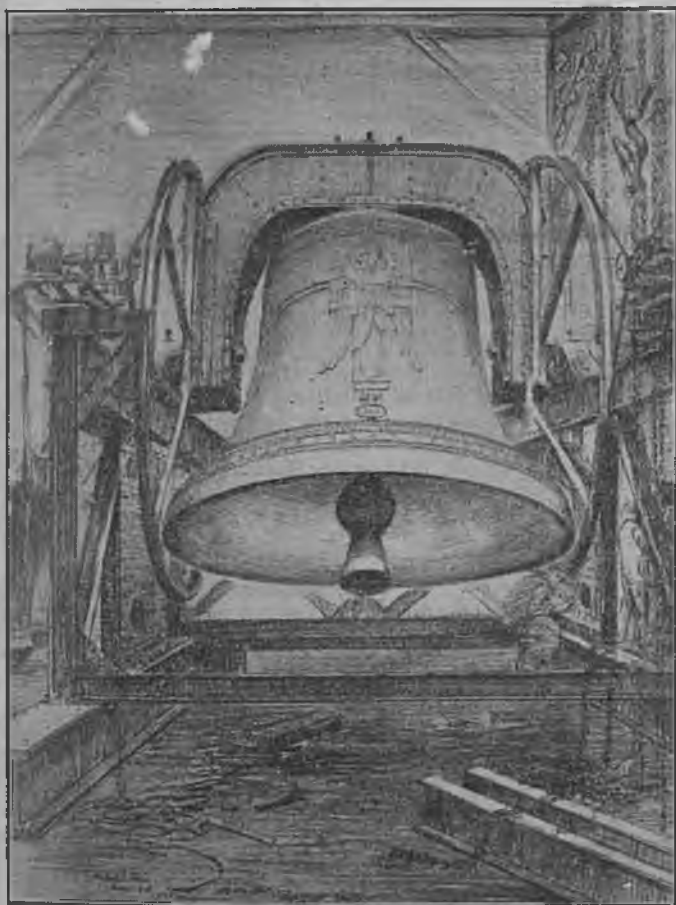
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It is really lamentable that valuable instruments should hang in church towers and be allowed to fall practically into disuse and often become derelict, because sufficient interest cannot be aroused to produce ringers to utilise them. A good deal of the fault, and we say it advisedly, lies with the church authorities. There are hundreds of churches where large sums are spent on the organ, substantial payment is made to an organist, and every effort made to maintain an efficient choir; yet not a finger is lifted to ensure the proper ringing of the bells as a preliminary to the services. In hundreds of other churches the same conditions would prevail but for the ringers themselves, who are for ever seeking to improve their skill, and to keep their ranks filled. If the organ failed or half the choir was absent from one service, clergy, churchwardens and congregation would want to know the reason why; yet almost equally costly instruments, such as bells are, may fall into disrepair, or there may be only half a company of ringers to handle them, but who cares?

This barrier of indifference on the part of church authorities in so many places has got to be broken down and it is the ringers and the associations who will have to do it. A little plain speaking may not always be relished, but it would often do good. Church authorities should realise that it is as much their obligation to see that the bells are properly rung as it is to ensure that the Psalms are properly sung. The efficiency of the ringers is as important as the efficiency of the choir, and it is the duty of the church authorities to find recruits for the one as much as for the other. The clergy are in touch with the young life of their parishes and their influence ought to be used to find ringers as well as choristers. They could succeed, where no one else could, but it is for the ringers or the associations to bring home a realisation of this duty to the parsons. In some cases, it may be, the clergy only need tactful prompting, but where

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R. G. RICE 2	A. H. WEBB 6
J. NOBES 3	W. V. WEBB 7
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Conducted by A. H. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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WALTER FARLEY 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

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ARTHUR BASFORD 2	HENRY A. HOAD 6
JOHN FOSTER 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
†MAURICE NORTHOVER 4	ALEC CHEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*CHARLES RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN KING 5
THOMAS ABBOTT 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
GEORGE EITE 3	JOHN R. MAIN 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

WEST MALLING.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, 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 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	*BERTRAM LUCK 6
HARRY BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloman, of West Malling, for their hospitality in entertaining them to tea after the peal.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARD ... Treble	JOHN BRESE 5
*WILLIAM J. JONES 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
†ALFRED K. LEATHAM 3	JOHN COOK 7
JAMES F. SMITH 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major, and first peal away from treble. This is believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time. All the above band except the ringer of the 7th are under 21 years of age, the ringers of 2nd and 6th being only 14, and the ringer of the 3rd 15 years old.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	CHARLES F. FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD... .. 5
FRANK M. GURR... .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
JOHN MEDBURST 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	JOSEPH WREN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS

* First peal of Triples. Messrs. F. M. Gurr and E. J. Ladd were elected members before starting.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	JOSEPH H. COX 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	REUBEN INGRAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ingram, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Amelia Greenfield, second daughter of the third ringer.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED G. WILSON ... Treble	ARTHUR COTMORE 5
REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
ROBERT THOMPSON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK CORKE 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. C. H. Sangster, who is leaving Chiswick for Hampshire.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARNER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ALBERT HAYLAND 2	FREDERICK HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FRANK BOREHAM 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN W. CHANDLER 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	WALTER MALINS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Balcombe.

GLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ALFRED HACKETT... .. 6
JOHN BASS 3	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	BERNARD ASHFORD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT S. STOW ... Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS... .. 5
LEWIS G. PALMER 2	ALFRED E. PARSONS 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
CHARLES MASON 4	L. WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANCIS C. PADWICK ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HAROLD F. TRAVERS... .. 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS... .. 6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	JOHN E. BAKER 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BAKER.

* First attempt for a peal, and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

J. WILFRED SHARP Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER... .. 4
JAMES W. HAYNES 2	GEORGE G. MANSFIELD 5
JOHN B. HOWES 3	JOHN M. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. GRAY.

Specially arranged for the ringing of the 3rd, son of the Rev. B. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham, this being his first peal of Minor and first attempt.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
JOSEPH NORTON 2	A. NORMAN GRAY 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	*CLARENCE F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, rung at second attempt.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FINCH Treble	CHARLES FISHER... .. 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ARTHUR E. SMITH 5
FRANK FISHER 3	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, fifteen different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BEN JARMAN Treble	GEORGE DANIELLS 4
JOSEPH HOBBS 2	HORACE ANSTEE 5
*WILLIAM HAYES 3	*FRANK SMITH Tenor

Conducted by B. JARMAN.

*First peal. Ringers of 3rd and tenor were proposed members of association before starting. First peal on the bells since being overhauled and rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Great credit is due to the firm for the splendid way the work has been done.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	†JOHN W. WARD 4
WALTER MANSFIELD... .. 2	†FRANK HARPER 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

PROGRESS AT WARFIELD.

On Easter Sunday, for 6.30 a.m. service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, G. Higgs 3, W. Boggis 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Collyer 6, J. Brant, sen., 7, J. Collyer 8; 4, 6, 8 covering.—For 10.30 a.m. service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: F. Buxton 2, G. Higgs 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, J. Brant, sen., 6, C. Collyer 7, J. Collyer 8; 7, 8 covering.—6 p.m., 480 Grandsire Doubles: G. Higgs 1, F. Buxton 2, F. Webb 3, W. Dyer 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, G. Simmons 6, J. Brant, sen., 7, C. Collyer 8; 4, 6, 8 covering. All service ringers, and the longest touches by the local band. Conducted by J. Brant, sen.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
AMOS SMART... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
WILLIAM SHARPE 3	LEONARD TURNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TURNER.

Rung on the anniversary of the induction of the Rev. F. O. Houseman to the living of Kempston.

WILLOUGHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	*FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 4
*GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	ROLAND ADAMS 5
ARTHUR MARLOW 3	*THOMAS G. CLARE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In the Tower of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

*CECIL G. SILVER... .. 1	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	†CYRIL POOLEY 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal; elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal. † 25th peal. Messrs. Pooley and Golden's 20th peal together.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

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 GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RESTORATION OF CALNE BELLS.

TWENTY TOWERS REPRESENTED AT GUILD MEETING

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Calne, Wilts, have been rehung in ball bearings, and a new third bell, the gift of the Marquis of Lansdowne, has been provided. The old third bell has been placed in an oak frame on the floor of the church, with its history inscribed on a plate attached to the frame. This action provides a good example to other church authorities when dealing with historic bells.

On Saturday, at the invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, a ringers' gathering was held at Calne. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, as well as 'Churchyard Bob' for the local men. Ringers to the number of 50 were present from 20 different towers, Bridport, Bishop's Hull and Ilminster being the farthest points from which they came. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had carried out the work quite well, considering the difficulties under which they laboured, owing to the movement of the tower when the bells are ringing, and the ungainly size and construction of the existing oak frame, which was retained. Although the bells go well, it was the general opinion that it would have been much better had the bells been brought down below the louvres. This, however, would have meant, perhaps, a new frame.

A meeting of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held after tea at Maslen's Restaurant, presided over by the Rev. N. V. White, chairman of the branch. Bremhill was selected for the next meeting on May 26th.

The ringers desire to thank the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, also the agent for presiding at the organ. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Calne has a peal of eight bells with a tenor of 26 cwt. in D flat.

THE SILVER BELL FOR H.M.S. 'NELSON.' A MELLOW AND SWEET NOTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following on my letter of some months ago, I am enclosing a letter from the head of the firm of Messrs. Reid and Sons, Newcastle-on-Tyne, silversmiths and jewellers, who have carried through the contract for the presentation of a silver bell to H.M.S. 'Nelson' from the citizens of Newcastle, where the vessel was built. I have had full permission from Mr. C. Leo Reid to send it to you for publication, and it gives some very interesting details.

At his request I compared the two small experimental castings at their shop, and the tone of the silver bell, though not so strong as that of bell metal, was very much mellow and sweeter, but about three or four notes down in the scale.

I have been down to-day to see the finished article, and it is a very beautiful casting, highly polished and burnished, except on the crown, below the cannons, where it is left in a 'matt' condition. It is of a good, modern, elegant shape and thickness, and evidently has been cast by an expert in molten silver.

It is 20in. in height from lip to crown, with a base width of 19in., and weighs 2,749 ozs., Troy, that is, 1 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. avoirdupois. Even the tongue is of solid silver, the rod being 3in. in diameter and the ball 3in. across. It ends in a 'holed' flight with a tassel of silk rope for striking purposes. The inscription is to be engraved on it later, but will be of the simplest description. It gives out the note of B flat, but my untutored ear could not grasp whether the graduations of tone were true as I struck the bell from sound-bow to waist and crown.

It would be interesting to know from one of our expert founders what note a bell of equal size and weight would give out if cast in bell metal.

I may repeat here (from my last letter on the subject) that 'solid silver,' as the silversmith knows it, is really 925 parts of pure silver to 75 parts of a copper alloy.

The 'Nelson' is putting into port here in September formally to receive the gift, and meanwhile Messrs. Reid, Blackett Street, are willing to show anyone the bell, which is now hanging by rope in a temporary frame.

I may add that the tone, contrary to my original expectations, is both mellow and sweet, and fairly strong. At the same time I think it a wise provision to have the bell 'wireless' to every wardroom on the ship, otherwise it would not be heard over so enormous a vessel.—Yours faithfully,

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

The letter from Mr. C. Leo Reid, of Messrs. Reid and Sons, to Mr. Routledge, is as follows:—

"Thanks for your letter and enclosure of cutting with regard to the silver bell from the paper, 'The Ringing World.' I quite agree with yourself and the authorities with regard to the mixture of silver in bells of ordinary bell metal. I have Lord Grimthorpe's book on 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' but a mixture of bell metal and silver has nothing whatever to do with this case.

We have made the experiments of casting two bells—one of ordinary bell metal, and the other of ordinary standard silver, and the tone of the ordinary standard silver bell is good and clear. I am quite aware that there is a good deal of superstition about the use of silver in peals of bells, and also that there is a considerable difficulty in getting the tones in peals—Westminster, Cambridge, or other chimes—but this is a single bell, and a particular note is of no great importance.

If you like to call in we have the two castings, and you can hear the notes of the two for yourself. I think you would be interested. The mixture of metals such as bronze, copper, and silver in an ordinary peal of church bells, for instance, may be a somewhat dubious experiment, but there is no doubt that a bell of standard silver will give out a good, clear, ringing note, and on the "Lord Nelson," being a huge battleship, the note of the bell is transmitted by a microphone through wireless to every mess, wardroom, magazine, and other parts of the vessel."

SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14th, the Sudbury-Clare District of the Suffolk Guild held a very successful meeting at Sudbury. For bells, Sudbury is, perhaps, better endowed than any town of its size in the country. There are three peals of eight, with tenors 16 cwt., 23 cwt., and 28 cwt. respectively, that of All Saints' (28 cwt.) being a splendid peal.

A representative gathering of ringers was present, and the members had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and ringers from Cambridge, Colchester, Lavenham, Long Melford, Lawshall, Fulbourne, Manningtree, Sible Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul's, as well as Sudbury.

At tea, the party were joined by the Rector of Sudbury (the Rev. Garrett-Johnson) and the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. W. Stote).

The Rector and the Vicar both gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Sudbury, to which Mr. Nevard responded on behalf of the ringers.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Clare, another eight-bell peal with a 28 cwt. tenor, the date being left to the district secretary.

After tea other visitors arrived, and the bells were rung to some excellent touches.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION NOW OVER 200 STRONG.

In beautiful summer-like weather over 50 members from Leytonstone, Romford, Loughton, Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Stapleford, Springfield, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's), with the local band, attended the meeting of the South-Western Division at Woodford on Saturday last. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and ringing in various methods was kept up till 5 p.m., when those present attended service, conducted by the Vicar, after which an adjournment was made to the Memorial Hall for tea and business meeting presided over by the Vicar, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior).

Seven new ringers were elected members, thus bringing the number in the South-Western Division to over 200.—Both North Ockenden and Loughton were proposed as the place for the next meeting, and it was decided by a large majority to pay a visit to North Ockenden, if possible, on Saturday, June 23rd next.

A motion congratulating the Leytonstone band on their accomplishment of a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 22 methods, and also one congratulating the members of the Woodford band on the progress they are making with their young ringers, was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Woodford (the Rev. F. J. Albery) for allowing use of his tower and bells, and presiding at tea and meeting, to Mr. Todd for accompanying the hymns on the organ, to Mr. C. Moss, of the Woodford band, for having everything in readiness, and to the ladies for kindly giving their services at the tea.—This was responded to by the Vicar, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Woodford, and expressed the hope that in the near future he would be privileged to meet them again.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London and Spliced Surprise Minor were rung, all present expressing the opinion that the meeting was one of the best they had attended.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday last, when members were present from Bourn, Cambridge, Ickleton, Long Stanton, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Willingham, and the local band, including the Rev. R. Copeman (general secretary), the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Mr. T. R. Dennis and Mr. E. G. Hibbins. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Hennessey), the Rev. H. B. Woolley kindly took the service. Tea was served at the Six Bells, 18 sitting down. The Revs. R. Copeman and H. B. Woolley were unable to stop for business meeting, and Mr. T. R. Dennis was elected to the chair.

It was proposed to hold next meeting at Castle Camps.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for use of the bells and Mr. B. D. Buttress for making arrangements. It was regretted Mr. A. E. Austen, Mr. E. H. Finch and Miss Willers were unable to attend.

The methods rung included Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire.

PEAL BOARDS AT DORE.

The peal of Bob Major (composed by J. R. Pritchard and conducted by J. E. Lewis Cockey), rung at Dore on September 24th, 1927, to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, has been recorded in the ringing chamber by a handsome oak tablet, French polished and gilded, executed by Mr. H. W. Westlake, church decorator, of Sheffield. The tablet is a striking one, and is headed by the arms of the new See, followed by the headings, 'The Yorkshire and the Midland Counties Associations of Change Ringers,' 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,' and the following inscription, 'This board, provided by the below-named ringers, members of the above associations, records a peal of 5,056 changes of Bob Major rung on these bells on Saturday, September 24th, 1927, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., in order to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment thereto of Dr. Edmund Courtenay Pearce, as first Bishop.' Then follow in the usual manner the names of the ringers, composer, conductor, Vicar and wardens.

The above forms a pair with a similar tablet recently presented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, recording the first peal on the bells, and the first on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association to be conducted by a lady, Miss M. Davenport.

A third tablet, to match the above two, is also proposed, to record the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, and the first by an entirely local company, the peal being Vicars' six-part recently conducted by Mr. Norman Short.

Two other interesting additions, presented by Mr. Cockey, are an oak frame containing a series of eight 'Ringing World' peal cards, each one recording a peal of Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association, each being a learner's peal, and in each of which the donor has taken a different bell. The conductors named are Messrs. A. Craven (2), F. Watkinson (2), J. E. L. Cockey (2), the late Sam Thomas (1), and Miss M. Davenport (1). Also, a fine illuminated record by Mr. T. Lee, of Norlon, amplifying one of the above peals, rung fully muffled in memory of the late Sir Edwyn Hoskyns, Bart., for 21 years Bishop of Southwell, composed and conducted by Mr. A. Craven.

In a recent letter to Mr. Cockey, the Bishop of Derby expresses the hope that it may be possible to dedicate the above on his first visit to Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**A VOTE AGAINST PEAL DIPLOMAS.**

The 21st annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 21st, about 40 members being present. After ringing on the Parish Church bells, the Guild's service was held, the president, the Rev. J. L. White, officiating. His address and welcome were much appreciated by the members, as also were the services of Mr. Baker (organist) and his choir. Tea, held in the schoolroom, was again given by the president, and ably served by Mesdames Chapman, Argyle, Wilkinson and Billington.

At the meeting which followed tea, the whole of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. W. Male, district secretary for Warwick, in whose place Mr. W. Collett was elected.

Six new members (three honorary and three ringing members) were added to the roll.—Lillington was selected for the May meeting, Fillongley for June, and Southam for the quarterly meeting in July. As a report is only issued every two years, the Secretary read a summary of accounts, which showed a small increase in the balance in hand, which stands at £14 17s. 2d.

The Central Council's agenda was considered, and a discussion took place on the question of diplomas for first peals. Mr. James George emphatically condemned the idea, and eventually it was agreed to ask the Guild's representatives to vote against the proposal at the Council's meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to Mr. Baker (organist), and to the ladies brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the towers of the Parish Church and Chilvers Coton for further ringing. Many methods were rung during the day, including Bristol and London Surprise.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT COLCHESTER.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Sunday, April 22nd, on the occasion of the annual church parade by the Mayor and members of the Council, supported by the officers of the garrison and public officials, and preceded by the silver drums and band of the Essex Regiment, the bells were rung by members of the local company before service, and on Monday, St. George's Day, throughout the morning and evening, when touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, 1,264 Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Steadman Triples, were successfully brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. R. W. Stannard, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, E. P. Duffield, G. Rashbrook, H. T. Pye, G. Dent, W. J. Schofield (local members), also S. Moss and G. W. Moss, of Mistley, Fisher, of Framlingham, and H. E. Finch, of St. Leonard's, Hythe, the last-named ringing his first touch of Major.

ICKLETON'S FETE.

A big effort is to be made in Ickleton to clear off the debt on the bell restoration fund, for which £120 is required, and a fete is being organised for May 26th.

Dr. Yorke Moore is training lads to play tunes on handbells, and it is proposed to visit the villages round, to play and advertise the event.

There will be a great variety of attractions, including a band, a concert party, dancing and whippet racing.

The bells will be open for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening, and it is hoped that ringers from a wide area will attend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 14th, ringers being present from Biggleswade, Clifton, Southill, Northill, Roston, Everton, Sandy, Letchworth, Offley, Great Shelford and Crawley.

Rev. H. P. Higham, of Eaton Socon, presided at the business meeting, at which two hon. members (the Rector of Old Warden, Rev. F. Stooke, and the Rector of Clifton, Rev. R. M. La Porte Payne) and one non-resident member (Mr. D. C. Mears, School House, Offley, Hitchin, Herts) were elected.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Southill.—Thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Rev. H. P. Higham for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, with Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles for the benefit of the younger ringers.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Sharnbrook, Beds, on April 25th, for the wedding of Miss Sylvia Newell, of Sharnbrook, and Mr. Frank Bosworth, of Liddington, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Plain Bob, and three leads of Kent were rung by the following: W. Surridge, C. H. Surridge, R. C. Allen, E. C. Allen, F. Allen, W. Cooper, and G. Bell, who belong to the local band.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Pendry (a member of the local band), which took place that day, 420 Grandsire Triples was rung at Pinner on April 23rd: W. Crowsley 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, C. Lord 3, T. Collins 4, A. E. Millett 5, J. C. Jackson 6, H. Kilby 7, R. Colyer 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Elsee, who has been for some time past in South Africa, recently visited Durban, where he was able to ring with the local company. A touch of Grandsire Triples was, however, as much as could be managed.

An appeal is being made on the Rand for £14,000 to complete St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg. All the money required for the nave and chancel and the interior furnishing has been forthcoming, and the additional sum is required for the tower and a peal of 13 bells.

'Many happy returns' to George Williams, that veteran with over a thousand peals, who will be 71 next Monday.

The anniversary of one of the long peals for which Painswick is famous occurs to-morrow, for it was on May 5th, 1817, that 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung there in 7 hrs. 44 mins.

The first peal of 'Grandsire Bob Maximus' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

Forty years ago next Monday a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Foxearth, Essex.

Edmonton bells were opened on May 8th, 1788, by a band of Cumberland Youths with a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed and conducted by John Reeves.

On May 10th, 1777, the Cumberlands rang the 10,200 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, which was another stage in the rivalry for the record which they carried on for many years with the College Youths.

Mr. C. H. Howard, the esteemed Master of the Essex Association, has been seriously ill, but, we are pleased to say, is now recovering.

The East Grinstead and District Guild, which exists for promoting change ringing among the towers within a radius of ten miles of this North Sussex town, is doing its best to organise practice meetings. As the area covered by the Guild extends into three counties (Sussex, Surrey and Kent) it has been found difficult sometimes not to clash with the meetings of the county associations. The first report of the committee shows the Guild to be in a satisfactory financial position.

A FACULTY REFUSED.

TILSWORTH MAY NOT HAVE BELLS RECAST.

A correspondent writes from Leighton Buzzard: I should like to bring before your readers the plight of the little village of Tilsworth, Beds. In the year 1908-9 the Rev. T. Green (Vicar) had the tower thoroughly restored at his own expense, in memory of his late wife and only son. The tower contains a peal of five bells, by Emerson, of Wootton, Bedford, which have been in a very bad state of repair for a great number of years. A year or two ago the villagers felt they should like to hear the bells ring again, so they sent out collecting cards, and also held a fete and garden party, with the result that they cleared about £400. The late Vicar, Rev. T. Green, was so pleased at their success that he at once sent them a cheque for £50.

At a meeting of the Church Council they decided to obtain estimates from two well-known firms of bell hangers, both of which advised recasting all the old five bells. At a further meeting of the Council, it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Taylor and Co., to recast the old five bells and add a new treble to make a ring of six, to be hung in a new iron frame, and at once to apply for a faculty to put the work in hand.

On applying to the Chancellor, his advisers refused to grant a faculty for the old bells to be recast on account of their antiquity. They also noticed a small crack at the top of the tower, large enough to put a sixpence in edgewise, so they advise the Council to spend £100 of the money on the tower.

The only bricklayer in the village is a member of the Church Council, and he says he should like the job to fill in the crack for £5, and that it is unnecessary to touch it at all, as he very much doubts whether there is a tower in the country that does not show some sign of settlement, and he will never agree to set any of the money on one side that was collected for the recasting and rehangings of the bells.

We understand that the matter is now being further considered.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting was held at King's Walden on Saturday, April 28th, and was favoured by a beautiful afternoon. The meeting was held especially to help the new band of ringers being formed at this tower. Some 40 ringers turned up, and good work was done. The church is situated in one of the most beautiful spots of Hertfordshire, and the churchyard adjoins the magnificent grounds owned by Major Harrison. Everything possible was done to welcome and for the comfort of the ringers, who were allowed to look over the estate, and were entertained to an excellent tea given by Major Harrison. Five new members were made (four of the local band and one life member, namely, Mr. H. Tysoe, of Clapham, Bedfordshire). The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Major Harrison for their kindness. Ringing was kept up until quite a late hour, the place seeming to be too attractive to leave early.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

In case the earlier publication this year of the Council's agenda has cut out certain motions, those concerned will please note that such motions might be considered under 'other business,' if the Council and time permit.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

P.S.—Guild Secretaries please note that 14 subscriptions are still outstanding.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following rings will, as far as possible, be available for peals on Saturday or Monday, in addition to the usual Sunday service ringing: Cathedral (10), tenor 45 cwt., available for peal on the Saturday only, at 6 p.m., and for touches during the Monday, and after 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

All Saints', Hereford (8), tenor 17½ cwt., available for peal on Monday afternoon.

Leominster (10), tenor 22 cwt.; Hereford 14 miles.

Burghill (8)	"	12	"	"	3½	"
Clifford (8)	"	12½	"	"	19	"
Holm Lacy (8)	"	18	"	"	6	"
Lugwardine (8)	"	13	"	"	3	"
Ledbury (8)	"	24	"	"	14	"
Colwall (8)	"	11	"	"	18	"
Ross (8)	"	24	"	"	12	"
Bridstow (8)	"	9	"	"	11	"

Clifford and Holm Lacy are available for peals on Sunday. The Master of the Guild, Mr. Chas. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford, will make all arrangements, and all who would like to take part in peals are asked to communicate direct with him.

There are also six bells at S. Nicholas', Hereford.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Bed and breakfast at the usual commercial rates at the following: Booth Hall Hotel, Imperial, City Arms, Hop Pole, Davies' Temperance, Commercial Hotel, Dorey's, Thomas' Commercial, Temperance Hotel, Commercial Street. Intending visitors should secure accommodation direct, and make enquiries 'Central Council,' and are advised to apply early. Better accommodation at enhanced prices can be obtained at the Green Dragon and Mitre Hotels.

The large hall at the Booth Hall Hotel is placed at the disposal of visitors by the Hereford Guild as a social centre for the whole of Monday and Tuesday, and cold lunch can be obtained here at 2s. 6d., also teas and other refreshments provided. Those who wish to take advantage of these facilities are invited to advise me during the week previous, to ensure adequate supplies.

Efforts will be made to arrange a charabanc trip through the Wye Valley to Tintern on Monday afternoon at a probable cost of 7s. 6d. each, if sufficient notify me in time to secure a vehicle. Prompt notification is important.

The Hereford Guild invite all members and their friends to a meat tea at the Booth Hall after the afternoon session on Tuesday, to be followed by a social to commence about 7.30 p.m.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

The Council meeting, which will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, will take place in St. Peter's Church House (next to St. Peter's Church).

The Bishop of Hereford has kindly promised, if possible, to welcome the Council at 11 o'clock.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Green Dragon Hotel.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st, when the following towers were represented: Brightwalton, Shaw, East Ilsley, Newbury, Thatcham, and the local ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Lock and Mr. G. Cauldwell, of Abingdon, Mr. Sharpe, of Launton, Bicester, and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were also present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. G. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Victory Hall, when 27 sat down.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. E. M. Thorp in the chair, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The summer meeting was fixed for June 9th, at Hungerford. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. M. Thorp and the organist, Mrs. G. Davis.

The tower was again visited, and several good touches in the following methods were brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

'SHORT-HANDED' TOWERS.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild, whose annual report has just been issued, has 98 towers in union, but in 40 of these there are not sufficient ringers to ring all the bells for services. The report says the position has not improved since last year, and needs the co-operation of the incumbent and the ringers in each tower to try to increase the numbers.

The Guild's total membership is 71 hon. members (a decrease of three), 622 ringing members (an increase of three, while 17 of this total are free life members), 153 non-resident life members, making a grand total of 846, an aggregate increase of 10 on the year. The report urges the members to try and make the total a round 1,000 during the coming year, which would be quite possible if all would try to add to the number of ringers in their own tower.

During the year 48 branch meetings were held, and, generally speaking, the attendance has been good, but in one or two cases there would be more encouragement for the branch officials if the members would support them better, especially by attendance at the meetings.

There were 52 peals rung during the year, a decrease of seven on 1926. They were as follows: Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Double Norwich Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 1; Minor in 14 methods 1, 7 methods 9, 6 methods 1, 4 methods 4, 3 methods 1, 1 method 5, Doubles 10, Doubles on handbells 1. The peals were rung in 34 different towers, in four counties, and in five cases it was the first peal on the bells. The number of ringers taking part was 130, of whom 13 rang their first peal, and eleven were presented with certificates for ringing their first peal on a working bell.

Financially the Guild has improved its position, there being an increased balance in hand on general account of £14 10s. 7d., while the belfry repairs fund, which has had no calls on it during the year, has been increased from £69 7s. 5d. to £88 5s. 7d.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday last, when the glorious weather helped to attract 55 members and friends from Bramshott, Bishop's Waltham, Catherington, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Swanmore, and visitors from King's Somborne and Blackmoor. The bells were set going at 2.30, and at 4.30 the members attended the Guild service, at which the Vicar of Petersfield (Canon T. H. Masters, C.B.E.) officiated and addressed those present.

An excellent tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar presided. Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member and six full members from Catherington, five from Steep, with the Vicar as an honorary member, and two from Petersfield, and one probationer from Swanmore.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Curdridge on July 21st next, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

On the question of the motion before the Central Council with regard to peal diplomas for young ringers, it was the opinion of the district that the delegates should have a free hand in the matter.

A draft copy of the proposed new rules was placed before the meeting, and a copy distributed to each band for consideration before the annual general meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Petersfield and Steep for the use of the bells, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Some of the members made the journey to the picturesque village of Steep, where a handy ring of five were found, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were brought round. It is to be hoped that they will soon be augmented to six.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Eling, on Saturday, April 14th. The peal of six were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor. Tea was partaken of at the Anchor Inn, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Eling (Rev. T. Thistle), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Netley, Dibden, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Romsey, Alton, King's Somborne, Reading, and the local band.

At the business meeting after tea, six members of the local band were elected members of the Guild, after which a resolution was passed asking Mr. Williams to support the question of diplomas for young ringers at the next meeting of the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Eling for the use of the bells, and to the Master for presiding.

The next meeting will be held at Romsey Abbey on Saturday, July 14th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Rochester District held a very successful meeting at Tunstall on Saturday. The weather was delightful, and under a cloudless sky this beautiful country village, with its mass of cherry trees in full blossom and its quaint old church, presented a truly pleasing picture. A representative gathering of the district put in an appearance, and the tower was open for ringing at three. The bells were kept going until 5 p.m., when the association service was held, conducted by the Rector of Tunstall, the Rev. G. H. Green, who also gave an address.

An excellent tea had been provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and the local band, at which 54 sat down, presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Col. H. Lumley-Webb and Mr. G. H. Wills, churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, at which Col. H. Lumley-Webb was elected an honorary member, and three practising members were also elected.

For the venue of the next meeting five towers were proposed, and on a vote being taken Hoo was chosen for the last Saturday in July.

It was unanimously decided to hold a by-meeting at Eastchurch, on the Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th.

A collection to defray the cost of a wreath to a departed brother realised in all 24s. 6d., which left a balance of 14s., and it was decided to send the balance to 'The Ringing World' for the 'Frenens Pistor' fund.

Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester) said they had met in ideal weather, in an ideal spot, and had been provided with an ideal tea, and he proposed hearty thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for presiding over the meeting, also to the local ringers and the Rector for the tea.—This was heartily carried.

The Rector and Mr. W. Spice, the leader of the ringers, responded, the latter remarking that they had created a fund by fining members for being late for ringing, and that was the way they were spending the money.

The tower was again visited, and Sittingbourne bells were also available for members on their homeward journey, and was taken advantage of by many.

Regrets were expressed at the absence of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the general secretary, who was unfortunately prevented from attending owing to the funeral service of the late Canon Mason, senior Canon at Canterbury.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going to various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. The association form of service was held, the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Bott) and curate (Rev. J. A. Lloyd) officiating, the former giving a very interesting and original address.

Afterwards tea, kindly supplied by friends of the local band, was served in the Church Rooms, about thirty-five members being present.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Three new members were elected, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.—Eynsford was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the organist for his services; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for serving the same.—The Vicar briefly responded and gave the Blessing.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited till about 8 p.m., when the visitors adjourned to the neighbouring tower of St. John's, Erith, for further ringing.

MISS D. D. STEEL'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND.

The visit of Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, the English lady croquet champion, with a team of English croquet players, to the Antipodes, has resulted in her making the acquaintance of ringers and belfries in Australia and New Zealand. A press cutting, which has reached us, thus speaks of her visit to the Cathedral Society, Christchurch, New Zealand:—

'One of the most successful meetings of the Cathedral Society of Bellringers for some years held at the Cathedral was that attended by Miss D. D. Steel, the English croquet champion, who is also an expert change ringer, as the guest of the local society. Touches were rung on the Grandsire principle, with the following ringers taking part: Treble, N. Sloan; second, C. Grant; third, C. Wright; fourth, G. H. Clayton (conductor); fifth, Miss D. D. Steel; tenor, A. G. Cusdin. Two touches of 120 changes each were rung on the heavy eight, with Messrs. E. and C. Hollobon on the tenors.

An exhibition lapping course of Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Sloan, Grant, Heald and Wright. The evening concluded with a ring on the full peal of ten bells, which have not been rung for a considerable time.

Mr. Clayton welcomed Miss Steel to the Cathedral. Miss Steel, in reply, stated how pleased she was to have a pull on the Christchurch bells, and that while in the city she had endeavoured to interest the Church authorities in their magnificent ring of bells, of which they appeared to be blissfully ignorant.'

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT AT HEPTONSTALL. THE OPINION OF 'THE MAN AT THE END OF THE ROPE.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must differ from the conductor of the Heptonstall team, whose opinion was quoted in your last issue, as to the condition of the tenor in the long peal attempt. After four hours' ringing the bell went heavily. I told the treble ringer I was hoping that it would go better, but it got worse. I can honestly say that if the bell would have run like she did when I rang her to the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob there would not have been any difficulty in my ringing the bell to the end of the peal, as I was quite fit on the day. The new rope did not make things any better. I am certain that the old ringer mentioned could not have rung the bell when I finished with it. There is no better judge than the one who is on the end of the rope. I have had enough experience in my time to know when a bell is running well, and when it is running badly. I would like to remind the Heptonstall conductor and the old ringer that I am confident that I am able to ring the same weight of bell to the peal when it is well lubricated.—Yours truly,
A. E. PEGLER.
Bangor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. John's, Old Hackney, on Saturday, April 21st. The bells (for the use of which thanks are due to the Rector, the Rev. Lash) were kept going from 3 until 5.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, held in the tower of St. Paul's Church, Glyn Road, one new member (Mr. Ellis) was elected.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Tottenham.

The Master also gave notice of practice meetings, which are to be held in conjunction with local bands.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. W. E. Andrews, of St. Paul's, Glyn Road, and to the respective steeplekeepers, Messrs. Alford and Clark, for having everything in readiness.

The bells at Glyn Road were kept going until 9 p.m., and the meeting was a very successful one. The attendance numbered about 25.

A 1905 PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A peal board has just been unveiled in the belfry of St. Leonard's Church, Clent, which records a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 10 Part), rung on December 11th, 1905, in three hours.

Miss K. C. Thatcher, who rang the fourth bell, was the first lady to take part in a peal for the Worcestershire Association, and also in the Midland Counties.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Miss F. Thatcher, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas, M.A., C.F.).

Six of the members of the band who rang the peal were present, but illness prevented Mr. T. J. Salter from attending, while the remaining member, Mr. Frank Boughton, is now resident in Melbourne, Australia.

In the absence of the conductor, Mr. T. J. Salter, Mr. W. Boughton, jun., tendered hearty thanks to Mr. Harry Mason, the donor of the board, for his generosity.

After the ceremony the bells were kept going for upwards of two hours in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Several local towers were represented by the following: Messrs. C. Boughton, W. Boughton, jun., B. C. Ashford, Wm. Shilcock, Wm. Short, H. Trimm and the Misses K. C. and F. Thatcher, Clent; Mr. Harry Mason, Hagley; Messrs. John Smith, Kidderminster; J. Bass and T. Hughes, Wollaston; W. H. Cooper, Lye; A. J. Skelding, Stourbridge; A. Hackett and Wm. Brown, Halesowen; H. Bird, Old Hill; John Barber, Wednesbury; and E. Calcutt, Belbroughton.

PEAL CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Madgwick is inebriated with delusion. I wrote to 'The Ringing World' a letter which was published on April 6th, asking a question, which was answered by the conductor of the peal in question. That cannot be called criticising a peal. Mr. Madgwick should not be so ready to rush to print with uncertainties. As no good purpose will be served by keeping up correspondence on this subject, I shall not write further upon it.—Yours truly,
JOHN BEAMS.

ONE HUNDRED PEALS IN A TOWER.

The following is the list of Mr. H. Warnett, sen.'s, 100 peals on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham: Grandsire Triples, rung 28 (conducted 11), Oxford Bob Triples 7 (conducted 6), Stedman Triples 11 (conducted 4), Plain Bob Major 16 (conducted 8), Kent Treble Bob Major 12 (conducted 3), Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 12 (conducted 1), Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 5, New Cumberland Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 3; total 100 (conducted 33).

MR. L. BARRY'S 50 PEALS.

Doubles, two methods, 19 (conducted 12); Bob Minor, 3; Grandsire Triples, 11 (conducted 4); Grandsire Caters, 14; Grandsire Cinques, 3; total 50 (conducted 16).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF FARNHAM DISTRICT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting at Ash on April 28th, when 39 members and visitors from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Yorktown, Banstead, Guildford, and Worplesdon attended. The peal of six bells was placed at the members' disposal from 2.30 p.m. by the Rector (Rev. G. L. Cole), who conducted the service.

After tea in the Church Room, the Rector was voted to the chair, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) and the District Secretary (Mr. Bernard H. Clark).

Nine new members from Crondall and Farnham were elected.

The hon. secretary was asked to write to all towers for nominations from each band to form a district committee for the purpose of arranging combined practices.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir, on the motion of the Ringing Master, seconded by Mr. Nye. The ladies who supplied the tea were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services, on the motion of Miss Fisher.

This finished the business, and another move was made to the belfry, when the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor until nine o'clock.

Two features of this meeting were the number of young ringers present and the number of first touches in the various methods by the beginners.

The next Farnham District meeting is at Frensham on June 16th, and members and visitors are reminded that the church is quite close to the famous Frensham Ponds, one of Surrey's beauty spots, and a visit to these would be a nice excursion for wives, families and friends, while the ringers are at the church.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S RELATION TO CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am pleased to note that the Rev. H. Law James has accepted my explanation of the construction of Cambridge Surprise, and recognises that the Treble Bob Hunting Course is secondary in importance. He rather overshoots the mark when he says that it is 'imaginary.' In his notes he writes: 'Double Oxford Minor 6 in the hunt.' Let me correct him. Six is not 'in the hunt'; it is more than that: 6 is 'the hunt.'

One little point he seems to have overlooked is the fact that the place-making bells (2 and 4) of the first half-lead are the 'plain hunts' of the second half-lead; also the 'plain hunts' (6 and 5) of the first half-lead are the place-making bells of the second half-lead.

I really cannot understand his argument that 'although Lincolnshire Surprise is another and better extension of Cambridge Minor, yet it cannot be called Cambridge simply because it has appeared too late in the day.' It is making a statement similar to 'Truth cannot be accepted because it has arrived too late in the day.' I fancy much the same argument was used to Galileo: 'The earth cannot possibly go round the sun because we have always assumed that the sun goes round the earth.'

If Mr. James will read my article carefully he will see that I acknowledge there is a difficulty, and also give a temporary way of surmounting the difficulty. My whole point is that the Major, Royal and Maximus, which he has called Lincolnshire, should have embodied in its name the fact that it springs from Cambridge Surprise Minor. Mr. James is in effect calling one of the sons of John Smith by the name Henry Brown. It also appears that Mr. James is at last coming to the view that Double Norwich Court Bob Major is the natural extension of Double Court Minor. It should be easy now to decide that old Double Norwich Royal is on another branch of the extension tree.

—Yours truly,

W. TAYLOR.

ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

An experiment was carried out at St. Mary's Halls, Acton, where a dance-social was held to augment the Isleworth Bell Fund. It proved a great success, and upwards of 130 turned up. For those who could not dance, in a room leading off from St. Mary's Hall, where the dancing could be seen and the music heard, card tables and cards were placed for a friendly game, a feature appreciated and made use of. Between the dances solos were given by Mr. S. M. Bridge, Mr. E. Gladman, Mr. Dick Sayers (humorous), and by way of variation Mr. Stump entertained with some conjuring tricks, the Belcher family with handbell selections, some of the Ealing contingent with a course of method ringing on handbells, while Miss Herbert gave a skipping exhibition. Miss Hollier ably accompanied at the piano.

Another interesting feature was a 'mystery box' in the hands of Miss D. Brown at a penny a guess. No one guessed correctly, and it was used as a spot dance prize and won by Mrs. Goodfellow. It proved to be a hand mirror.

St. Mary's Dance Orchestra was in attendance. After a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the gathering dwindled away near midnight. Mr. Hollier was M.C. for the social side, and Mr. R. Holloway was M.C. for the dance. After deducting expenses, a profit of £9 was made.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We acknowledge with thanks the sum of 14s. to the 'Irenæus Pistor' Fund from the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, per Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and 12s. 6d. collected at the Gloucester Branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, per Mr. J. Austin.

This makes a total of £203 19s. 6d.

THE DERIVATION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is not the Rev. H. Law James trying to stretch our credulity a little with his statement that Cambridge Surprise Minor is derived from the Plain Hunting Course, when he has to resort to such shifts and expedients as the illustration given in your issue of April 13th? Should we not be as fully justified, in view of the following figures, in saying that Plain Bob is derived from the Treble Bob Hunting Course, and not, as some people think, from an imaginary Plain Hunting Course? Moreover, in order to demonstrate it, we do not have to put into the hunt bells that would never be there in practical ringing, as Mr. James does in his explanation of Cambridge Surprise.

123456	}	College Exercise, treble in the hunt.
214365		
241635	}	Old Oxford Modernised, treble in hunt.
426153		
462513		
645231		
654321	}	Braintree Treble Bob, treble in hunt.
63412		
536142	}	Old Oxford Modernised, treble in hunt.
351624		
315264	}	College Exercise, treble in the hunt.
132546		
135264		

It seems to me that the 'theorists' delight in trying to pull wool over the eyes of the 'man in the belfry.'—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following is a half-lead of a composite method, and the way in which the several sections are related to other methods is shown at side:—

12345678	}	This first section is identical to 'London,' 'Londonderry,' and many other methods.
21354768		
12537486		
21573846		
25137864	}	Orthodox 6th's place Bob.
52318746		
12537486		
52314867		
25341687	}	This second section is equivalent to the second section of 'Superlative,' 'Yorkshire,' 'Lincolnshire,' and many other methods.
32541687		
23451687		
34256178		
43265718	}	Orthodox 3rd's place Bob.
34627581		
36425718		
63247581		
36427581	}	This section is equivalent to 'Bristol,' 'Yorkshire,' and many other methods.
14263857		
14263857	}	Orthodox 5th's place Bob.
56427851		

There are three false course-ends to the method, tenors together, all from one round block, i.e.:—

53624
24365
65432

From the foregoing we shall be able to place 'Lincolnshire' Major, which is also a complete method, in its true perspective. To begin with, the first ten changes are 'Yorkshire' Surprise, pure and simple; the extreme made in 'Yorkshire' is omitted, and a quick 4th's-place Bob made instead. This accounts for eleven changes, and the last five changes are exactly equivalent to the last five changes of the first half-lead of 'Superlative.' Therefore, in 'Lincolnshire' Major the first six changes are related to Cambridge Minor by its round blocks, and the remaining ten changes of the half-lead are related by its round blocks to 'Yorkshire,' 'Superlative,' and other methods.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Thursday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Gooding (first quarter) 1, L. Stirk 2, F. Sharpe 3, W. Fisher 4, G. Jones 5, T. Emm 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Mear (first-quarter) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, Miss G. M. Dodds 5, M. Wright 6, C. Rayson 7, J. E. Moreton 8. All are members of the local band. Rung as a farewell to H. Wright, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment at Oswestry.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: H. Batty 1, H. T. Travers 2, F. Hunt 3, *E. G. L. Coward 4, W. Fry 5, E. T. Griffin 6, *W. C. Shute 7, S. A. Ricketts 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, T. J. Setter 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for 'sportsmen's' special service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Batty 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, J. Emery 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. R. Pink 6, J. Gill 7, W. Beeson (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 6th and 7th.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Hawks 2, Miss A. White (first 720 inside) 3, E. Kemp 4, E. Runter 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—At the Church of All Saints, for evensong on Sunday, April 29th, Shodman Doubles were rung by the following: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5. Ringing in this tower is every Sunday at 5.55 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) in 52 mins.: S. Briggs (conductor) 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, E. Liversidge 3, C. Poulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, J. W. J. Cottam 6, G. Tuke 7, A. Firth 3, C. Ryder 9, P. Maugham 10. First quarter in the method on the bells by a local company, all being Sunday service ringers.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins.: G. Seamon 1, R. G. Bell 2, S. H. Hoare (first quarter as conductor) 3, S. E. Edwards 4, R. W. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, E. M. Elliott 7, W. E. Oakley 8. First quarter by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th, also first quarter in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Oakley. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 29th, for special service in connection with Industrial Sunday at St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, *A. T. Greenwood 2, F. A. Burnett 3, *F. W. Burnett 4, J. D. Harris 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

ACTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Holloway 1, Mrs. R. O. Fardon 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, R. A. Fardon 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor, who is leaving Acton to take up another appointment.

PORTMADOC.—At St. John's Church, for evening service on April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Humphreys (first 720 on treble) 1, R. McMillan 2, H. Roberts 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, P. Roberts 5, J. Owen (conductor) 6, E. Wakefield 7, R. Brooks 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. V. Humphreys. First 720 for 7th and tenor.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 8th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, near RUGBY.—The peal of five bells, three recast and all rehung by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1/-, to ringers notifying secretary by 14th. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Basford, St. Martin's, Winterslow, Coombe Bissett (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting at St. David's Church, Bangor, on Whit Monday, May 28th. Further details in next issue.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Saturday, May 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bradley. Business meeting to follow. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells (6) available 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea and meeting 5.15. All ringers welcomed.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next business meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea provided. Special method, Oxford Bob. All ringers cordially invited. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 5th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than May 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Tickhill on May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of Eastern District at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 5th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3. Tea at Raglan Hotel at 5.30 for those who advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool,—George S. Taylor, Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Collaton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Also Berry Pomeroy bells (8) and Stoke Gabriel (6) available; good bus service. Please advise me early for arrangements. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Well served by train and bus. Make up your minds to come—then let me know.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. (to all sending me word by May 8th). Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge Farm, Samlesbury, not later than Thursday, May 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Tinker, Church Street, Penistone, by Wednesday, May 9th. Visitors will be welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem., 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Special attention to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Ven. Archdeacon Howson). Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. A good attendance requested. Important business. Please notify me before Tuesday, May 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. We hope to have a good attendance.—C. Beeston, Dis. Sec., King Street, Bishops Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 8th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hylla Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting and tea about 5 p.m.—G. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. Expecting a good muster present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Alton district will be held at Binsted, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify before May 10th.—Rev. B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.15. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe 4.45, for those who notify Mr. Geo. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the 9th inst. Resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) available afternoon and evening, also Washingborough (8) in the evening.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A light peal of six bells, by Taylors, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock (p.v.) at St. Michael's Church, Croft, two minutes' walk from L.M.S. Station, with an excellent train service from Leicester and Nuneaton. Clarke's buses also pass the church from Peacock Lane, Leicester, and the Coventry and Leicester buses pass Croft Hill, five minutes' walk from the church. A band of ladies will open the bells by ringing the first touch after service, after which all ringers will be invited to try the new bells. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Collection at service and profit from the tea will be devoted to bells fund.—C. H. Webb, Croft, near Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, May 19th.—Particulars next week. Make a note of the date. Cheap trains to Bushey. Bus service to Aldenham.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. Members intending being present kindly advise by the 14th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 15th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Those who intend to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Harrington, White House Road, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, May 17th.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

Social evening at the Crown Restaurant, The Market, Nicholas Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27th. Usual and additional Sunday service ringing.

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Monday, May 28th. At 9 a.m. St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, near station, will be opened and stewards will be in attendance to direct visitors or give information upon the day's proceedings.

Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Notice of motion to alter, delete or add to rules must be given before April 30th. Revised copies upon application.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

Tickets for luncheon and tea upon deposit of 1s. Luncheon 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. (a large portion of this expense will be assisted from a special fund). Tickets for

meeting free upon application. All applications should be made before May 20th. Train leaves Temple Meads Tuesday morning at 7.38 a.m. for Hereford, arriving at 9.50 a.m., for Central Council meeting. Return fare 8s. 6d.

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ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 28th.—F. J. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well on Saturday, May 5th, six members of the Suffolk Guild will attempt a peal of Minor, 10,800 changes, at St. Mary's Church, Rickingham, starting at 2 p.m.

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At the close of the service, the bells were rung half-muffled for a short time by the local band. And on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung by Albert Charman 1, I. Branch 2, J. Stanford 3, J. Cook (conductor) 4, W. Hooker 5, W. Pettifer 6, W. Charman 7, Alfred Charman 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cantorbury Major (1,312 changes) by W. Charman (conductor) 1, T. Branch 2, W. Pettifer 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Stanford 7, J. Cook 8.

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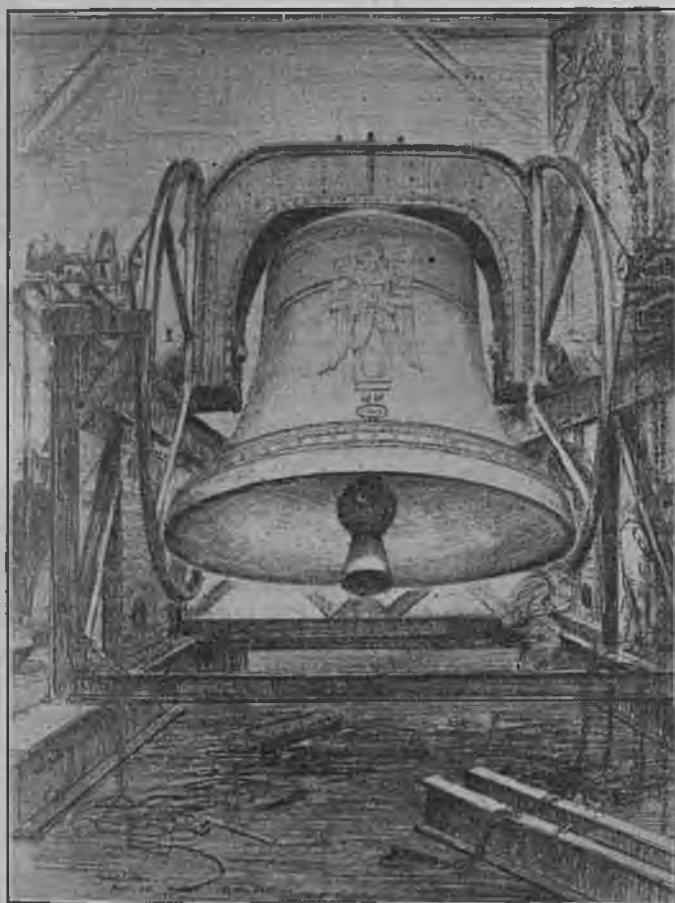
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MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The Methods Committee of the Central Council have completed their revision of the names of the Minor Methods which they desire to appear in the next edition of the 'Collection' of six-bell methods and the list is published elsewhere in this issue. It is interesting to recall the circumstances which have led up to the present step. When the Council first published the Collection in 1907 many of the methods, which appeared in print for the first time, were unnamed. In the course of years some were rung, and those who rang them gave them names, with the result that some methods became known by a number of titles, and this led to confusion. The Analysis Committee were given the task of clearing up the position, and, in addition, were authorised to name the still unnamed methods. In this way each Minor method in the Collection was given a definite and distinctive title, and their report was accepted by the Council in 1923.

The committee, however, had selected or retained certain titles which failed to give anything like general satisfaction, and objection was particularly taken to the floral names which were applied. It was felt that while some old methods had come down to us saddled with the names of flowers, which might be tolerated, it was a mistake to extend and perpetuate this style of nomenclature, which is so ill-fitted to a mathematical service. A special committee was therefore set up to make recommendations as to names. They did their work too thoroughly. Two years ago they suggested wholesale alterations and submitted a long list of recommendations, which their opponents side-tracked by an amendment; and last year they were 'discharged, with thanks for their services.' Thereupon the Methods Committee, one of whose members had led the attack on the nomenclature report, asked for and obtained powers to carry out the revision. That, briefly, is the story of the past. And now we have the Methods Committee's recommendations as to names.

Those who compare the lists with the titles accepted by the Council, on the recommendation of the Analysis Committee at Salisbury in 1923, will find very few alterations. But such as they are they are significant. The Methods Committee have gone back to the names which they themselves allocated when they first published the methods, except in so far as they have admitted themselves in error, and unless the Council are tired of the whole thing, there will be another fight like that which took place at Salisbury, on such points as, for instance, whether the method at No. 12 of the Plain Methods is Canterbury Pleasure, or Canterbury Pleasure Reverse;

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and at No. 26, College or College Reverse. We asked last year, when the Council jettisoned the Nomenclature Report and had obviously overlooked the fact that four years before they had themselves settled the names, for what purpose did the Methods Committee want discretionary power? Was it merely, we asked, to ensure that their own views on the disputed names should prevail? The Methods Committee's report is the answer. They are going to restore, as far as they can, the names which they themselves originally allocated. They may plead justification for doing this, but we think it is due to the Council that they should give the reasons for the changes they propose and give them soon enough to enable the members to consider the alterations, remembering that they are settling questions of priority and derivation probably for all time. Meanwhile, the Suffolk Guild is urging the Council to take into consideration the Nomenclature Committee's recommendations. Those recommendations, some of which would find general acceptance, still exist in a report which, the members of that now defunct committee hold, has neither been accepted nor rejected.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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EDWARD JENKINS... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	THOMAS C. LARKEY	8
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JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ..	4	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	10
WILLIAM BIBBY	5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	11
JOHN E. BIBBY	6	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*E. WILLIAM RICHARDSON	Treble	*ALFRED T. M. PERRY	5
†JOSEPH JENNINGS	2	†ERNEST TOWNSEND	6
*ARTHUR T. SMITH	3	†ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE	4	H. WALTER SMITH	Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE.

Conducted by H. WALTER SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Hung as a farewell peal to Canon House, who has taken the living at Copford, near Colchester. He took a keen interest in the ringers, and worked hard to have the bells restored and augmented to eight.

ELVEDEN.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN THE MEMORIAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FRANK LEVETT	Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD	5
†BERT W. ROPER	2	PERCY FORDHAM... ..	6
†WALTER G. PAUL	3	†JAMES G. BROWN	7
CHARLES STANNARD	4	†JAMES W. PAUL	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

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LONDON.
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On Monday, April 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN ... 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
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On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK RANDS Treble	HERBERT FOWLER 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	OLIVER GREATHEAD 6
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE ... 3	FRED LEWIS 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY GLEDSTONE.

First peal of Kent as conductor, and first attempt.

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On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILOTT 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise by the Guild.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

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EDWARD A. HERN 2	*JAMES L. GRAY 6
*ADAM DEAS 3	*ERNEST GOSDEN 7
*JOSEPH ROBERTSON 4	*ROBERT SKEOCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

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

STEBBING.—On April 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: E. Claydon 1, G. Emery (first 720 and first attempt) 2, E. Townsend 3, H. Harrington 4, J. T. Barker 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALPHEUS J. BERRY Treble	ALBERT RICHES 5
GEORGE FILLEY 2	JAMES RICHES 6
JACOB FILLEY 3	ROBERT RICHES 7
ROBERT RAYNER 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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NOLAN GOLDEN 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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Tenor 16 cwt.

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MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 6
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Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

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JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	THOMAS W. BARWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

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GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

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WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	HENRY T. WILSON 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN... ..Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	WALTER SMITH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY F. HOLDING ... ..Treble	HARRY OVERTON 5
HAROLD EDWARDS 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

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

SOUTHPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... ..Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN POTTER... .. 7
ERNEST BIRCHALL 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
FRED KNOWLES 2	†WILLIAM SWAIN... .. 6
*FREDERICK HECTOR BENNETT 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 7
WILLIAM WAIN 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK N. SMEATON ...Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
ROBERT W. DAVE 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES A. HART ... ..Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... .. 4	JOHN C. ADAMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS... .. 5
FRANK BLONDELL... .. 2	CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 6
HENRY R. CHANDLER... .. 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ARTHUR H. FULWELL... .. 4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.
Rung on the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. George Craggs. F. Blondell was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

LYE, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..Treble	ALFRED BOXLEY... .. 5
C. WILLIAM COOPER 2	*VERNON BEASLEY 6
GEORGE SMITH 3	WILLIAM BEDDARD 7
WILLIAM GREEN 4	HAROLD V. COOPER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Brevita.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

JOSEPH WOODLEY ... ..Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
HORACE BENNETT 2	ALLAN R. PINK 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... 3.	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate. Also on the eve of the King's Accession. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 6th, who hail from Bristol and Hersham, Surrey, respectively. The only other peal on these bells was rung on October 6th, 1897 (Stedman Triples), conducted by the late James W. Washbrook.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM BROWN... .. 5
WALTER FARLEY... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 4	BERNARD ASHFORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

W. Short's 750th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM... ..Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
CHARLES WINSER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM HAIGH 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	GEORGE LAWRENCE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

First of Stedman as conductor. A birthday peal for P. R. Belsey (April 30th), Miss E. B. P. Walker and V. A. Jarrett, R.E. (May 2nd), H. Hogarth (May 5th), Mrs. W. Walker (May 10th), and F. Belsey (May 11th).

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.	
WILLIAM BROADLEY	Treble	GEORGE W. PEVERELL	5
*ROLAND PARK	2	HERRERT BROADLEY... ..	6
*ARTHUR F. WEST	3	*W. NORMAN PARK	7
*JAMES T. TITT	4	LUCIAN VENUS	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Ringers of 1st, 3rd and 6th from Darlington, St. John's, 2nd, 4th and 7th from Darlington, Holy Trinity, 5th local band, tenor from Darlington, St. Cuthbert's. First peal on these bells since 1914.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, 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 KEEBLE	Treble	*INSPECTOR F. RIDGWELL... ..	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
JAMES FLOEY	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of London from each bell in the tower, this being the second tower in which he has accomplished this. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Williams.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST LYDFORD.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT WOOLLEY	Treble	JOHN FARTHING	4
*HARRY W. E. LANE	2	FRANKLIN P. RICKARDS	5
*HARRY ATTWELL	3	JOHN E. METCALFE	Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

DROITWICH.

On Sunday, April 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Wilton.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

WILLIAM BERKLEY	Treble	GEORGE GREEN	4
ALFRED HALL	2	JAMES PRICE... ..	5
THOMAS DAVIS	3	FRED YATES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY BAKER	Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... ..	4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	2	*JOHN BORLES	5
CYRIL M. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE MORRAD	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BORLES.

* 100th peal. All the 100 have been rung in the county of Kent. Rung as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of the conductor.

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WINLATON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RICHARD ROBSON	Treble	*ROBERT ARCHER... ..	4
*WILLIAM C. BENNETT, JUN. 2	2	EDWARD A. HERN	5
WILLIAM C. BENNETT	3	ADAM DBAS... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the 4th, and for the 100th anniversary of the church.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores, each Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FRANCES HART	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	4

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

The second peal on these bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

BERNARD WELLS... ..	Treble	CECIL NICE	4
NELSON ELLIOTT... ..	2	ALFRED J. BOLL	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise upon the bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CYRIL SINFIELD	Treble	ERNEST HERBERT	4
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	ALBERT FLEET	5
EDMOND J. HOBBS	3	HORACE H. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

PEATLING PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, twenty-six Grandsire, consisting of ten ordinary, four each apliced 240's by L. Morris and A. J. Pitman, all differently called. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

JOHN GRANT... ..	Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	4

HENRY BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, made five in 1883. The 110th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Five Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10800 CHANGES;

Being five 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, each 720 called differently.

ALBERT G. HARRISON... ..	Treble	DAVID WHITING	4
ALPHARDUS J. BERRY	2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL	5
HARRY MOSS... ..	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

MINOR METHOD NAMES. CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In accordance with the pledge given last year, I am sending you, on behalf of the Methods Committee, a draft of the proposed names for the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' The list is still open to revision, and we shall welcome any criticism, either at the Council meeting or in the columns of your paper. It should be understood that in no case have we ourselves, as a committee, supplied any of these names. We have confined ourselves within the limits laid down by ourselves at the last Council meeting of selection and revision.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Ealing, May 4th, 1928.

Draft list of names of Minor methods in the forthcoming 'Central Council Collection.'

PLAIN METHODS.

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| 1. Plain Bob. | 15. Thelwall Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Bob. | 16. Killarney Bob. |
| 2. Double Bob. | 17. Horsmonden Bob. |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | 18. Loch Lomond Bob. |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 19. Rordon Bob. |
| 5. Horeward Bob. | 20. Ennerdale Imperial Bob. |
| 6. London Bob. | 21. Cumberland Imperial Bob. |
| 7. St. Clement's Bob. | 22. Windermere Imperial Bob. |
| 8. St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob. | 23. Brentford Imperial Bob. |
| 9. Bala Bob. | 24. Court. |
| 10. Frodsham Bob. | 25. Double Court. |
| 11. Stepney Bob. | 26. College. |
| 12. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. | 27. Stedman Slow Course. |
| 13. Fulbeck Bob. | 28. Childwall Court. |
| 14. Lytham Bob. | 29. Wavertree Court. |

TREBLE BOB METHODS.

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| 1. Oxford Treble Bob. | 15. Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. |
| 2. Sandal Treble Bob. | 16. Sharnock Treble Bob. |
| 3. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. | 17. Bluebell Treble Bob. |
| 4. Burton Treble Bob. | 18. Kingston Treble Bob. |
| 5. Rochester Treble Bob. | 19. Norbury Treble Bob. |
| 6. Morning Star Treble Bob. | 20. Daffodil Treble Bob. |
| 7. London Scholars' Pleasure. | 21. Fuchsia Treble Bob. |
| 8. College Exercise Treble Bob. | 22. Foxglove Treble Bob. |
| 9. Nelson Treble Bob. | 23. Hyacinth Treble Bob. |
| 10. Chadkirk Treble Bob. | 24. Marigold Treble Bob. |
| 11. Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob. | 25. Trowell Treble Bob. |
| 12. British Scholars' Pleasure. | 26. Overton Treble Bob. |
| 13. Kent Treble Bob. | 27. Dahlia Treble Bob. |
| 14. Killamarsh Treble Bob. | 28. Geranium Treble Bob. |
| | 29. Norton-le-Moors Treble Bob. |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Evesham Abbey Delight. | 19. Bedford Delight. |
| 2. Tewkesbury Abbey Delight. | 20. St. Albans Abbey Delight. |
| 3. Abbeyville Delight. | 21. College Bob IV. Delight. |
| 4. St. Werburgh Delight. | 22. Waltham Abbey Delight. |
| 5. Canterbury Delight. | 23. Burslem Delight. |
| 6. Crowland Delight. | 24. Duke of Clarence Delight. |
| 7. Conemere Delight. | 25. Elstow Abbey Delight. |
| 8. Southwark Delight. | 26. Burnaby Delight. |
| 9. Vale Royal Delight. | 27. London Victory Delight. |
| 10. Braintree Delight. | 28. Kirkstall Abbey Delight. |
| 11. Murple Delight. | 29. Glastonbury Abbey Delight. |
| 12. Wragby Delight. | 30. Tintern Abbey Delight. |
| 13. Willesden Delight. | 31. Sherborne Abbey Delight. |
| 14. Hull Delight. | 32. Fountains Abbey Delight. |
| 15. Taxal Delight. | 33. Melrose Abbey Delight. |
| 16. Neasden Delight. | 34. Pointon Delight. |
| 17. Old Oxford Delight. | 35. Grove Delight. |
| 18. Merton Delight. | |

THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Crisbrooke Castle Delight. | 25. Leasowe Castle Delight. |
| 2. Donotstar Castle Delight. | 26. Richborough Castle Delight. |
| 3. Conway Castle Delight. | 27. Conisborough Castle Delight. |
| 4. Carnarvon Castle Delight. | 28. Coventry Delight. |
| 5. Ludlow Castle Delight. | 29. Evening Star Delight. |
| 6. Warwick Castle Delight. | 30. Disley Delight. |
| 7. Kintish Delight. | 31. Chepstow Castle Delight. |
| 8. Berkeley Castle Delight. | 32. Rosthorne Delight. |
| 9. Edinburgh Castle Delight. | 33. Skipton Castle Delight. |
| 10. Pembroke Castle Delight. | 34. Knuitsford Delight. |
| 11. Wath Delight. | 35. Belvoir Castle Delight. |
| 12. Pontefract Castle Delight. | 36. Pevensy Castle Delight. |
| 13. Oswald Delight. | 37. Dunedin Delight. |
| 14. Kent Delight. | 38. Ely Delight. |
| 15. Melandra Castle Delight. | 39. Queen Victoria Delight. |
| 16. Bucknall Delight. | 40. Wilmslow Delight. |
| 17. Castleton Delight. | 41. Cambridge Delight. |
| 18. Beeston Castle Delight. | 42. Francis' Genius Delight. |
| 19. Chelsea Delight. | 43. Bagedone Delight. |
| 20. Peveril Castle Delight. | 44. Fotheringay Castle Delight. |
| 21. Stirling Castle Delight. | 45. Dover Castle Delight. |

SURPRISE METHODS.

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| 1. Munden Surprise. | 22. Immanuel Surprise. |
| 2. Canterbury Surprise. | 23. Lightfoot Surprise. |
| 3. Alnwick Surprise. | 24. Stamford Surprise. |
| 4. Morpeth Surprise. | 25. Wearmouth Surprise. |
| 5. Newcastle Surprise. | 26. Westminster Surprise. |
| 6. Chester Surprise. | 27. Annable's London Surprise. |
| 7. Whitley Surprise. | 28. Netherseale Surprise. |
| 8. Northumberland Surprise. | 29. Norwich Surprise. |
| 9. Carlisle Surprise. | 30. Hexham Surprise. |
| 10. Wooler Surprise. | 31. Surfleet Surprise. |
| 11. Sandiacro Surprise. | 32. York Surprise. |
| 12. Coldstream Surprise. | 33. Durham Surprise. |
| 13. Kelso Surprise. | 34. Berwick Surprise. |
| 14. London Surprise. | 35. Boverley Surprise. |
| 15. Wells Surprise. | 36. Norfolk Surprise. |
| 16. Lincoln Surprise. | 37. Ipswich Surprise. |
| 17. Cunecastro Surprise. | 38. Primrose Surprise. |
| 18. Allendale Surprise. | 39. Cambridge Surprise. |
| 19. Bacup Surprise. | 40. Hull Surprise. |
| 20. Bamfborough Surprise. | 41. Bourne Surprise. |
| 21. Warkworth Surprise. | |

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CATHEDRAL BELLS AGAIN REFUSED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. A short service was held in the fine old church, when the Rev. L. Knights Smith, who recently took over the vicariate of Brewwood, after being Vicar of Uttoxeter for many years, gave the members a warm welcome, and a helpful address. Mr. W. York presided at the organ.

A capital tea was laid in the schoolroom, but, unfortunately, provision had been made for a larger number than was present.

After tea, the usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to the ladies who arranged for the tea and waited at table.—The Vicar suitably responded.

The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer) announced that he had made application for the use of the Cathedral bells at the annual meeting to be held at Lichfield in June, but that the Dean and Chapter could not see their way clear to alter their previous decision, viz., that permission would be granted for alternate years. This decision is a great disappointment to members, who feel that the privilege of ringing on the bells of the mother church once a year is not asking too much.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of a diploma for 'first pealers.' The decision was in favour of such, and the representatives were accordingly instructed to support the motion at the Central Council meeting at Hereford.

PEATLING PARVA'S PEAL.

The tiny village of Peatling Parva, Leicestershire, consisting of some 40 houses, and boasting of a population of about 120 souls, was enlivened last Saturday, after a lapse of 45 years, by the first complete peal on their bells. Originally an ancient set of three, dating from 1520 to 1599, they were augmented to five by J. Taylor and Co. in 1883. For many years little or no ringing has been done on these bells, and it was with some misgiving that Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester (whose great ambition is to ring a peal at every Leicestershire church), set enquiries on foot concerning their condition. However, Mr. H. Bird, of Broughton Astley, and Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, proved invaluable by their help, in making special visits to splice up old ropes, oiling bearings, etc., and, undoubtedly, it was only through their efforts the peal (reported elsewhere) was possible.

Before starting, Mr. Morris visited the bells to take off their inscriptions for his book on the 'Bells of the Leicester Diocese,' and with some difficulty—the birds having almost entirely 'whitewashed' the bells and frames—he did this satisfactorily. Meanwhile, Ernest 'Tip' went birdsnesting in the louveres and floors, bringing out handfuls of eggs and fledglings, remarking the latter ought to turn out good songsters, seeing that they were given a 2½ hours' 'solo.'

After tea, which followed, the conductor set off, as he usually does, to catch the first train home to his 'large wife and small family,' and after 2½ miles' walk arrived at Ashby just in time to see the train steaming out. Not relishing the idea of a long wait, he then walked a further three miles or so to Broughton to catch a bus, and even in that village was 'spotted' by one of his numerous friends. However, he did eventually arrive home some two hours late, to receive a 'telling off' from the aforesaid 'missus,' but he puts this down as one of the fruits of success.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Saturday, April 21st, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date touch (1,928 changes) was rung at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, in the seven following Surprise Minor methods consisting of 128 Ipswich, 120 Boverley, 240 York, 360 each London, Durham, Wells and Cambridge: J. Barker 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, H. Carnwell 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. Waley 6, conducted by J. E. Wheeldon. The ringers hail from Norton, Cheadle and Kingsley. This is the longest length of Surprise on the bells.

MORE BELLS WANTED FOR BRIXHAM

The Rev. W. H. Davis, Vicar of All Saints', Brixham, Devon, writing in 'The Times,' says: 'At All Saints', Brixham, we have the sum required to instal eight bells. This is the memorial church of Mr. Lyte, the author of what has become perhaps the most famous of all hymns. But we find that it will require ten bells to enable "Abide with Me" to be chimed daily from the tower with the necessary apparatus. So we are venturing to ask for help from a wider public so that we can in this way honour the memory of the revered author who was for many years the devout incumbent of this parish. I shall be glad to acknowledge any donations sent to me here.'

VISIT TO BUCKFAST ABBEY.**A PEALABLE RING OF TWELVE.**

On Easter Monday last a visit was paid by a party of Bristol ringers and friends to Buckfast Abbey, with its peal of 14 bells, two of which are hung 'dead' for chiming only. An early start was made in a very comfortable 26-seater charabanc, and Taunton was reached at 8.45. A stop of 40 minutes enabled the party to have a cup of coffee and a stroll round, and, incidentally, to hear the carillon of St. Mary's play an Easter hymn at nine o'clock. Ashburton was reached at 11.45, and as the party were a little in front of scheduled time, enquiries were made as to the prospects of ringing on the peal of eight there. A wedding was about to commence when they arrived, but it was over in time for the visitors to ring a course of Stedman Triples and four leads of Cambridge Major before resuming the journey to Buckfast, which was reached at 12.30 p.m.

Two attempts for Stedman Cinques did not succeed, so Stedman Caters were substituted. The ringers were agreeably surprised at the good 'go' of the bells. They had been led to believe that the front four were almost unringable, instead of which they went remarkably well. In fact, the whole peal go well, and are easily 'pealable,' once the unfamiliar surroundings are mastered.

Lunch at the Abbey Guest House was followed immediately by the first part of the return journey, as far as Tiverton. Here a splendid tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, two of the local ringers, at the Constitutional Club. Then a move was made to the tower of St. Peter's, with its splendid ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., and it was unanimously agreed that they rank with Chewton Mendip and Heavitree, and that he would be a bold man who would say which were the best. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung here. Bristol was reached punctually to time, 10.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. Several have expressed a wish to pay another visit to both places with a little more time at Buckfast, and, knowing what they now know, this can easily be done.

W. A. C.

A STRANGE EFFECT.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In this neighbourhood a peal of bells (ten) was recently tuned, some recast, rehung, and put in good condition by a well-known firm of bell founders. After the thing was done—and the bells sounded better than ever before—someone thought the seventh was out of tune, so after a lot of talk another person offered a new bell. This was cast, and the old bell, as it was of historic interest, and forbidden to be done away with by the diocese, hung 'stiff' in a corner of the belfry, struck by a hammer, and used for tolling for week-day services. This is the result! When the old bell is tolled a distinct and mournful 'hum' is set up somewhere, and in some parts of the town sounds awful; also, the ringers now complain that the new 7th is 'out.'

Is the cause of this the fact of having two bells of the same pitch and weight hanging too close together? I fancy so myself, but should like to have the opinion of your readers on the point. At any rate, the old bell has a horrid 'wang! wang!' sound that is far from musical, and causes an harmonic drone all out of proportion to its own note.—Yours etc.,

CAMPANULA.

BRISTOL RINGERS' WHIST DRIVE.

A whist drive, arranged by Mr. F. G. Leaker, in aid of the Jubilee Fund of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, was held at St. Thomas' Parish Room on Wednesday, May 2nd. Nineteen tables were in use, which considering the very short notice given (only seven days), was very satisfactory. Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. F. G. Leaker, Mrs. C. Spurrier, Mrs. W. A. Cave, Mrs. A. Prince and the St. Thomas' Guild of Ringers, and the prize-winners were Mrs. Parker 201, Miss Sainsbury 198, Mrs. Lott 197, Miss Harcombe 107 (half-time), Mr. W. A. Cave 200, Mr. Alföld 195, Mr. Warr 195, Mr. Hippett 105 (half-time).

Once again Bristol ringers are indebted to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Thomas' for their kindness in allowing the use of their room for this event, and also the society connected with the church for the use of tables, cards, etc.

The Vicar showed his continued interest by looking in during the evening, while both churchwardens (Messrs. Leaker and C. F. Solomon) and an ex-warden (Mr. C. Spurrier), with their wives, took part in the games.

The prizes were handed to the winners by the senior warden, Mr. Solomon, who must have regretted his colleague was so near a prize and yet so far away. His score was 194, and the last hand but one was a 'one.' The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. W. A. Cave.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Manchester without Harry Chapman! Can any ringer imagine it? Mr. Chapman is going to live at Keyston, Huntingdonshire, and it is hoped that the change will benefit his health, which lately has been indifferent. At Keyston there is a ring of five bells, and, we hear, plenty of young men wanting to learn change ringing. So Harry need not get absolutely rusty.

Friends of Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, will be glad to learn that he is making good progress towards recovery from his recent illness.

Mr. James George will have to look to his laurels. According to a tombstone in Leek Churchyard, James Robinson was interred there on February 28th, 1788, aged 438.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, is hors de combat with acute inflammation of the optic nerve. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery from a painful affliction.

Twenty-five years ago to-day the present London Surprise record was set up at King's Norton, where a peal of 14,112 changes was rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins.

On May 12th, 1788, 'was rung at Wakefield by the ringers of that place a New Composition Peal of Tripple Bob Tripples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in eight courses complete. The same set of Ringers without changing a man or setting a bell, began another peal of Oxford Single Tripples in courses consisting of 5,040, called Wakefield Surprise.

'Boath these peals,' adds the record, 'consisted of 10,080 changes, were performed, including the raising and settling of the bells, in 7 hrs. and 1 min., and were rang with a exactness and nice distinction, an instance never before Done in Ye Kingdome. What adds to the singularity of this performance is—there were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, one nephew, yet only eight persons and only two names.'

We might also add another conundrum: What actually did they ring?

On May 13th, 1909, Harry Withers 'called' a peal of Superlative Surprise at Selly Oak, by standing 30 yards from the tower and indicating the bobs to the ringers by ringing a small bell fixed in the ringing chamber.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the famous bells of St. Clement Dances, Strand, was conducted by John Cox on May 14th, 1845. It was a 6,485, and the band consisted of College Youths.

On May 15th, 1837, St. James' Society rang a peal of 12,096 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham.

MASONIC PEALS.

PROPOSED PERMANENT RECORD IN GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Several ringers who have taken part in Masonic peals have expressed a wish that some permanent record should be kept of past and future performances, and it is felt that the Library of Grand Lodge would be the most fitting home for such a record.

Grand Lodge have agreed to accept the gift of a peal book, and accord it a place in the Library and Museum.

Will all who have conducted such peals kindly send details to Bro. F. White, Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent, in order to obviate the risk of any omission?

The cost of the book, with entries to date, is expected to be about £8, and ringing brethren are invited to send subscriptions to Bro. White.

It is estimated that a subscription of 2s. 6d. or 5s. from each Masonic ringer would cover the entire cost.

Brethren are assured that the peal book will be a handsome volume and worthy of the givers and of Grand Lodge.

THE JUBILEE GATHERING AT BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—By direct and indirect information I know that the Jubilee Festival will be attended by a very large number of ringers.

May I, through your columns, ask all those who wish to have luncheon and tea and also attend the meeting to apply for their tickets at once, sending the deposit of one shilling as requested? Otherwise there may be a disappointment for them, and, in any case, undue anxiety to the officials and myself. Only ticket holders can be provided for.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

In the annual report of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Canon Jennings, the hon. secretary, says continued progress was made during 1927, and there are at present about 720 members. Minor festivals were held in all the branches except Bodmin Branch, and that for the Launceston Branch on Whit Monday was so largely attended that it has been decided to have two branches, one centred at Launceston and the other at St. Mellion.

The finances of the Guild are still in a flourishing condition, the balance in hand having increased from £82 16s. 7d. to £94 9s.

Half-pull ringing has been taken up in many towers, and during the year 1927 twelve peals were rung.

A small committee has been entrusted with the revision of the rules.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

In case the earlier publication this year of the Council's agenda has cut out certain motions, those concerned will please note that such motions might be considered under 'other business,' if the Council and time permit.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council meeting, which will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, will take place in St. Peter's Church House (next to St. Peter's Church).

The Bishop of Hereford has kindly promised, if possible, to welcome the Council at 11 o'clock.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Green Dragon Hotel.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following rings will, as far as possible, be available for peals on Saturday or Monday, in addition to the usual Sunday service ringing: Cathedral (10), tenor 45 cwt., available for peal on the Saturday only, at 6 p.m., and for touches during the Monday, and after 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

All Saints', Hereford (8), tenor 17½ cwt., available for peal on Monday afternoon.

Leominster (10), tenor 22 cwt.; Hereford 14 miles.				
Burghill (8)	"	12	"	3½ "
Clifford (8)	"	12½	"	19 "
Holm Lacy (8)	"	18	"	6 "
Lugwardine (8)	"	13	"	3 "
Ledbury (8)	"	24	"	14 "
Colwall (8)	"	11	"	18 "
Ross (8)	"	24	"	12 "
Bridstow (8)	"	9	"	11 "

Clifford and Holm Lacy are available for peals on Sunday. The Master of the Guild, Mr. Chas. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford, will make all arrangements, and all who would like to take part in peals are asked to communicate direct with him.

There are also six bells at St. Nicholas', Hereford.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Bed and breakfast at the usual commercial rates at the following: Booth Hall Hotel, Imperial, City Arms, Hop Pole, Davies' Temperance, Commercial Hotel, Dorey's, Thomas' Commercial, Temperance Hotel, Commercial Street. Intending visitors should secure accommodation direct, and mark enquiries 'Central Council,' and are advised to apply early. Better accommodation at enhanced prices can be obtained at the Green Dragon and Mitre Hotels.

The large hall at the Booth Hall Hotel is placed at the disposal of visitors by the Hereford Guild as a social centre for the whole of Monday and Tuesday, and cold lunch can be obtained here at 2s. 6d., also teas and other refreshments provided. Those who wish to take advantage of these facilities are invited to advise me during the week previous, to ensure adequate supplies.

Efforts will be made to arrange a charabanc trip through the Wye Valley to Tintern on Monday afternoon at a probable cost of 7s. 5d. each, if sufficient notify me in time to secure a vehicle. Prompt notification is important.

The Hereford Guild invite all members and their friends to a meat tea at the Booth Hall after the afternoon session on Tuesday, to be followed by a social to commence about 7.30 p.m.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday. Members attended from South Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland, Durham, Stockton, Middlesbrough, as well as several local ringers, and the fine peal of ten at St. Oswald's was kept going during the afternoon.

A short meeting was held after tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding. Mr. R. Stephenson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, asked if something could be done to improve the access to the bells of All Saints', Stranton, and the Vicar of Stranton, in replying, said that a suitable circular staircase had been obtained, but had not yet been fitted owing to one of the floor beams being in the way, but he would do his best to have the trouble remedied.—The Rev. T. H. Lilburn, Vicar of St. Oswald's, also replied.

Gateshead, Durham and Houghton-le-Spring were suggested for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote Houghton was chosen, the date being left to the secretary.

All Saints', Stranton, and St. Aidan's were afterwards visited.

LORD SHAFTESBURY'S GIFT.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ST. GILES', WIMBORNE.

By the generous gift of the Earl of Shaftesbury, the ring of six (by Messrs. Taylor) at St. Giles', Wimborne, has been enlarged to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor (17½ cwt.). The work has been completed by the same firm. The dedication by the Bishop of Salisbury took place on May Day afternoon, in perfect spring weather, and was attended by a fairly representative gathering of ringers from Bournemouth, Buckhorn Weston, Christchurch, Cranborne, Edmonsham, Parkstone, Poole, Stanbridge, Southampton, Swanage and Wimborne. Prayers were read by the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Janson Smith), and the lessons by Lord Shaftesbury, and after the dedication the Bishop gave an address from the text, 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another, and declare Thy power.' He began with a description of the torch race, the relay race of the ancients, and how it was a picture and parable of the way in which each generation can carry on the Light—the knowledge of God Himself in Christ, the knowledge that we are His children—the fact that His purposes of Love for the world can only be realised as the men of each generation do their part. He spoke of the way in which church towers standing out among the trees of a countryside bear witness of God and the Unseen, and still more their bells, as they sound out Sunday by Sunday over the highways. The use of bells has been woven for many centuries into all our civil and religious life. Towers and bells last on through many generations, but it rests with the men of each generation, a supply of good men, true, skilled, and faithful, to make that witness clear and attractive, and to do their part in declaring the praise and power of God.

After the service, the following members of the local company raised the bells and gave a fine display of firing: Rev. E. J. Janson Smith 1, G. Saunders 2, F. Perry 3, W. Perry 4, A. Simmons 5, Lord Shaftesbury 6, F. Ackerman 7, E. Henning 8.

The Vicar then expressed to all present their grateful thanks to Lord Shaftesbury, not only for his generous gift, but for his personal help during all the past winter, and Lord Shaftesbury, in replying, spoke of the long service of most of the home ringers. They had been so faithful with six bells, the time had well come for them to be given the full ring for their work.

A 504 of Stedman was then rung by the following: G. Williams (conductor) 1, A. F. M. Stewart (Wimborne) 2, A. Medd (Bournemouth) 3, G. Preston (Christchurch) 4, C. Forfitt (Bournemouth) 5, W. Bastable (Swanage) 6, P. Witham (Bournemouth) 7, E. Doel (Poole) 8. Ringing with various touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob went on all the evening.

Tea was provided in the garden of the Bell Inn by Mr. Plesled in such delightful surroundings that the keenest ringer could not hurry back to the tower.

St. Giles' has now one of the finest rings of eight in the diocese, and under the present leadership will soon become one of the most useful centres of the Exercise. It may be added that by the Vicar's good leave the bells will be available all day on Saturday, May 19th, when the Guild hold their annual meeting at Salisbury.

COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the meeting held recently at Truro, it was stated that several round ringers supported the view that the Guild should award a shield to be competed for annually by affiliated bands. It is also understood that two competitions are taking place at Aliphington and South Tawton, in Devonshire, on the second and third Saturdays in June respectively, under the auspices of the Devon Association of Ringers. I happen to have in my possession a souvenir belonging to this association of the meeting held at Moretonhampstead last year. In this book it states that 'the object of the association is to encourage the art of ringing in our country parishes.'

Most of the associations in the Exercise debar their members from taking part in any competition ringing, but there are a few in the North who go in for it, and apparently for some object or other.

The Devon Association appear to be out for the same object as the ringing Exercise, viz., 'to encourage ringing,' and if associations are going to adopt rules prohibiting their members from taking part in competition ringing, I would like to ask what they are going to do to interest the competition ringers in change ringing and the affairs of the Exercise? One thing is quite evident, their object is to go in for good striking.

I would suggest that members in the Exercise should mix up with these ringers, and take more interest in them. Perhaps then, if they are recognised by the Exercise a bit more, it would possibly help remove some of the opposition and prejudice towards change ringing.

Yours faithfully,

CAMPANOLOGIST.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We acknowledge with thanks donations to the above fund of 5s. from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Derby, 31s. from St. Mary Abbots' Guild, Kensington, per Mr. Ralph Sadler, and 5s. from W. E. M., King's Norton. The total amount received to date is £206 Os. 6d.

DEATH OF MR. LOUIS ATTWATER.**A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.**

By the death of Louis Attwater, which took place on Monday, April 30th, from pneumonia, after an illness lasting about five weeks, ringers generally, particularly those in the south-western suburbs of London, have suffered a severe loss. Born at Horsham, Sussex, on June 20th, 1880, he was approaching his 48th birthday when he died.

He commenced his ringing career at Cuckfield, Sussex, at the age of 14, with five brothers. When he rang his first peal he was only 16, the occasion being a visit by a Brighton band, who, meeting one short, invited young Attwater to ring the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise.

After a period of about one year at Hastings, Mr. Attwater moved to London at the age of 17 and resided at Streatham, where he was connected with the ringing at St. Leonard's Church and various other churches in Surrey and district up to just before his death.

He succeeded Samuel Greenwood as instructor at St. Leonard's church, but transferred his services about six years ago to All Saints' Church, Wandsworth, after the bells there had been restored, he having moved to Wandsworth, where he resided until the end.

A complete list of his peals is not available, but he rang approximately 150, which included Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, Spiced Surprise Major and several handbell peals, principally Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques.

By trade a blacksmith, he was interested in Friendly Society work, and was elected as local representative of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society a few years ago. He was also a keen player of bowls and chess.

The funeral took place on Friday last, at Streatham Cemetery, after the service at All Saints' Church, Wandsworth. A large number of friends were present at the graveside, representing various societies. A course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore and W. H. Pasmore. Ringers also present included Councillor Drewett, J.P. (Master of the Surrey Association), Messrs. Benney, Bish, Hughes, Hewson, W. Langdon, J. Oxborough, Rumley and E. Wallage, also Mr. and Miss Gray.

The same evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at All Saints' Church by Messrs. C. F. Winney, G. N. Price, H. N. Pitlow, T. Langdon, W. Langdon, J. Rumley, H. Langdon and W. T. Cockerill.

A genial, companionable and sincere man, Louis will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow who, throughout his illness, nursed him devotedly, and sincere sympathy will go out to her in her bereavement.

On Monday, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung by St. Leonard's Society, of which deceased had been a member for many years previous to his taking up duties as steeplekeeper and captain of All Saints', Wandsworth.

FUNERAL OF AN IPSWICH RINGER.

The funeral took place at Ipswich on Thursday, May 3rd, of Mr. H. Charles Gillingham, who for many years was a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. He was fifty-seven years of age, and had recently been in failing health owing to an internal complaint. His last request was that there should be no muffled ringing for him.

There were present, in addition to the family mourners, the deceased ringer's employer, Mr. Catchpole, while the St. Mary-le-Tower Society was represented by their veteran member, Mr. R. H. Brundie, and others.

Wreaths were sent by the family; Mr. W. Roughton, London; Messrs. Catchpole, Ipswich; St. Mary-le-Tower Society; and friends and neighbours.

Mr. Gillingham had rung 128 peals for the Norfolk Guild, 22 for the newly-formed Suffolk Guild, and several others outside these two dioceses.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A SUCCESSFUL SIX-BELL MEETING.**

In grand weather the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Hendon on Saturday last, some 34 ringers attending. From shortly after 3 o'clock up to the time fixed for the service, the bells were kept going to a variety of methods. At 5 p.m., the ringers attended church, the preacher being the Rev. M. Patterson. Tea was afterwards served in the Church House, and was followed by the usual business meeting.

Five new members were elected, and Stanmore chosen as the place for the next meeting on June 9th.

The Hon. Secretary reminded members that they could obtain cheap travelling facilities to Edgware on the tube railways, and a short bus ride would take them to Stanmore; also to Harrow Weald, at which tower there would be ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. S. E. Chetloe) for the use of the bells, to the preacher at the service, and to the ladies who prepared tea, concluded the business.

Regret was also expressed at the absence of the Vicar through illness.

Ringings continued until nearly 9 o'clock, a large number of methods being practised, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**METHOD NOMENCLATURE.**

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at the Cathedral, Bury, commencing with a short service, at which Canon Goldsmith preached an interesting sermon on the history of the use of bells to summon to worship, and the way in which ringers should now look on their art, and their duty in that respect.

After tea, provided by Archdeacon Farmiloe, at the Abbey House, the Archdeacon, as president, was in the chair. There were 34 members present, and the officers were all re-elected, Canon Goldsmith being added as an additional vice-president. The accounts still showed a slight deficit, which it was hoped would be wiped out by omitting the list of members from the report for one year.

After the adoption of the report, the Secretary pointed out that the Guild had never been consulted yet by the Advisory Committee of the Diocese, although the latter had promised to do this.

The Central Council had asked the diocesan associations to consider whether they would like it to issue a diploma or certificate to ringers on attaining a certain standard. The discussion showed that all present thought that the work of the Council was to correlate such certificates, and not to issue them, and a resolution was carried that the Council should leave the matter to the associations.

On the subject of names for methods, the following resolution was, after some discussion, passed unanimously: 'The Suffolk Guild asks the Central Council through its Standing Committee to approve, or otherwise deal with each of the proposals of the Nomenclature Committee serialim.'

The meeting concluded with the election of a large number of both honorary and ringing members, and with votes of thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT AN ANCIENT CHURCH.**

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, when members attended from Chertsey, Ottershaw, Egham, Esher, Thames Ditton, Hersham, Otlands, and Woking, in addition to the home tower, and there were visitors from Feltham, Sunbury, and Iwer Heath. The ringing extended to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, some useful instructional work being done.

The Vicar (Rev. W. Kemp Russell) conducted the Guild's service, in which the singing was led by choir boys, with the talented organist, Mr. Turner, at the organ.

Tea in the Church Room was followed by a short meeting, at which the Vicar presided and welcomed the Guild to Walton. He said it was over 20 years since a ringers' meeting had been held there.

The Vicar and the Rev. Canon Pares (Horsell) were elected honorary members, and one ringing member was also elected.

Arrangements for weekly combined practices were left to the hon. district secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), and for this purpose the towers will be linked up into two groups.

The Gen. Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) outlined the plans for the summer festival at Epsom on June 30th, under which it is hoped to organise the members so that charabanc parties may be arranged from grouped towers, each to make a round of bellfries before concentrating on the Parish Church, Epsom, where the Bishop of Guildford is to be the preacher at the service. The towers available for ringing will be the Parish Church and Christ Church, Epsom, Ashted, Ewell and Leatherhead.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist, the Hon. Secretary promised that with the consent of the incumbent it would not be 20 years before the next meeting was held at Walton. He referred to the fact that great things had been done by the Vicar, over a period of years, in the restoration of the fine old church, and suggested that the turn of the bells had now come. They had some enthusiastic young ringers at Walton, but the bells badly needed attention.

The Vicar, in reply, said they had at present in hand a scheme for the restoration of the organ, and he was afraid the bells would have to wait for a time. They would, however, have to see what could be done later on.—Mr. Turner also acknowledged the vote, and, while sympathising with the ringers in their desire to get the bells put in order, naturally pressed the claims for the restoration of the organ.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

Walton Church is one of the oldest foundations in the country, for it is believed there was a church on the present site in the second century. In earlier days Walton was a Roman camp. The present building dates from the 11th century, and in the vestry is a curious relic—a scold's bridle, presented to the parish more than two hundred years ago.

A LONG PEAL OF MINOR.

The attempt at Rickinghall, Suffolk, on Saturday, for 10,800 of Minor was successful, the band ringing five extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, in 5 hrs. 37 mins. It is believed to be the longest peal on six bells in Suffolk, and it was the longest length by all the band, who came from six different parishes, viz., Diss, Thornham Magna, Braiseworth, Yaxley, Stowupland and Dickleburgh. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Brown for the use of the bells, and Mr. James Bailey for having everything in readiness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Matthew's Church, Rowde, on Saturday.

Ringling commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. J. Wright, Mr. Hunt, who is also a ringer, being the organist. Tea followed in the Parish Room, after which a short business meeting was held, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

The following new members were elected: Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, and Mr. C. T. Coles, London, life ringing members; and Messrs. C. Bartholomew and D. Dickenson, of Devizes, as Guild members.

The death of Mr. T. Lancaster, formerly a ringer of Edington, Wilts, and a member of the Guild, was reported, those present standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. Heginbotham, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, congratulated the people of Rowde on the way that the bells had been rehung and the money had been raised.

The Vicar, in replying, welcomed the branch to Rowde, and said, now that the bells had been put in good order, he hoped they would soon have a good change-ringing band. He would also like to express his thanks to Mr. Heginbotham and Mr. S. Hillier for their great kindness in assisting them with their advice. Mr. Hillier made the first inspection which led to the rehanging. Also, he would like to express his thanks to Mr. Fidler (representing the Loughborough Foundry) for the excellent manner in which the work had been done. Mr. J. P. Fidler suitably replied.

The visitors included, in addition to Mr. Fidler, Mr. L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) and Mr. E. J. Woodroffe (Stratton St. Margaret). Ringers were also present from Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary, Bratton, Bromham, Calne, Rowde, Southbroom, Seend, Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were rung during the day. Ringing also took place at Bromham during the evening.

Rowde bells have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of about £340, and they are to be congratulated on their successful work.

FOUNDERS OF ROWDE AND BROMHAM BELLS.

Writing to the 'Wiltshire Telegraph,' on April 30th, Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the veteran vice-president of the Salisbury Guild and former secretary of Devizes Branch, said:—

In reading your account of the rededication of Rowde Church bells in last week's 'Gazette' I notice that mention is made of the want of information respecting the original inscriptions upon the bells, previous to their restoration in 1870, when Messrs. Jno. Taylor merely placed upon each bell the simple legend, 'Jno. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1870,' instead of reproducing the old inscriptions, which were as follow:—

- No. 1.—Wm. & Robt. Corr. 1706.
- No. 2.—+ Anno Domini 1639.
- No. 3.—Nathaniel Bolter made mee 1654. R.E. H.R.
- No. 4.—+ Anno Domini 1639.
- No. 5.—I to the Church the living call,
And to the Grave do summon all.

A sixth bell was added to this ring of five, but of this one I cannot give the date.

N.B.—Wm. and Robert Corr were bell founders at Aldbourne from 1696 to 1713. Nathaniel Bolter was a bell founder at Salisbury in 1654.

On one side of the 3rd bell was a large shield, bearing the coat of Sir Edward Hungerford, who died in 1648. This bell was probably the gift of his widow, Margaret Lady Hungerford, who died in 1672.

Now that we are on the subject of church bell inscriptions, perhaps it would not be out of place to mention a similar occurrence at the neighbouring parish of Bromham, whose bells were restored and rehung in 1875 by Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, who merely placed on each bell the words 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, 1875,' instead of reproducing the original inscriptions, which were as follow:—

- No. 1.—John Scott, Churchwarden 1658. W.P.
- No. 2.—God Bless Queen Anne. Wm. and Robt. Corr. 1706.
- No. 3.—John Scott, Churchwarden 1658. W.P.
- No. 4.—Benjamin Pearce and W. J. Simkins, Ch. 1761. T.B.F.
- No. 5.—Ferdinando Hughes: J. Scott. T.S., A.D. 1658. W.P.
- No. 6.—Richard Tucker and Mr. John Gaby, Churchwardens. James Burrough, Devizes, Founder, 1748.

I sound to bid ye sick repent.

In hope of Life, when breath is spent.

— Memento Mori —

N.B.—W.P. evidently refers to William Purdew, bell founder, Salisbury, 1613 to 1662. Wm. and Robt. Corr, of Aldbourne, 1696 to 1713. 'T.B.' probably Thomas Bilbie, of Chewstoke, 1740 to 1768. James Burrough, bell founder, Devizes, 1738 to 1754.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the greatest length on the bells) in 45 mins.: W. H. Curson 1, C. Davies 2, F. Brown 3, R. H. Dove 4, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 5.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELLS.

FOUR TREBLES 'HALLOWED.'

The ceremony of hallowing four additional bells for Lincoln Cathedral was performed by the Dean of Lincoln on Saturday week, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The bells are a memorial to the ringers of the diocese who fell during the Great War, and have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The funds have been raised by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Lincoln Guild and their friends, and by an anonymous American benefactor. The inscriptions on the bells are the same as were on four old bells which were melted down in 1834. They read as follows:—

- 1st.—'Cum voce sonora Thomam campana laudet' and a Greek Cross over 'In Hoc signo vinces.'
- 2nd.—'Sum Rosa pulsata mundi Katerina vocata.'
- 3rd.—'In multis annis resonat campana Johannis.'
- 4th.—'Sum Rosa pulsata Mundi Maria vocata' and a Latin Cross over, 'Britannia; Columbia; Una Voce; Uno Animo.'

The second and third bells are also inscribed 'The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.' It is hoped that the repairs and strengthening of the St. Hugh's tower will have sufficiently progressed to allow of the bells being rung towards the end of the year.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Guild, the Bishop of Lincoln congratulated the Guild on having added the new bells to the Lincoln Cathedral peal (making the total 12) in memory of members who fell in the war. He said it was a very fine gift, and the bells would be a great addition to the peal, which, he hoped, would be rehung before the end of the year.

SHREWTON BELLS AUGMENTED

'CHILDREN'S BELL' IN WILTSHIRE PARISH.

A new bell, known as 'The children's bell,' has been added to the ring at Shrewton, Wiltshire (where the other bells have been rehung), and was dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury. The event was marked with great enthusiasm, practically the whole of the villages of Shrewton and Maddington taking part. The weather was beautifully fine. The proceedings commenced with a procession from the school, led by the Shrewton Band. The banner of the Foresters added a picturesque touch to the scene. The Buffaloes were also strongly represented. The Sunday School children were marshalled by their teachers. A small company of airmen, numbering 20, under Corpl. Jones, attended. The British Legion was fully represented by its members. The choir and clergy walked in a separate procession to the church, the clergy present being the Rev. M. Parkin, R.D. (Wylke), the Rev. A. Goodman (Stockton), the Rev. Eric Graham (Bayton, son of Archdeacon Graham, a former Vicar of the parish), Archdeacon Carpenter, the Rev. A. G. Forbes (Bishop's Chaplain, carrying the pastoral staff), and the Bishop.

The procession was met at the belfry tower by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. P. Young and A. Barrell, and a processional hymn was sung. The large congregation thoroughly entered into the spirit of the proceedings, and the whole service was heartily enjoyed. Following a few prayers, the Bishop, with his Chaplain and Vicar, returned to the belfry, where the bells and the other work completed in the tower were rededicated, after which touches were rung.

The Bishop preached a sermon based on the text, 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another.' He strongly emphasised the need of the present generation banding on the good works of past generations and themselves to future ones. He also gave interesting details of the former uses of bells. 'Now you have the bells,' he said, 'use them,' commending this work to the young men of the village, urging them to become efficient and eventually enrol themselves in the Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

A substantial collection was taken on behalf of the Bishop's School Fund. An especially gratifying feature to the Vicar and churchpeople is that after a few years' strenuous work a new bell has been added and the old ones rehung free from debt. After the service the bells were rung by ringers from Market Lavington, who were accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton). Their change ringing was much appreciated. They were afterwards entertained by the churchwardens.

A SURPRISE DATE TOUCH

On Saturday, April 21st, at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date-touch (1,928 changes) in the following seven Surprise methods: Ipswich 128, Beverley 120, London 360, Wells 360, Durham 240, York 360, Cambridge 360: J. Barker 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheelodon 3, H. Carnwell 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. Walley 6. Arranged and conducted by J. E. Wheelodon.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: R. W. Carlisle 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, Ida B. Thompson 3, A. Gamble 4, A. Goodwin 5, L. Clay 6, S. Pinder 7, M. Burton 8. First quarter-peal by all except 2nd and 7th in the method.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 6th. for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Gash 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Kent 3, E. A. Passam (first 720 of Plain Bob) 4, C. Tricker (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Goddard 1, J. J. Lamb 2, F. Hawthorne 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, S. Stilwell 5, H. Belcher 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Baldwin 1, H. H. Chandler 2, Miss M. L. Cufflin 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, R. Warnett 5, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, R. Carter 8, A. Disney 9, J. H. Lucas 10. Miss Cufflin and A. Disney hail from Leicestershire, and it was the former's first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

MARTOCK.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, 504 Steadman Triples: T. Gule 1, F. Strickland 2, P. J. Farrant 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Warner 5, W. R. Bond (Crayford) 6, F. Sweet 7, J. Sweet 8.

THE LATE MR. W. E. GARRARD.

As a mark of appreciation of the work of the late Mr. William E. Garrard, the churchwardens of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, in conjunction with Mr. R. Carter, treasurer of the Guild, have presented a large framed photograph of the founder of the Guild, to be hung in the belfry of the church. It bears the inscription: 'In affectionate memory of William E. Garrard, founder and for 32 years instructor of St. Mary Abbot's Guild of Change Ringers, died 20th January, 1928.'

LOSS TO A DEVON VILLAGE.**WASHFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death has occurred at Washfield, near Tiverton, of Mr. William Henry Chane, who passed away at the early age of 34 years. The deceased, who lived with his mother at Brook Farm, which he managed for her, had been in failing health for several months. He had taken an active part in church affairs, and had for many years been a ringer and chorister.

In a small country parish like Washfield a loss of this nature is keenly felt, not only by the ringers and choir, but by all the community. The deceased was beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his cheery disposition made him popular with everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was a particularly fine striker, and attended regularly to ring for Sunday services. He also took part in the only peal (Grandsire Doubles in Pitman's arrangement) ever rung on the bells of his parish church.

After the funeral on Wednesday of last week the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. May 1, Mrs. F. Balment 2, T. Arscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balment 6, with half-muffled bells.

On Sunday, for morning service, the 'whole pull and stand' and touches of Grandsire were rung, also with the bells half-muffled.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 19th. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The practice meeting for May will be held at Lillington (1 mile from Leamington) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available in the afternoon, and Leamington Parish Church bells in the evening after 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett St., Rugby.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting will be held at Fakenham on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells available throughout the day. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m., 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 24th. Business meeting after lunch.—Arthur C. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at Headquarters at 8 p.m. on June 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem., 25, Sandy-mount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Special attention to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Ven. Archdeacon Howson). Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. A good attendance requested. Important business. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. —A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. We hope to have a good attendance. — C. Beeston, Dist. Sec., King Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN. — South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hylra Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. —A meeting will be held at Daresbury on May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting and tea about 5 p.m. — G. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsford, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. Expecting a good muster present. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Alton district will be held at Binsted, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. — Rev. B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.15. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe 4.45. Resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) available afternoon and evening, also Washingborough (8) in the evening. — F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Pyon on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. — R. J. Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. —A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, May 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, near RUGBY.—The peal of five bells, three recast and all rebung by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. Members intending being present kindly advise by the 14th. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —The Capenhurst meeting is May 19th, Bidston June 16th. Ringers intending to be present please notify H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe Old Church on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members look up Double Norwich? — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 16th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 15th inst.? — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. —A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Those who intend to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th. Buses for West Clandon leave Guildford (North Street) every 15 minutes. — N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. —A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Harrington, White House Road, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, May 17th. — Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Oxted on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 2.30. Those who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 16th.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, May 19th. Service at St. Mary's Church 3 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: Kidlington (8), Bladon (6), Yarnton (6) at 2 p.m. Members who wish to attend must let me know by first post Thursday, the 17th, and please note subscriptions are overdue.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Sec., Tackley Park, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 15th. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Plymouth on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by Bishop of Plymouth). Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. Those attending please communicate with me before the 15th.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Gillsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore and K. J. Cater, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than the 15th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1/-, to ringers notifying secretary by 14th. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, Wimborne St. Giles (8), St. Paul's, Barford St. Martin, Coombe Bissett, Winterslow, Britford and Dinton (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenharn, Saturday, May 19th. Bells open 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30. Cheap trains from all stations to Bushey. Bus service to church. Number for tea by 16th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenharn Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270. NOTE.—Beautiful church, charming scenery, old fashioned village and a hearty welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Arborfield on Saturday, May 19th, 6 p.m., calling at Barkham en route 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 16th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Eynesbury bells (6) will be available from 5.30 to 6.30, and again after 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. As there is illness near the church, ringing will be curtailed to one hour before service and after tea. Will those who want tea please advise by previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 28th. —F. J. Pittsow, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Stockton on May 28th. This year it will take the form of a joint meeting between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. Committee at 11.45 and dinner at 1 at the Vane Arms, High Street, Stockton. Service in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rev. A. Simpson, at 12.15. Dinner, 2s. 6d., to members who send their names by first post on Wednesday, May 23rd; 3s. to non-members and members who do not send in their names. Bells: Stockton (10), Thornaby (8) and Middlesbrough (8) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service at St. David's Church at 2 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 10 a.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit Monday, May 28th. The Central Committee will meet in the Schools at 10.45 a.m. Service in Thrapston Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who will give the address. Lunch at White Hart Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made by May 21st, either to Mr. J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston, or the general secretary. The bells available are Thrapston (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Islip (6) from 10 to 11.30 and after the meeting; also Tichmarsh (8), Raunds (8) and Ringstead (6) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

Social evening at the Crown Restaurant, The Market, Nicholas Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27th. Usual and additional Sunday service ringing.

Visitors may be directed to Bristol's interesting and beautiful spots.

Monday, May 28th. At 9 a.m. St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, near station, will be opened and stewards will be in attendance to direct visitors or give information upon the day's proceedings.

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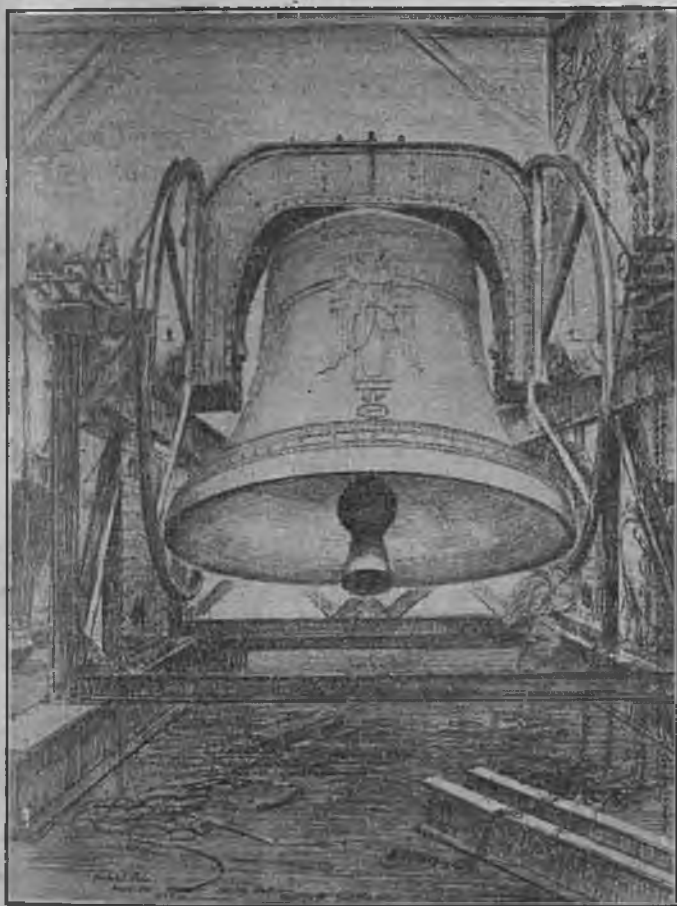
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A REVIVAL IN PEAL RINGING.

The analysis of peals, rung in the year 1927, which is available to the Exercise this week, is again full of interesting material for those who like to examine what has been done by the various associations and to compare results with past years. The care with which this analysis is compiled from year to year places the Exercise under a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the committee of the Central Council, who are called upon to labour consistently to keep abreast of their task and whose work forms a record which increases in value as each year recedes. To have in tabulated form the complete list of peal performances will be of great benefit to the historians of the art in the future.

As to peal ringing itself, while it is, perhaps, confined to a minority and is by some people looked upon as a selfish occupation, unless the peal is rung for a special purpose, there are one or two important points which must not be overlooked. A peal is the best training which a ringer can have; for it tends to bring out the highest qualities which he possesses, in fitness, mental alertness, concentration, perseverance and performance. No number of touches will work quite the same improvement on a ringer of average ability, as a peal, and the result must almost inevitably be to make him better qualified to discharge efficiently those duties which he owes to the Church. Even in itself, a good peal is a worthy achievement, and as an example of team work is unexcelled in any other pastime.

It is, therefore, gratifying that the peals rung last year have shown an increase. For three years there had been a gradual falling off in the number, but 1927 has seen a welcome revival, the aggregate being 174 above the previous year. A healthy sign of the increase is the fact that more ringers rang their first peal and a greater number of new conductors appeared upon the scene. The committee remark upon the decline in Surprise ringing, especially on the falling off in the number of peals of London, but add that there is no need for pessimism. Actually the total number of Surprise peals on eight, ten and twelve bells fell by only 14, but London Major dropped by 34. To some extent, of course, the decline in this method is general, but a closer examination reveals that it has occurred more particularly in special areas, and therefore has had more or less a local cause. The Essex Association, for example, rang only five peals in 1927 against twelve in 1926. The Winchester Guild, which had two companies proficient in the method, provides an even more striking example, for only four peals were rung against 16 in the preceding year. Ringing in

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these higher methods is seldom general in an association, and those who take part in the peals are usually limited in numbers. Thus it takes very little to cause a marked fluctuation in the total of peals rung in a method like London, and illness, such as we believe we are right in saying overtook two of the leading Surprise conductors in the areas mentioned, made a big difference to the results. Even the drop in London Surprise peals, however, need alarm no one, as long as there has been a general improvement in other directions.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Tuesday, May 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEEDMAN WHITE 1	... Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2		REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
MAURICE SMITH 3		GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 4		RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5		FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 70th birthday.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 1	... Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2		HARRY WRIGHT 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 3		WILLIAM J. LEE 8
EDWIN R. GOATE 4		GEORGE MAYERS 9
*ARTHUR G. KING 5		WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*CHARLES H. SONE 1	... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
†MRS H. BAKER 2		WILLIAM SPICE 7
*WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3		†BERTRAM LUCK 8
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4		†ARTHUR H. SMITH 9
†HARRY BAKER 5		WILLIAM WENBAN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten. First peal as conductor on ten. Birthday peal for Miss A. Lavender, of Lamberhurst. Credit is due to ringers of 8th and 9th, who, although this was their first ring on ten, struck their bells well throughout the peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE 1	... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2		MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
CHARLES J. CHOCHET 3		JAMES BOLLOCK 8
ERNEST BRETT 4		JAMES E. GROVES 9
HERBERT LONDON 5		EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

EALING.—In the belfry of Christ Church, on Sunday, May 13th, in 20 mins., 720 of Double Bob Minor (on handbells): E. C. S. Turner 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, W. G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5
ARTHUR K. GOWER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
JOSEPH SHARP 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
EDWARD W. BRAY 4	ERNEST GOWER Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by E. GOWER.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Meurs and Stainbank.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* ROBERT LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
A OLIVER LEWIS 2	HARRY PRICE 6
* FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH ... 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CYRIL TANSELL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	ALBAN E. SLATTER 6
HAROLD CASSEL 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
JOHN WINDLE 2	LEWIS RAWNSLEY 6
WILLIE FOSTER 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 7
ARTHUR J. SMALLBONES ... 4	VERNEY BAIRSTOW Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

J. Broadley from Bradford, the rest are of the local company. The same peal was rung on May 6th, 1882, in the same tower, and Mr. J. Broadley is the only surviving ringer who took part in the peal on that occasion. It was conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PRYKE Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
* JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALFRED J. BERRY 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal on an inside bell.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON Treble	* WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	JAMES C. GRAY 6
* JOHN ANDERSON 3	ERNEST GOSDEN 7
JAMES E. SCOTT 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

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

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON Treble	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ... 5
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 2	* SIDNEY MOODY 6
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
HARRY BARTON 4	† WILLIAM H. G. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. A commemoration peal for William Rayner. First peal of Stedman Triples by an Island company.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	HARRY BOYCE 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Arranged for the ringer of 2nd, who was in the district to act as judge at the ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild at Cadoston. Ringers of 4th and 6th kindly came from Newport and Neath respectively to make up the band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM BOND 7
JOHN BURLS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOHN SMITH 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	JOHN WOODBERRY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. It was also A. Hackett's 100th peal. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Thomas for meeting them and providing tea, which was greatly appreciated.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	ARTHUR WARD 5
HARRY THORPE 2	*THOMAS HALL 6
HARRY HAYNES 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ERNEST NIDD 4	HARRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Haynes, of Hough-on-the-Hill.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
JACK JUDGE 2	JAMES NAPPER 6
FRANK TUFFREY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*WILLIAM H. THORNE 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First in the method away from tenor.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE Treble	*THOMAS WILSON 5
JAMES SMITH 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
THOMAS HOWARTH 3	WILLIAM H. HUNTER 7
*RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	*FRED READ Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

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

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	ALEXANDER EVANS 6
*LEONARD G. TANNER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	†FREDERICK G. STUCKEY Tenor

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Tanner.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MORRIS J. MORRIS Treble	*WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 2	†GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	JOHN NEAL 7
†FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor. ‡ 400th peal.

CARISBROOKE.—At St. Mary's, on May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins: F. Taylor 1, A. Drake 2, A. Long 3, F. Priddle 4, P. Reynolds 5, W. Chambers 6, C. Taylor (conductor) 7, B. Sibbick 8. First quarter-peal for 3rd, 4th and 8th, and first as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 5
PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	GEORGE POUND Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN HUMPHREY Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 5
ROBERT G. HOARE 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 6
WALTER CLAYTON 3	MAURICE NORTHOVER 7
HARRY HOOPER 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
HENRY E. HAMMOND 2	†ALBERT WIFFEN 6
*GRAHAM LINDRIDGE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	WALTER H. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method on a working bell.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	ALFRED PRIOR 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, E. W. Furbank, and the son of the fifth ringer.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

†CHARLES DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	JOHN W. GLEW 6
RONALD H. DOVE 3	JOSEPH LORD 7
JACK BAILEY 4	*NORMAN R. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

* First of Triples. † First peal. A farewell peal to the conductor.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROY WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
AUGUSTUS V. GOOD 2	CAPT. J. H. FREEBORN 6
*HARRY LONG 3	JOHN T. KENTISE 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

*SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	FRED LAMBETH 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	† WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
*WILLIAM BOLWELL 2	*FRED LAMBETH 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 5 qr.

GEORGE MIDDLETON Treble	SIDNEY MONTON 3
REGINALD WILLIAMSON 2	*RICHARD ABRAHAMS 4
FRANK FOX Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

* First peal.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT Treble	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4
WILLIAM J. COOMBS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK 3	EDWARD L. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Ranford.

RECORD PEAL OF LONDON COMMEMORATED.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise Major was commemorated at King's Norton by a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: Jack Withers 1, H. Williams 2, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, J. Eaton 5, C. Webb 6, J. George 7, John Withers 8.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise and Kent, and one of Oxford.

CHARLES H. PAGE Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
GEORGE CRAWLEY 2	FREDERICK CRAWLEY 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hilary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

WILLIAM J. JONES Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
*JAMES F. SMITH 2	JOHN COOKE 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK COOPER Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. F. May, who had been churchwarden for 42 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT FELTHAM.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Feltham on Saturday last, when some 60 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Triples, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major. Touches followed alternately of Triples and Major, and the methods rung during the meeting were Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and members who could only ring rounds had the same opportunity as the more advanced. The Rev. E. A. Godfrey paid a visit to the tower to welcome the association to Feltham, on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Browell), who was unable to attend. Service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Godfrey, and tea was afterwards served at the Church Hall. The Rev. E. A. Godfrey presided, supported by the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary.

Mr. J. A. Trollope occupied the chair for the business meeting, when Ruislip was announced for the next meeting place. This beautiful old church is well worth a visit, and June 9th is the date to be remembered. There are cheap fares on the District Railways from the Mansion House down, also from Baker Street downwards.

Harlington (where the strawberries grow) was the choice for July 7th, with Harmondsworth bells for ringing also; and July 28th for St. John, Hillingdon, where Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow and Mr. J. J. Pratt will do all they can to make the meeting a success, both in and out of the tower. All meetings will be announced in 'The Ringing World,' likewise alterations of dates, if necessary, in due course.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to the Rev. E. A. Godfrey, to Mrs. and Miss Cromwell, the hostesses, who had a busy time, and, last but not least, to Mr. A. J. Lewis, the steepkeeper, who had everything in order and a hearty welcome for the visitors. Lady ringers were well represented at the meeting by Mrs. Goodfellow, Mrs. Deal, the Misses Chapman, Bradford, Giles, Wilkinson and Fuller. Among other well-known ringers present were Messrs. Trollope, Goodfellow, Hunnisett, Roberts, Herbert, Davis, Hewitt, Sanders, Corke, Deal, and J. R. Mackman, of H.M. Borstal Institution, to which he summoned several handbell ringers, viz., Messrs. Trollope, Roberts, Wilson, Turner and Hewitt. At the time of writing, no one knows how many of them were detained. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, but there are more in store at Ruislip, Harlington and Hillingdon.

CONCERNING THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a sense, and up to a point, your conjecture that the Methods Committee 'asked for discretionary powers to ensure that their own views should prevail,' is quite correct. You did not suppose, did you, that we had asked for powers which we did not intend to use, or that we should put anything in the new book which was not, in our judgment, right? But if the suggestion is that our intention was 'merely' to get the better of the Analysis Committee on the points in dispute between us, then it was not so; nor does the list of names published in your last issue countenance such an opinion. In their report, the Analysis Committee recommended several changes in the names printed in the first edition of the Minor Methods Collection. We have considered these alterations, each on its own merits, and for the most part have agreed to them. The exceptions are:—

1. Surprise Method No. 38, given in the first edition as 'Primrose,' was altered to 'Ringers' Surprise.' We have decided to keep the name Primrose. First, because that is the name by which, it seems, it is most usually known; secondly, because it is so called in Mr. Davies' recent book on Surprise Methods; and thirdly, because leading six-bell ringers urged us to make as few alterations in the names and numbers printed in the first edition as possible.

2. Court Method No. 26, given in the first edition as 'College Single,' was altered to 'College Single Reverse.' We can understand and appreciate the views of the Analysis Committee. The method is the reverse of the old College Single. But, according to the general rule of the Exercise, the old method is the reverse variation, and the new the single variation. Further, the method cannot be both single and reverse, any more than a thing can be both right-hand and left-hand. It must be one or the other. To put the matter right and at the same time meet the views of the Analysis Committee, we have called it simply College. It is already so called in the Major Methods Collection.

3. Imperial Method No. 12, called 'Canterbury Pleasure' in first edition, was altered to Canterbury Pleasure Reverse. We have not accepted the alteration. This is the case which is, perhaps, most open to argument, but my colleagues believe strongly that an important principle of method construction is involved, and I agree with them. What more I have to say about this list of names will keep to the Hereford meeting, but I may point out that substantially the Analysis Committee have got all they asked for.

And now a word or two about the report of the late Nomenclature Committee. It is rather pathetic how members of that committee think that that report is still, somehow or other, not dead, but only sleeping, neither accepted nor rejected. Of course, it was rejected, deliberately, decisively and definitely. When you want to oppose a report of this kind, there are two ways of procedure open to you, recognised by all debating bodies from Parliament downwards. You can vote a direct negative and try and induce others to do the same. Or you can move a reasoned amendment, making a statement directly contrary to the principle on which the original motion is founded. For instance, if the proposal is to paint your house sky blue, you can move as an amendment that sky blue is a detestable colour. When it comes to voting, the amendment is put first. If it is carried it becomes the substantive motion, and the original automatically disappears.

That is just what happened to this report. Please let us not hear any more about it being 'side-tracked.' The Council knew perfectly well that when they were voting for Mr. Davies' and my amendment they were voting for the rejection of the report. That was made quite clear, both from the debate itself and from the articles which I wrote in your paper.

Why I adopted that particular procedure was partly because it seemed tactically the best method of opposition, but chiefly because the way in which the Nomenclature Committee presented their report made it almost impossible to vote against it as a whole. They intended to move thirteen separate resolutions, which would have meant thirteen separate debates and thirteen separate divisions, without any opportunity for the Council to say whether it agreed with the foundation statement on which the report was based, namely, whether the naming of methods is in such a chaotic and hopeless condition that an entirely root and branch reform is necessary, extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

But apart from all this the fact that the report was not adopted and the committee was discharged shows that the report was rejected.

The resolution of the Suffolk Guild seems to me singularly futile. The report, once rejected, is dead, and I cannot see how the Standing Committee of the Council can do anything in the matter. But the members of the committee have their full rights as private members of the Council. If they want these resolutions discussed, and in face of what has happened still think they can carry them, there is nothing to prevent them putting them on the Council's agenda. Nor, so far as the names of the Minor methods are concerned, is there anything to stop them moving instructions to the Methods Committee. But please, once again, let it be understood that their proposals as a whole were considered on their merits, discussed on their merits, and rejected on their merits.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A PLEA FOR 'ST. LAWRENCE.'

Dear Sir,—On May 1st, 1911, I had the pleasure of taking part in a peal of 7,200 in 10 Minor methods, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Frodsham. One of the methods included in the peal was named St. Lawrence, after the church in which it was rung. I respectfully suggest to Mr. Trollope and his colleagues on the Methods Committee that this name be retained. The method is No. 8 in the C.O. Collection, and in Mr. Trollope's list the name 'St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob' is given to it. This name is unnecessarily long, and no better sounding than St. Lawrence. I would also suggest the retention of the name Long Stanton for method No. 20. There are some good members of the Exercise at Long Stanton, and, as far as we know, none at Ennerdale.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

THE 'SHELVED' RECOMMENDATIONS.

In view of the decision of the Suffolk Guild to endeavour to get the various recommendations of the defunct Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council considered, it is well to recall what the recommendations were. They were submitted to the Council two years ago, and were 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. (This gave the names which it was proposed to substitute for the floral titles.)
8. 'Edinburgh Castle' shall be called 'Edgware.'
9. In 28 names the word 'Castle' or 'Abbey' shall be omitted. (Then follow the amended names.)
10. The following 23 names shall be substituted for old and unsuitable names as a first instalment. (Then follows the list of suggested changes.)
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.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS MACK.

AN OLD HASLEMERE RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Thomas Mack, which took place on Sunday, May 6th, after ill-health for some considerable time, Haslemere ringers and others have lost an old friend. He was born at North Tuddenham, Norfolk, where he learnt to pull a bell. He was very well known in the Guildford District, and when in good health he was a regular attendant at ringing meetings. He was a man of great personality and charm, and always had a kind word and a smile for all those with whom he came in contact, both in ringing and everyday life. He enjoyed a good joke, a good story, and a good song, and the writer has heard him take part in all three.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 10th, the chief mourners being his daughters and son, his wife not being well enough to attend. The local ringers were well represented; there were also ringers present from Chiddingfold and Guildford. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over his grave by A. H. Pulling 1-2, A. J. Bartlett 3-4, F. Bowden 5-6, J. H. B. Hesse 7-8. The tower bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral, and two plain courses of Grandsire Caters rung by the following: Miss Collard 1, H. Furionger 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, B. Elliot 4, F. Bowden 5, R. Overy 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10. In the evening, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, conducted by F. White and F. Bowden, by the same band, with the exception of Mr. E. C. Smith in place of Mr. A. J. Bartlett.

There were a great many beautiful wreaths, including one from the local ringers.

A complete list of Mr. Mack's peals is not available, but he had probably rung between forty and fifty. Great sympathy is felt for his wife and family. He will be missed by many. The writer has known him for about twenty years, and never heard him say an unkind word of any one.

Mr. Mack knew many of the famous men who have had their residence in the district, and he was the last man to see Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, who died at Aldworth, near Haslemere, on October 6th, 1892.

J. H. B. H.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting was held at Penistone on Saturday, May 12th, and members were present from Wath, Darfield, Shelley, Felkirk, Anston, Almondbury, Sandal, Conisborough, Harbury, Wortley, Roystone, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued in various methods of Major, Triples and Minor until 5 p.m., when Mr. F. Tinker invited the visitors to tea in the schoolroom. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness and welcome.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Carlton, presiding. It was agreed that a summer meeting be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st, in which the Bishop of Wakefield and Canon H. E. Hone, Rural Dean, Rector of Barnsley, invite all the clergy and ringing members to join.

The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, the cup contest taking place at the same time. After the usual vote of thanks, members adjourned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 9 p.m.

**LUDLOW MAYOR ENTERTAINS RINGERS.
A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.**

On Saturday last a band of ringers from various places visited Ludlow, on the invitation of Mr. W. R. Nash, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples on the fine ring of eight, in honour of the golden wedding of the Mayor (Alderman John Palmer).

The party met at 2.15, and, after a look round the church (which is one of the finest parish churches in England), ascended the 137 steps to the ringing chamber. The bells were soon raised, and a start was made for the peal. All went well for some time, and it seemed as though success would be assured, when a trip occurred, which caused a shift, and stand was called after 1 hr. 35 mins. ringing. The band was W. R. Nash (Ludlow) 1, W. Short (Glent) 2, H. Smallwood (Knighton) 3, W. J. Beniams (Ludlow) 4, F. Evans (Knighton) 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet) 6, W. Farley (conductor) (Bristol) 7, A. Nason (Ludlow) 8.

The band, together with some of the local ringers, afterwards partook of an excellent repast, at the invitation of the Mayor, who presided. The vice-president was Mr. A. Chester, and it is interesting to note that Alderman Palmer (who was for many years a ringer at Ludlow) and Mr. Chester rang together in the first local peal on the bells after the rehanging in 1890.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and some good touches rung on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor for his kindness in entertaining the band. Mr. Palmer, in replying, said how he had enjoyed hearing the bells, and hoped the ringers would come again soon and finish the peal.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A RHONDDA RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. James Cross, of Pentre Rhondda, who passed away on Monday, April 30th, at the age of 55 years. His end came with tragic suddenness. He was at work in his garden an hour previous to his death, and had attended to his duties at the colliery during the day. On the previous Sunday he visited the tower and rang for both morning and evening services, and attended evensong. A man of apparently good health, the news of his unexpected death came as a great shock to his many friends, whose sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, son, and daughter.

Deceased had been a member of the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers for nearly 25 years, during which period he had served as treasurer, deputy-leader, and for eight years as leader. He rang 35 peals with the society, conducting four. These peals were rung in ten different methods, including the only peal of Erin Triples rung in Wales. As a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, he rang several peals, including Caters, and his attendance at their meetings was always highly appreciated. His services as a ringer will be missed, for he was thorough and safe, and an excellent striker. His genial nature and even temperament commanded the respect of those who knew him.

A native of Somerset, from the Bath district, he was a colliery worker, for many years as a shoeing smith, and during later years as an ostler.

The funeral took place on Saturday, May 5th, at Treorchy, the Rev. D. Spenser Jones (Vicar) officiating. The bearers were eight of his brother-ringers.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Palmer 1, B. Davies (conductor) 2, Royden Davies 3, W. Palmer 4, J. Lovett 5, G. Wines 6, F. Lasbury 7, H. Crabb 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the treble and 4th. The ringer of 3rd was a friend of the deceased from Llantrisant.

MUFFLED BELLS

On Thursday, May 10th, at Bicester, Oxon, 364 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. R. Smith, vergers at the church for 33 years; and on Saturday, May 12th, 308 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled, in memory of Miss E. Scarrott, sister of one of the local ringers.

At Kidlington, Oxon, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. Hancox 1, F. R. Coombes 2, W. F. Judge (conductor) 3, F. Tuffrey 4, E. Bennett 5, W. H. Thorne 6, J. Franklin 7, C. Bennett 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late William Franklin, aged 81, a former ringer at this church for a great number of years, who was interred two days previously.

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Thurstans' 'Masterpiece,' the famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples, was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1936, at Birmingham. To-day is the anniversary of the 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, conducted by Samuel Wood. At the time it was the longest length of Major.

On May 20th, 1840, fire destroyed the south-west tower of York Minster and the ring of ten bells in it.

Forty years ago next Monday the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a peal of 15,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. Among the survivors of that band are the president of the Central Council (Canon G. F. Coleridge), the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the conductor (Mr. W. T. Pates).

Monday is also the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland, called by Mat. Wood, of Bethnal Green fame, at St. Mary's, Dundee, on May 21st, 1873.

The record peal of Stedman Cinques, 12,675 changes, in 9 hrs. 47 mins., was rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on May 21st, 1923.

May 22nd is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, to which James W. Washbrook rang the tenor in 11 hrs. 12 mins.—still one of the greatest physical feats in ringing history. This was in the year 1899.

The names of the ringers of 2nd and 3rd in the peal at Fressingfield on May 3rd were George Filby and Jacob Filby.

There is a rumour afloat, writes a correspondent, that when 'Henry the VIII.' removed his court from Manchester to Keyston last week the 'bishop' must have been kidnapped, or otherwise fallen off the load. A search party, working backwards to Kirkmanshulme Lane, discovered nothing more than two half bricks, a huge iron watch chain, and a rusty lump hammer.

LONDON'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Rayner, steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, Holborn, who passed away on Tuesday of last week at the great age of 92 years. Mr. Rayner was the oldest ringer in London, and was a well-known figure in the Exercise in the Metropolis.

The funeral service took place at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Monday last.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I thank you for inserting in your paper the notice of a proposed Masonic Peal Book, and am glad to say that I am having response to my request for subscriptions.

Would you be good enough to intimate in your columns that I have particulars of the following peals in the form of cuttings from your paper, but that if there be other peals I should be glad of particulars. Those that I have are:—

February 27th, 1926.—Stedman Triples; Erdington.

April 24th, 1926.—Stedman Caters; Solihull.

July 17th, 1926.—Stedman Cinques; Chelmsford.

December 4th, 1919.—Grandsire Caters; St. Clement Danes.

March 29th, 1924.—Kent Treble Bob Major; Garston.

February 14th, 1925.—Stedman Triples; Bushey.

April 9th, 1927.—Cambridge Surprise Major; Crayford.

I should like the reports in the form in which peals are printed in your paper, and, in addition, the number and name of the Lodge of each ringer. I have full particulars of those quoted above.—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Although the little village of Burstow is rather an out-of-the-way place to get to, the Southern District of the Surrey Association held a very successful meeting there on Saturday, May 5th, forty-one members being present from Horley, Crawley, Redhill, Reigate, Buckland, Godstone, Limpsfield, Chart, Croydon, Mersham, and the local band, with visitors from Walton-on-Thames and Swindon. The Rectory grounds were thrown open by the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Bradley, and the ringers very much appreciated this kindness. Ringing began with 120 of Grandsire Doubles by an entirely local band, this being the first 120 by a local band since the war.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and afterwards tea was served in the Rectory Grounds by kind invitation of the Rector, who, after full justice had been done to the splendid repast provided, took several snaps of the party.

A meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Three new ringing members, W. Batchelor (Buckland), T. Woodcock and J. Bradley (Burstow), and one hon. member, Rev. A. F. Bradley (Burstow), were elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the halls, for his address at the service, for the tea he provided, and for throwing his grounds open, also a vote of thanks to the organist for presiding at the organ, concluded the meeting. Ringing was kept up until 9 o'clock, the methods rung being London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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A=New Cambridge. B=1 New Cambridge. C=1 of 11008. D=Plain Bob and St. Clement's. E=1 of 11232, record length.
F=1 of 17924, record length. G=Plain Bob. H=London Bob and St. Clement's. I=1 of 18600. J=1 Plain Bob and 2 Court Bob.
M=Oxford Bob. N includes 7104 and 1851. The 2 Spliced Surprise penals were both London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.
Spliced Major and Triples include 2 of Canterbury and Bob Major, 1 of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, and 1 of Bob Major and Grandstep Triples.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

rung during the year 1927.

Associations.	MINOR. No. of Methods.										Total	DOUBLES. No. of Methods.							Total	Grand Total Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 to 15		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Barnsley & Dist.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Bath & Wells	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1a	8	18	—	—	—	—	—	18	26	
Bedfordshire.....	4	1	1	—	1	1	8	—	—	—	16	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	19	
Chester Dio.	8	—	—	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	16	
Devonshire	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	15	
Dur. & Newc'stle	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Ely Diocesan	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	14	
Essex County	2	—	2	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	11	
Glos. & Bristol ..	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	13	—	—	—	—	14	18	
Hereford Dio.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	14	11	2	—	1	1	—	15	29	
Hertford Co.	3	1	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	1b	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	13	
Kent County	5	1	2	2	1	—	—	5	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	15	
Lancashire.....	9	1	8	1	2	—	—	—	—	1c	22	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	23	
Lincoln Dio.	4	2	5	4	—	—	—	7	—	4d	26	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	27	
Landaff & Mon.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	
Middlesex Co.	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Midland Co.	23	10	5	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	41	18	4	1	2	—	—	25	68	
Norfolk Guild	8	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	13	
North Notts.....	1	—	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Oxford Dio.	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	6	8	1	—	—	—	—	9	15	
Peterboro' Dio.	5	—	1	4	—	1	9	—	—	1e	21	7	2	—	1	—	—	10	31	
St. Martin's G.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Salisbury Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	
Shropshire Ass.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Suffolk Guild	6	—	5	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	14	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	16	
Surrey Assoc.	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Sussex Assoc.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
Swansea & Br.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	6	7	
Truro Dio. G.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	
Warwickshire G.	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	18	
Winchester Dio.	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Worcester & Dis.	3	—	1	3	—	—	1	8	—	—	16	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	19	
Yorkshire	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	15	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	
Ind. Societies	1	1	1	—	2	1	7	—	—	—	13	5	—	2	—	—	—	7	20	
Total	146	21	45	27	10	8	74	8	—	—	339	108	30	7	5	1	—	151	490	

(a) 7,200 Surprise in 10 methods; (b) in 8 methods; (c) in 9 methods;
(d) two in 12 methods, one (10,080) in 14 methods, one in 15 methods;
(e) in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS rung during the year 1927.

Associations	CINQUES.		CATERERS.		MAJOR.		TRIPLES.		MINOR.		DOUBLES.		Total Handbell Peals.
	Stedman	Plain Bob Royal	Spliced Bob Ryl. & Gr. Caters	Erin	Stedman	Grandsire	Sp. Sted. and Gr.	Superlative Sur.	Double Norwich	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Little Bob	
Ang. Soc. Coll. Youths												3	2
Bedfordshire		1											
Cambridge Univ. Gld.		1	1						1	3	1		1
Chester Diocesan												1	
Devonshire													1
Fly Diocesan													
Essex County		1							3	5		1	1
Hertford County							1					1	
Lancashire						2				1	1		
Lincoln Diocesan		3								2			
Middlesex County	2		1				1		1	1	1	1	
Midland Counties										2		1	1
Norfolk Guild										1		2	3
Peterboro' Diocesan													1
St. Martin's Gld. B'ham						2						2	
Staff. Archdeaconry						1							
Suffolk Guild						1					1		
Truro Diocesan Guild													1
Warwickshire Guild						1							
Worcestershire & Dis.			1										
Yorkshire							2		2	1	5		
Total	2	6	2	1	4	4	1	1	4	5	26	2	7

LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AT RAINHILL.

The first 720 of Minor known to have been rung on the bells of Rainhill, Lancs. by a local band, was accomplished on April 9th, when an extent of Plain Bob was brought round by W. Eustace 1, E. Griffiths 2, W. Darwin 3, J. Timblin 4, H. Ashtou (conductor) 5, W. Gilroy 6.

KING'S NORTON.—On Thursday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 47 mins.: A. Chambers 1, J. Withers 2, W. E. Moore 3, H. Williams 4, C. Webb 5, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 6, J. George 7, J. Betterton 8.

THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The pleasing feature of the year's peal ringing is that we can show, except in Surprise ringing, an all-round revival. After two years' decline, the number rung is only 44 short of the best post-war years. Moreover, there are other features which show an increased interest in this branch of our art.

The total number of peals rung during the year is 1841, being 174 more than in 1926, the increase being distributed as follows: On twelve bells 16, on ten bells 1, on eight bells 89, Minor 45, and Doubles 23.

Taking the handbells alone, the only decrease is on ten bells, of three peals, twelve-bell peals are the same, while eight bells are increased by 16, Minor by 3, and Doubles by 1. The total of handbell peals is 84, being 17 more than 1926. This will be seen if the following table is compared with that for the preceding year:—

Tower Bells. Handbells.	
Maximus	16
Cinques	29
Royal	47
Caters	89
Major	661
Triples	425
Minor	339
Doubles	151
Total	1,757

The Midland Counties Association, with the highest total for the year of 183 peals, including 6 on handbells, shows a substantial increase of 53 over 1926. The Lancashire Association has increased its total by 32, being 134, including 5 on handbells. Kent County has 112, all on tower bells, being the same as last year. Yorkshire also has topped the century, having 103 peals, including 11 on handbells, an increase of 25.

Altogether 24 societies, along with two newly-affiliated, have increased the peals by 343, four have the same number, and fourteen have decreased the total by 118. The most striking increase is that of the Warwickshire Guild, from 5 last year to 29 this, while in the opposite direction the Durham and Newcastle has dropped from 31 last year to 17 this.

Many will deplore a decline in Surprise ringing, but there seems to be no need for pessimism. The increased interest in peal ringing will, we believe, soon remedy this.

It may be that the most serious feature of this class is the fall of London Surprise Major from 68 peals to 34. Some compensation is the fact that the Rev. H. Law James' peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative has been rung twice. Other Surprise methods which have decreased are Cambridge Royal from 19 to 14 and Cambridge Major from 89 to 76.

Methods showing an increase are Cambridge Maximus from 3 to 6, Bristol Major from 20 to 27, Superlative Major from 44 to 63, and other methods of Maximus and Royal from 2 to 4, and Major from 12 to 17. Taking Surprise methods altogether, there is a decrease of 14 peals.

Peals of Treble Bob show a substantial increase of 33, making 219 in all. These are made up as follows: Maximus, 3 of Kent and 1 of Oxford; Royal, 18 Kent, 2 Oxford, 1 Cambridge and 1 Spliced; Major, 154 Kent, 34 Oxford and 5 Spliced.

Double Norwich shows 8 peals more, a total of 110, and Double Oxford continues to show the usual 2 peals. Plain Bob is up to 178, an increase of 39. Other methods of Maximus, Royal and Major are 3 less than last year, and Spliced methods containing Royal and Major 6 less.

A remarkable feature of odd-bell methods is the turnover of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Whereas last year the former was 24 peals ahead, this year Grandsire has a lead of 32 peals.

The following table shows peals on odd-bell methods in detail:—

	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Erin.	Other Plain	Spliced.
Cinques	28	3			
Caters	55	42	1		1
Triples	198	230		11	
Total	281	275	1	11	1

Altogether Stedman is 2 less, Grandsire 48 more, and other methods 4 more.

Five and six bell ringers have made a big increase, being on tower bells 42 more peals of Minor and 22 of Doubles, and on handbells 3 more of Minor and 1 of Doubles.

'Superlative' Surprise Maximus, Ipswich, St. Blaise and London-derry Surprise Major, and Pershore Bob Major have been rung for the first time.

The year was a notable one for long lengths, two records having been beaten. The Treble Bob Major record now stands at 17,284, and that of Superlative Surprise Major at 11,232, both rung by the Lancashire Association. 11,008 of Double Norwich Major was accomplished by the Kent County Association, 9,600 of Spliced Treble Bob Major by the Midland Counties, 8,864 and 7,104 of Treble Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association, 7,200 Surprise Minor by the Bath and Wells, and 10,080 in 14 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

Other peals of interest were an Oddfellows' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by Lancashire, a Foresters' peal of Minor by the Kent County, the first Surprise peal (Cambridge Major) by Freemasons at Crayford, Kent, a 'George' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on St. George's Day by the Suffolk Guild, a 'Joseph' peal of Double Norwich and the first peal of Royal by Freemasons by St. Martin's, a 'Grand-fathers' peal of Stedman Caters by the Royal Cumberlands, a peal of Grandsire Triples, with two Americans taking part, by Gloucester and Bristol, and a peal of Bob Minor rung by a father and five sons of the Norfolk Guild.

The number of peals rung each month in 1926 and 1927 is shown in the following table:—

	1926	1927.		1926	1927.
January ...	173	148	July ...	99	120
February ...	130	152	August ...	121	139
March ...	101	133	September ...	135	140
April ...	136	159	October ...	174	191
May ...	119	149	November ...	186	165
June ...	109	144	December ...	184	201

The footnotes show that more ringers have scored their first peal than was the case in 1926. This year's number is 811. Those who have rung a peal in a different method, or method on a different number of bells, number 1,096, also an increase on last year's figure. Ringers of their first peal inside number 86, away from the tenor 7, in the method inside 71, Maximus 14, Cinqus 10, Royal 32, Caters 27, Major 83, Triples 26, Minor 81, Doubles 54, on twelve bells 18, on ten 25, on eight 38, on six 3, on five 9, Surprise 37, 'in hand' 11, in method 'in hand' 29.

The number of new conductors totals 81, and conductors of a fresh method 63.

Other footnotes show that 80 peals were the first on the bells, 25 the first since restoration, and 163 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 68, birthday peals 294, wedding (including silver, golden and diamond) 70, church festivals and dedications 29, Empire Day 1, Armistice Day 17, Anniversaries 53, welcome and farewell peals 43.

Peal ringing by the ladies still increases, and 95 have taken part in peals. Four appear among the conductors, one having conducted three peals and three one peal each.

As usual, we conclude our report by giving the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 51,839:—

1881 ...	156	1902 ...	1,313	1915 ...	259	1923 ...	1,885
1885 ...	500	1905 ...	1,519	1917 ...	130	1924 ...	1,860
1889 ...	797	1909 ...	1,628	1919 ...	1,048	1925 ...	1,689
1894 ...	859	1913 ...	2,358	1920 ...	1,471	1926 ...	1,667
1898 ...	1,002	1914 ...	1,415	1921 ...	1,632	1927 ...	1,841

(Signed)

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Alton District was held at Binsted on Saturday, when about 30 ringers attended from Blackmoor, Binsted, Chawton, Froyle, Farnham, North Stoneham, Winchester, Binfield and Selborne. During the afternoon and evening a variety of methods was practised, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

At the business meeting, the bands of Chawton, Froyle and Selborne joined the Guild, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Blackmoor and Selborne on September 22nd. Due notice of this will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The spring meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Deane on April 28th. Close on 70 members were gathered together, and they were met by Dr. Smith, the town clerk of Basingstoke, on their way to the church. Through the instrumentality of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who resigned the incumbency 12 months ago, a new treble bell has been added to the other five, and the addition has made an enormous difference in the ringing. A pleasant feature was the large number of parishioners who came to join in the service. The ringers and parishioners filled the church to overflowing. Why not invite our congregations to attend as well? Their presence is a mark of unity.

At the business meeting a letter was read from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, an old friend of the Guild and former district secretary, who is now Master of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association. The Yateley band gave a 'turn' on their handbells by ringing Grandsire Doubles. This was very much appreciated, especially by some of the younger members of the Guild, who had not had the privilege of hearing handbells before. Meetings are usually dry and rigid, but a little music in some form or another creates enthusiasm, interest and admiration.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 12th, a good number of members and friends being present from various towers in the branch, including Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bassingham, Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Brigg, Cranwell, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln, Nocton, Scotherne and Willingham. There were also present Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson from the Ellos Deaneries Branch, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and Mrs. Humphries, representing the Southern Branch, and Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Treeton, Rotherham. The bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's were available during the afternoon and evening, and Washingtonborough after the business meeting.

Service was held in St. Peter-at-Arches' Church, the Guild Office being used. The Rector (Rev. R. Bond) officiated, and gave an instructive address to the large congregation present. The service was fully choral, the singing being led by an augmented choir consisting chiefly of members of the branch, to whom credit is due for the efficient way in which they performed their duties. Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) read the lesson. Tea was provided at the Co-operative Cafe, at which 76 members and friends were present.

The business meeting followed, over which Mr. F. F. Linley presided, being supported by Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln District president), Rev. H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), and members of the committee.

Apologies of absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Canon W. Hicks, Messingham, and Mr. R. Scott (Sleaford district secretary), also the Dean of Lincoln, who had written expressing regret at his inability to be present, likewise thanking the members for the vote of sympathy in his sad bereavement by the death of Mrs. Fry, which was passed at the Guild annual meeting.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the following were elected members of the branch: Miss E. Thompson, Barton-on-Humber, Mr. E. Rouse and Mr. E. Sanderson, Broughton, while Mr. F. Laming, of the latter place, was re-elected.

Mr. Geo. Chester proposed, and Mr. G. Webb seconded, that a grant of £1 ls. be made from the Northern Branch funds towards the re-hanging of the bells at Killingholme Church, and this was agreed to.

Mr. C. Chester suggested that cards of membership be introduced in the place of receipts for subscriptions received.—After discussion, Mr. Chester proposed that the matter be left over for investigation by the committee. This was agreed to by the members.

The President congratulated the district secretaries on their work during the past year, and thanked them and the auditors for their services.

Mr. Geo. Chester informed the members that he had, that afternoon, had an interview with the Rev. H. Law James, who for special reasons was unable to be present at the meeting, and stated that, all being well, he saw no reason why the Cathedral bells should not be in position by about October.

Mr. Linley proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, especially the Rev. R. Bond for allowing the service to be held in St. Peter-at-Arches' Church and for his address.—This was carried, and responded to by the Rev. Bond.

A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. H. T. Parry, who, in reply, congratulated the branch on its staff of officers, and at the same time made reference to some of the members being neglectful in giving notification respecting their intention of being present at tea. Also the delay of progress through one or more of the members failing to put in an appearance on practice nights.

Votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success were also passed and brought the business to a close, after which the members adjourned to the various towers for further ringing.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Elsham on Saturday, April 14th. Amongst those present were Rev. Canon Knight, of Laceby, and members from Bigby, Burton Stather, Laceby, Killingholme, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, Ulceby, Brigg and the local members. Considering the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. The handy ring of six were kept going during the afternoon. The Vicar of Elsham (Rev. J. Inglis) conducted the service, and gave a very interesting address. Tea was served in the school, 31 members sitting down.

Laceby possesses a nice peal of five bells now that a new treble has been installed by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. A band of learners are working hard to learn change ringing with the help of members from Grimsby.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) presided.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

Mr. C. W. Taylor proposed, and Mr. G. Blanchard seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, and to Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Vicar and local ringers for making the arrangements, and to the ladies for the catering.—The Vicar, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to arrange district meetings, because he thought they were a great help to the ringers. He spoke of the excellent work of Mr. G. Blanchard, the district Ringing Master, in walking to Elsham every practice night to teach the Elsham band, who hoped to attain their first peal in the near future.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the above district was held at King's Somborne on April 21st. The attendance was above the average. Ringers from Winchester, Hursley, Portsmouth, Stoneham, Micheldever, Overton Stockbridge, and Romsey were present, and ringing took place during the day at King's Somborne, Stockbridge, Broughton and Longstock.

Service was held in the village church, conducted by the Rev. G. E. H. Theophilus, M.A. (life member). An address was given by Canon Braithwaite on the subject of 'Unity.'

After service, about 60 sat down to tea in the Village Hall. Speeches of welcome and thanks were made, and the ordinary business meeting followed, with Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild) in the chair, supported by the clergy and Mr. C. A. Smith (district secretary). Mr. Andrews reported on the Overton and Micheldever towers, where he is giving instruction.

The Chairman urged the necessity of getting members of unaffiliated towers to join where the whole band is unwilling. No fewer than 25 new members were proposed and accepted.

The Chairman then referred to the subject of diplomas for young ringers.—The Vicar of Stockbridge proposed that the district should support the idea. This was seconded by Mr. Hillay and carried.

This concluded the business, and members left for different towers, where ringing was continued and various touches brought round.

DEVON GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT COLLATON ST. MARY.**

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Collaton St. Mary, near Paignton, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from Paignton, Torquay, Brixham, Newton Abbot, Littlehempstone, Cockington, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Christow, Exeter, Crediton and Dartmouth, the visitors including the Revs. E. V. Cox (Exmouth), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), and M. Kelly (Lipton), the local ringers also being present. The bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon, and a service was later held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. W. Browne), who gave an interesting address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by the chairman (Mr. F. J. Luxton, of Torquay).

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, August 25th, Lustleigh and Cockington were proposed. On a vote being taken, Lustleigh was selected.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a large number of visitors present, and they were proud to have with them Rev. Maitland Kelly.—The former President of the Guild, in reply, said he was delighted to be with them, and it pleased him to see so many young men present. Commenting on the work of the branch during the past year, he noticed no peals had been rung, but he was gratified to see that Sunday service and practice ringing had been regularly carried out during the year.

The local band were congratulated on scoring their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the previous Sunday evening.—The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for making arrangements for the tea, and to his helpers at the tea table.—This was acknowledged by the Vicar.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was afterwards indulged in. Several members visited Berry Pomeroy, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Others also visited Stoke Gabriel, and everyone agreed that the meeting had been in every way successful.

GOSCOTE SOCIETY'S FESTIVAL.**VETERANS MEET AT THURMASTON.**

Teams of ringers from Thurmaston, Birstall, Syston, Cossington, Rothley, Thrusington, Asfordby, Great Dalby, Walton, and Wymeswold, in succession rang merry peals on the six bells of St. Michael's tower, Thurmaston, in connection with the Goscote Bell-ringers' Society's Festival, on Monday, April 30th.

Dinner was partaken of in the schoolroom, the Rev. R. O. Barrett (Vicar) presiding. Service was held in the Parish Church later, the preacher being the Rev. Harold Hurst, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold next year's meeting at Asfordby.

The doyen of the ringers was Mr. Dunsmore, of Walton-on-the-Wolds, aged 84. Amongst the Asfordby group were four veterans—Messrs. T. Hazlewood with 53 years' service as ringer, Eyvander Littlewood (38), F. Lomas (35), and S. Read (29), a total of 153 years—an average of 38 years.

The youngest ringing member of the society is Miss Audrey Mansfield, in her early teens, daughter of Mr. A. H. Mansfield (of Rothley), who is the first of her sex to be admitted to the Goscote Society as a ringer.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at Headquarters at 8 p.m. on June 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe Old Church on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members look up Double Norwich?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Buses for West Clandon leave Guildford (North Street) every 15 minutes.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Ears Colne, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head), followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Oxted on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummon Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, May 19th. Service at St. Mary's Church 3 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: Kidlington (8), Bladon (6), Yarnton (6) at 2 p.m. — W. Evetts, jun., Branch Sec., Tackley Park, Oxon.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Plymouth on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by Bishop of Plymouth). Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 19th. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The practice meeting for May will be held at Lillington (1 mile from Leamington) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available in the afternoon, and Leamington Parish Church bells in the evening after 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett St., Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1s. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, Wimborne St. Giles (8), St. Paul's, Barford St. Martin, Coombe Bissett, Winterslow, Britford and Dinton (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. As there is illness near the church, ringing will be curtailed to one hour before service and after tea.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Arborfield on Saturday, May 19th, 6 p.m., calling at Barkham en route 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, May 19th, 3.30 till 8.30. Cheap trains to Bushey. Bus to Aldenham.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne (8 bells), on Saturday, May 26th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at the School Room 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than the 23rd.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—The memorial tablet to the late Gabriel Chamberlain will be unveiled in Burnham Church tower on Saturday, May 26th, by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the Association. The ceremony will take place at 3.30 p.m. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington, by kind invitation of the Rev. Long, on Saturday, May 26th, when the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dover at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Iver (6 bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., for all those who send their names by May 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26th. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Stockton on May 28th. This year it will take the form of a joint meeting between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. Committee at 11.45 and dinner at 1 at the Vane Arms, High Street, Stockton. Service in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rev. A. Simpson, at 12.15. Dinner, 2s. 6d., to members who send their names by first post on Wednesday, May 23rd; 3s. to non-members and members who do not send in their names. Bells: Stockton (10), Thornaby (8) and Middlesbrough (8) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service at St. David's Church at 2 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 10 a.m.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit Monday, May 28th, and it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend, as there

is some most important business to come before the annual business meeting. For all further particulars see notice of Durham and Newcastle Association meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit Monday, May 28th. The Central Committee will meet in the Schools at 10.45 a.m. Service in Thrapston Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who will give the address. Lunch at White Hart Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made by May 21st, either to Mr. J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston, or the general secretary. The bells available are Thrapston (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Islip (6) from 10 to 11.30 and after the meeting; also Tichmarsh (8), Raunds (8) and Ringstead (6) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

Social evening at the Crown Restaurant, The Market, Nicholas Street, at 7.30 p.m.

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Monday, May 28th. At 9 a.m. St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, near station, will be opened and stewards will be in attendance to direct visitors or give information upon the day's proceedings.

Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m., St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street.

Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening at the Ship (opposite Redcliffe Church), commence at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets for luncheon and tea upon deposit of 1s. Luncheon 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. (a large portion of this expense will be assisted from a special fund). Tickets for meeting free upon application. All applications should be made before May 20th. Train leaves Temple Meads Tuesday morning at 7.38 a.m. for Hereford, arriving at 9.50 a.m., for Central Council meeting. Return fare 8s. 6d.

Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 28th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. P. E. T. Wildrington, M.A., Rector of Great Easton. 12.15 p.m.: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30

p.m.: Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street. Members 2s. each. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 22nd.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting will be held at Fakenham on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells available throughout the day. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m., 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 24th. Business meeting after lunch.—Arthur C. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnstaple on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner in Bromley's Restaurant, The Strand, at 1, followed by meeting Barnstaple, Pilton, Braunton and Bishop's Tawton towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Rendham (6) and Sweffling (6). Bells at both churches available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 30th?—Hilda F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 (9d. to all sending word before June 6th to Mr. W. C. Rumsey Debenham). Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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NOTICE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Jubilee Celebration at St. Thomas' Church (City), on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall adjoining. All are welcome.—G. Way, 1a, Semont Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

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KELVEDON.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Kent: H. T. Pye 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Elliott 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, W. Elliott 6.

BORDEN, KENT.—For Confirmation service on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Aylett 1, S. Taylor 2, G. Wood 3, J. W. Unwin 4, S. Dobbie 5, T. Jull 6, W. Spico 7, W. J. Walker 8.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Hughes 1, E. Stitch 2, C. Mathers 3, G. W. Hollis 4, W. J. Nulton 5, F. E. Stone 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

HAMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Stephen's Church, for evensong, and in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: B. F. Farmer (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Martin 2, Tom Bevan 3, R. W. J. Hudson (first quarter-peal) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, J. C. Pryor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 7, A. J. Carter (first quarter-peal) 8.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, 720 changes of Double Court: Mrs. L. Warner 1, L. Warner 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, F. Hunt (Linton) 6.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor in 20 mins.: J. F. Smith 1, W. J. Jones 2, G. R. Edwards 3, H. Rogers 4, R. G. Edwards 5, T. Rogers, jun. (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and first by the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, N. V. Harding 3, C. E. Smith 4, H. Hutton 5, W. R. Melville 6, R. S. Philpott 7, W. J. Robinson (conductor) 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. L. Watkins 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, S. Gardner 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. O. Lewis 1, A. J. Martin 2, F. Whitworth 3, Miss A. Johnson 4, H. Price 5, R. Lewis 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, S. A. Jones 8.

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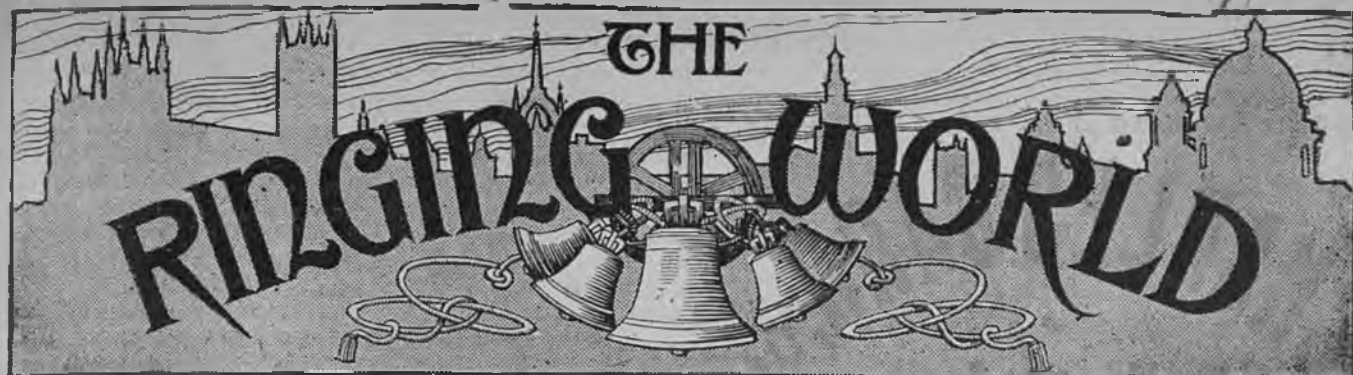
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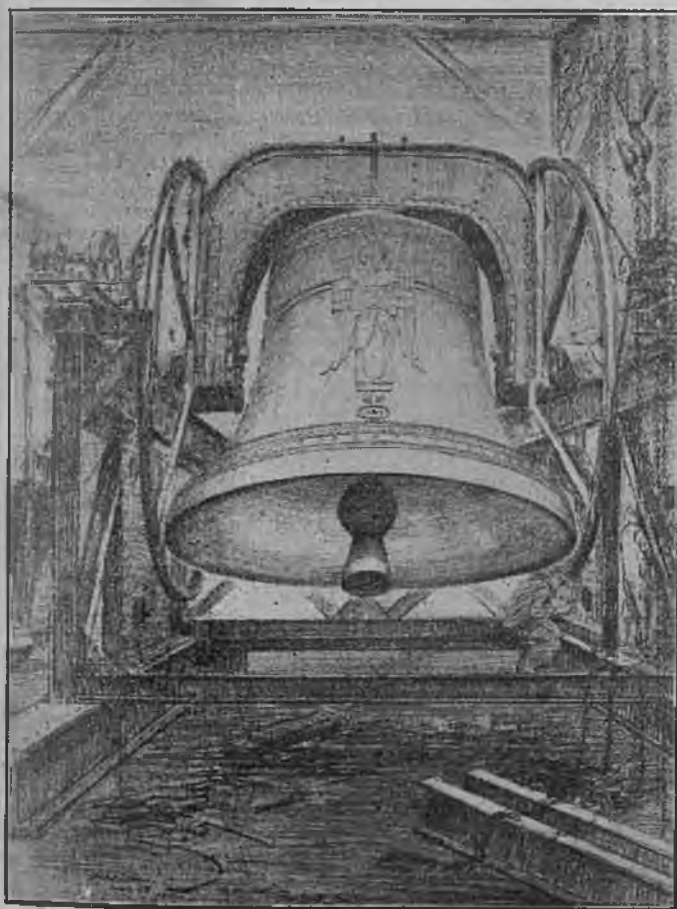
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

When the Central Council meet at Hereford next Tuesday they will probably find that the agenda will give them a full day's work. As a rule the 'provincial' gatherings do not provide quite as long a programme of business as the triennial meeting in London, but this year the agenda contains contentious matters about which many members will desire to have their 'say.' There are nine committees to report, and while some of them may be only formal, the Methods Committee's recommendations as to method names is almost certain to provoke considerable discussion. In connection with this matter it should be remembered that what is decided upon next week will practically settle the names of the regular Minor methods for all time. Hitherto there has been opportunity to discuss them and to make changes, because there is no printed publication in which many of them have been attached to the figures. But after this meeting, a new edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' is to go out, and what is printed in that volume will stand, for good or ill. The fact that members are, perhaps, rather tired of the subject ought not to prevent them giving careful consideration to the matter.

After the reports, there are motions on the agenda about which there are divided opinions, and a good deal has been heard at ringing meetings during the past year on the subject of providing peal diplomas as an encouragement for young ringers. Many associations have expressed views for the guidance of their representatives, and this item is not likely to be quickly disposed of. Among the other motions the proposed definitions of what should constitute a 'peal' on five or six bells may prove controversial; while the proposal to set up a committee to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness among ringers is not unlikely to provoke a lively debate.

And when the agenda, already published, has been disposed of, there is an addendum, upon which there are three motions for consideration, if there is time and the Council agree. One puts forward a proposal that the associations should be asked to unite in a scheme for keeping those ringers, and particularly the younger and less enthusiastic elements, who move from one district to another, in touch with ringing. This comes from the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The two other motions have originated with the Suffolk Guild, raising the question of giving consideration to the defunct Nomenclature Committee's recommendations, and expressing views on the issue of diploma.

Both these latter may, perhaps, be
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dealt with in the relevant places in the principal agenda.

Altogether, therefore, there is every appearance of the Council having to apply themselves to a full day's business, but as compensation the week-end offers many attractions to those members who avail themselves of the facilities for enjoyment which the Hereford Guild are providing. The Gloucester and Bristol Jubilee festivities are bound to keep a few members away from Hereford until Tuesday, but those who reach the interesting old western city earlier will have plenty of opportunity for a refreshing holiday with everything arranged for their convenience.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
HENRY HODGETTS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
EDGAR C. RUSSELL 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 9
ERNEST BRETT 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE 10
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5	JAMES BULLOCK 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Bayley and J. Bullock.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED RIDER Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
†JOHN RIDER 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
†EDWIN SHARRATT 3	†EDWARD A. RIDGWAY 8
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
HARRY OVERTON 5	†EDGAR SHARRATT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor, and first of Caters in the method on the bells. Conductor's 300th peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON, WIGAN & FURNESS BRANCHES)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN BROWN Treble	†J. R. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM E. WILSON 2	*JAMES MARSH 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	THOMAS WILSON 8
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
JOHN SANDERSON 5	FREDERICK HINDLE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	ALBERT H. WARD 7
HENRY FLETCHER 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
MADRICE SWINFIELD 4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	JOSEPH SLADE Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER.

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.On Wednesday, May 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A. J. PITMAN'S SIX-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 7
EPBRAIM W. RANDE 4	RICHARD C. BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Mr. W. E. Clayfield is a member of the local band. This composition, containing 210 calls, is now rung for the first time.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS CHAMBERS Treble	JOHN SANDERSON 5
JOHN BROWN 2	THOMAS WILSON 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
FREDERICK HINDLE 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Watson, who was laid to rest at the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, the same day. Mr. Watson was the secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association for more than 20 years.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS R. FLINT Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
†OSCAR GILBEY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN LOVERIDGE Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	*ALAN R. PINK 6
†C. ERNEST SMITH 3	†JOHN GILL 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. T. BEESON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by the Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK ROLLINS Treble	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5
TOM LAW 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
FRED HOPPER 3	TOM TREBUTT 7
*BERTIE O. SODEN 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

70th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. Hopper, wife of the ringier of the 3rd.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON Treble	GEORGE CONDLICK 5
ARTHUR SMITH 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4	JOSHUA STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 18, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY HOWARD Treble	*JOHN W. WARD 5
*MISS KITTIE WILLERS ... 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	*FRANK HARPER 7
WILLIAM A. TACK 4	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour, and on the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' visit to Royston to open the children's ward of the local hospital.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	JAMES H. RUMLEY 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
ERNEST E. BISH 4	WILLIAM G. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Louis Attwater, late leader of the local band.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	*THOMAS G. LARKEY 6
*THOMAS HAMMOND 3	*PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOTT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

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On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, the latter methods being rung in alternate courses. First spliced peal rung in the City of London.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... Treble	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 5
ALBERT YATES 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
SIDNEY BROWN 3	JOHN HURST 7
ARTHUR LORD 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Mr. J. Watson, of the Cathedral company, who was interred on Tuesday, May 15th, at Samlesbury, near Preston, Lancs.

THAME, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*SAMUEL W. PROSSER ... Treble	FRANK BECKETT 5
CHARLES COLES 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
*RICHARD POST 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
†HECTOR BENNETT 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. He attained his majority on May 21st.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
*MISS VIOLET BECKETT ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
*ARTHUR G. KING 3	†EDWIN R. GOATE 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	HERBERT JARMY Tenor

Composed by T. BROOK.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second, who is only 15 years old, for the way she rang in this peal. She is believed to be the youngest lady to ring a peal of Stedman.

EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Thomas' Society.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. J. H. BAILEY ... Treble	T. J. STOKES 5
E. W. BIFFIN 2	†W. H. BREWER 6
R. J. DAVEY 3	C. ROUTLEY 7
J. HOSGOOD 4	A. H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BIFFIN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. All are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Thomas'. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... Treble	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 5
*JOHN G. NASH 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY PIERREPOINT ... Treble	WILLIAM BRETT 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells for the association. The ringer of the treble is 15 years of age.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the Rev. E. Banks' James' seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BATES ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
*JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR BALLAM ... Treble	†CHARLES STANNARD 4
ERNEST FOOTER 2	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
*ARTHUR BRIDGES 3	GEORGE LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Arthur Bridges.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. DOUGHTY ... Treble	M. SLATER 4
A. B. JUDGE 2	H. FRADGLEY 5
J. W. ENGLAND 3	E. W. RILEY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

First peal by all, and on the bells.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL ... Treble	JAMES E. SCOTT 4
JAMES C. GRAY 2	ADAM DEAS 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE FOUR NEW BELLS FOR THE CATHEDRAL.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln at Saturday, April 28th. A large number of members attended evensong at the Cathedral, immediately after which the four new bells to be added to the existing peal of eight were dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. T. C. Fry, D.D., president of the Guild), as reported in issue of May 11th. The new bells were arranged on the floor of the nave, immediately in front of the great west door, and around were grouped the full Cathedral choir, the clergy, and a large congregation of ringers and others who had been attracted by such an uncommon event. After an impressive address by the Dean, the dedicatory prayers were recited, setting the bells apart for sacred purposes for all time. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'O Heavenly Jerusalem.'

The new bells, like the eight bells already in the Cathedral tower, are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are very beautiful specimens of the bell founders' art. The inscriptions and other ornamentations have been produced by thecire-perdue process, which results in a highly artistic finish. The alphabet used is copied from that found on the famous South Somerset bells, dated 1423, each letter being an elaborate work of art.

The cost of the 2nd and 3rd bells has been defrayed by the members and friends of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild as a memorial to those of their number who sacrificed their lives in the Great War. The 1st and 4th bells have been provided by the generosity of an anonymous American benefactor, and are part of a larger gift to the restoration fund.

For the benefit of any readers who may happen to be visiting Lincoln in the near future, it may be stated that the new bells will probably remain in the nave, near the great west door, for some time to come, and they are well worth a visit of inspection.

Tea was provided at the Co-operative Hall. The Dean of Lincoln was present, but having to leave before this part of the proceedings was over, spoke a few words to the gathering while still at the tables, referring especially to the progress of the Cathedral restoration, which he said was proceeding satisfactorily. He expressed the hope that the full peal of twelve bells would be hung in the south-west tower by the autumn of this year.

To the gratification of all present, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln (patron of the Guild) arrived while tea was still in progress, and presided at the business meeting which followed. He congratulated the Guild upon having accomplished their work in regard to the provision of the new bells, and said he understood they would be a very fine addition to the peal, which he hoped would be installed before the end of the year. He said it would be a great thing that, when the

Cathedral repairs were completed and the great service of thanksgiving was held, the bells would be able to signalise the occasion in full beauty and power.

The following officers of the Guild were re-elected: 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.

The meeting passed a vote of sincere sympathy with the Dean of Lincoln in the loss recently sustained by him in the death of his wife.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Bishop of Lincoln for presiding, and to the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Botolph's, and St. Peter-at-Arches for the use of their towers for ringing during the afternoon and evening. As the bells at the last-named tower are still out of action, the Rector kindly allowed the use of the belfry for hand-bell ringing. A number of members availed themselves of this opportunity for practice, while others made full use of the peals of six at the two first-named towers.

SIX BELLS DEDICATED AT CROFT.

On Saturday, May 12th, the six bells at St. Michael's Church, Croft, Leicestershire, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Six ladies rang the first touch, viz., 120 Grandsire Doubles, after which all the other ringers present had a chance of trying the bells. The ringers numbered about 50, and came from far and near. Even Mr. J. H. Shepherd turned up and measured the tenor in the usual way.

Everyone expressed satisfaction with the job, the 'go' of the bells being perfect. The work has been carried out by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and a word of credit must be given to their workmen for getting the work done in record time. To use the words of one of the inhabitants, the bells are 'a merry little lot.'

The methods rung at the opening ranged from Grandsire to London. A well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob, the first on the bells, was conducted by Mr. W. Willson.

Practices will take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

ASCENSIONTIDE.

Special ringing took place at many churches for the feast of the Ascension, and the following were among the touches rung:—

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, 1,260 Bob Triples in 45 mins.: W. Wright 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 3, R. Gilbert 4, C. Nichols 5, A. Gardner 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, G. Wilson 8.

LISCARD.—For festal evensong, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bob Major: J. H. Dodd (longest length in any method) 1, A. Woosnam 2, D. Hughes 3, W. Hughes (age 75) 4, J. Breese 5, J. Hughes 6, L. L. Gray 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

By a typographical error the analysis of peals in our last issue was headed 1926; it should, of course, have been 1927.

A few Yorkshire ringers will be pleased to welcome old friends at the Berkeley Hotel, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Saturday.

The Herts County meeting at Benington, which is usually held as near to the old 'Ringing Day' as possible, is postponed this year to June 16th on account of the Whitsuntide holiday.

A hundred and thirty years ago to-morrow a peal of 5,120 Court Treble Bob Eight-In was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Edmonston, 'the first ever rung in that method on the bells.' It was composed and conducted by George Gross, and William Shipway took part in it. Doubtless Shipway, to whom the Exercise owes a great deal, learned much from this competent ringer, George Gross.

The first peal of Stedman Caters (the complete) was rung at St. John's, Horsleydown, London, on May 28th, 1787. This ring of bells is now derelict. What a pity it is something cannot be done to put them in order.

The existing Bristol Surprise record was set up on May 28th, 1912, when 15,264 changes were rung by members of the Middlesex Association at Hornchurch, in 9 hrs. 49 mins.

The first Surprise peal rung out of England (Superlative at Bray) was rung on May 28th, 1901, and the first Surprise peal in Wales (New Cambridge at Bangor) was rung on May 29th, 1901.

On this latter day also the first and only peal on the sea was rung (Stedman Caters) on the passage between Dublin and Holyhead.

THE LATE MR. J. P. RAYNER.

As briefly reported last week, the death of Mr. Joseph Philip Rayner, the veteran steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, Holborn, occurred on May 8th from bronchitis at the age of 92 years.

Born on January 1st, 1836, at Clerkenwell, he was baptised at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, where eventually he became a ringer, and was in charge of the bells and tower for about 50 years.

His ringing activities were confined to 'call changes,' but nevertheless, he joined the St. James' Society on October 18th, 1875, and the Ancient Society of College Youths on January 15th, 1878.

It was only natural that a native of Clerkenwell should adopt the profession of clockmaker, and he carried on this work until about three weeks before his death, never wearing glasses. He maintained all his faculties until the end. He was also a lifelong non-smoker.

The funeral service on May 14th was conducted by the Rector at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, the coffin being carried into the church by the following members of the local society: Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, C. J. Choquet, W. J. Norton, and E. C. Russell. Among the ringers also present were Messrs. J. C. Adams, T. Benney, H. Langdon, W. Raughton, and C. H. Vidler. There was a large gathering of parishioners and friends. The interment took place at Tottenham Cemetery, and among the wreaths was one in the shape of a bell, sent by the St. Andrew's Ringers Society.

On Sunday evening, May 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, the Dead March in Saul was played by the organist, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples rung by members of the local Guild with the bells half-muffled.

The late Mr. Rayner was widely known and respected by metropolitan ringers, and his much deplored death severs a great link with the past.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT LEYTON, ESSEX.

A large congregation assembled at Leyton's old Parish Church on Thursday evening, May 17th, to witness the dedication of the peal of eight bells, which have been installed in the tower of this historic building. The service was conducted by Canon Brown, Rural Dean and Vicar of Leytonstone.

There were originally three bells at Leyton. In 1906 three more were added, and the six rehung in an oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but only for chiming. The church authorities recently decided to augment the peal to eight and have them rehung for ringing, and through the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust this has now been accomplished, and Leyton possesses a very handy ring of eight, with a tenor about 10 cwt. The whole of the work, including the casting of the two bells, a tenor and treble, the erection of a steel frame with up-to-date plain bearings and all accessories, was undertaken by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, who have been most successful in the work, the tone and 'go' being all that could be desired.

At the present time Leyton has no Vicar, the successor to the Rev. F. G. Glass not yet having been inducted. The parishioners, however, are looking forward to welcoming him on June 5th next, when arrangements will be made to form a band. In the meantime, the members of the Leytonstone band, with friends, have undertaken to ring for Sunday services as often as possible.

Immediately after the service three courses of Stedman, followed by a course of Cambridge Major, and another short touch of Stedman, were rung, when, owing to the lateness of the hour, no further ringing was attempted. Amongst the ringers present were Messrs. W. Miller, W. Theobald, A. Prior, P. Avey, E. Smith and R. Molton, of the Leytonstone band, together with Messrs. W. Pye, E. J. Butler, G. Lucas, C. Hughes, and E. W. Furbank, who participated in the ringing.

ANOTHER GREAT CARILLON AT CROYDON

AMBASSADORS INSPECT AMERICA'S GIFT TO BELGIUM

A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING.

The Croydon Bell Foundry is becoming famous, not only for the bells which it sends out to all parts of the world, but for the distinguished gatherings which constantly take place within its walls. Last Friday there was another notable assembly at the foundry, when a large number of members of the American Society in London and of the Anglo-Belgian Union gathered, at the invitation of Messrs. Tillett and Johnston, on the occasion of a visit of the American Ambassador and Mrs. A. B. Houghton, the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne, the Burgomaster of Louvain and Mme. Vander Varen. It was, indeed, an international party, for the British Navy was officially represented by Earl Stanhope (Civil Lord of the Admiralty), Commander Holland, and five officers and 25 ratings of the new battleship, Kent, which is shortly to be commissioned. The principal object of the visit was to inspect the great clock and carillon of 48 bells presented to Louvain University Library by the American Engineering Societies, while the Navy's special interest in the proceedings was the casting of a bell presented by the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men to the new warship. Countess Stanhope has organised the gift of the bell and plans for the officer's mess, and she was present to 'name' the bell.

The carillon, the most up-to-date of its kind in the world, was hung in its frame in the erecting shop, and was yet another fine illustration of the perfection which the Croydon Foundry has reached in its bell products. It consists of 48 bells of a total weight of 31½ tons, and is thus the largest on this side of the Atlantic. The compass is more than four octaves, and the bells range from 10 lb. in weight to seven tons. It is operated, of course, by the usual clavier, but to relieve the considerable physical exertion necessary to play the notes at the lower end of the register—which has hitherto been an obstacle in the development of carillon technique—the six lower pedals of the keyboard have been provided with specially designed electrical connections. These are so arranged that immediately the carillonneur commences to depress the pedal, electrical contact brings into operation an electro-pneumatic motor, the piston of which is coupled to the clapper, its force being thereby added to that of the carillonneur, and the full blow of the clapper on each big bell brought out in a way which unaided human effort could not achieve. This arrangement is known as 'assistance pistons,' and forms part of an electro-pneumatic mechanism which can be used for automatic tune playing, or in connection with an ivory keyboard—such as was described in a previous article in these columns. The Louvain carillon is the first to have 'assistance pistons' applied, and by a special device the pistons of the six lower bells may also be coupled electrically to the octaves above, at the discretion of the carillonneur, the clavier being provided with an octave coupler 'stop'—again for the first time in the history of carillon construction.

AMERICA'S GIFT TO LOUVAIN.

The proposal to present the carillon to Louvain University originated last summer with Dr. Edward Dean Adams, honorary member of the American Engineering Foundation, and formerly president of the Cataract Construction Company, which planned and built the works for the Niagara Falls Power Company. Dr. Adams attended the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the university as the delegate of the Engineering Foundation and other societies. While in Louvain he visited the beautiful new library building, of which Mr. Whitney Warren, of New York, is architect, and Mr. Carroll Greenough, of Paris, associate architect, to replace the ancient one which was burnt down at the beginning of the war. It struck Dr. Adams that the fine tower would not seem complete to the Belgians unless it possessed the two features they associate with their bellfries—a clock and a carillon. It also occurred to him that no memorial had yet been put up for the hundreds of engineers of the United States who had given their lives in the service of their country and its associated Powers. Combining these ideas, Dr. Adams suggested that members and friends of American engineering societies should present the University of Louvain with a clock and a carillon in memory of their members who fell in the war, and also as a token of international goodwill.

Dr. Adams' suggestion has been realised. The cost is being subscribed by sixteen different engineering societies, and the dedication of the bells and clock will take place on July 4th next at the same time as that of the library building. It may be mentioned that the order for the carillon was only received in December, and that its completion in five months easily constitutes a record, the usual time for making a carillon of this calibre being from two to three years.

In designing the Louvain carillon, the Committee on War Memorial to American Engineers has had the advice of Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, organist and chairman of West Point Military Academy, New York, who has just completed his inspection of the bells at Croydon. Mr. Mayer has heard most of the leading carillons of Europe and practically all those in America and Canada. He is satisfied that the Louvain carillon is the best tuned, and has the finest musical properties of any that he has heard.

The great clock which drives the four dials, and chimes and strikes the quarters and hours, is wound automatically. The huge weights that usually provide the motive power—rising and falling fifty or sixty feet up and down the tower—are dispensed with, and electric motors are employed instead.

The clock chimes have been specially composed by M. Denyn (the famous Belgian carillonneur). The first three quarters are variations on, and the fourth quarter the refrain of, a popular Flemish air. The hour is struck on the F sharp Bourdon bell, an octave below the keynote of the chimes.

Each of the clock dials is 15 feet in diameter, and has specially designed stars to take the places of the usual numerals. Thus, there will be a bell and a star for each of the States of America.

The University library fronts a fine square, that forms an ideal auditorium for carillon concerts. A million contributions from American citizens provided the cost of the building. The tower is 285 feet high, and the bells will be hung 230 feet above the ground.

VISITORS SEE BELLS CAST.

The carillon proved of immense interest to the visitors on Friday, the company, in addition to those already mentioned, including Prince and Princess de Croz, Lady Maddon (wife of the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty), Miss Maddon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Lady Swaythling, Mr. Maudsley (secretary of the Anglo-Belgian Union), Mr. D. Campbell Lee (secretary of the American Society), Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh (Vicar of Sulgrave, Northants), and Mrs. Walsli, Canon Woods (Vicar of Croydon), etc.

On arrival, the visitors first inspected the Louvain carillon and clock, and then moved to the foundry to watch the casting of three bells. The first was that for H.M.S. 'Kent,' and immediately before the molten mass was poured Lady Stanhope dropped a newly-minted threepenny-piece into the cauldron, declaring, 'I name thee "Kent." May you sound the might and power of England over the shores and seas, and to those who live with you, may your tones ring out happy, holy hours.'

Another of the bells to be cast was the tenor of the ring at Sulgrave, Northants, where is the tomb of Laurence Washington, who lived at Sulgrave Manor, and who was the ancestor in the sixth generation of the First President of the United States, whose great-grandfather, John Washington, emigrated to Virginia about 1656. Into the metal of this bell a coin was cast by Mrs. Houghton.

Passing from the foundry, the visitors inspected the many other items of interest in the works, including the 18½ ton Bourdon bell for Riverside Church, New York, which was rung frame high by the electric motors. The three other large bells for the same carillon were also chimed with this giant, whose deep tone was much admired by the visitors.

Other objects which attracted attention were the carillon of fifty bells in progress of manufacture for Norwood, Massachusetts, which will have a 3½ ton bass bell, and another carillon of 49 bells for the Wellington War Memorial, New Zealand, for installation in a campanile being erected specially for the carillon. There was also the great clock for Riverside Church—the most powerful tower clock in existence. It is actuated by electric motors, and will chime 'Parsifal' quarters on four of the carillon bells and strike the hours on the Bourdon. This is the first time that 'Parsifal' quarters have been adopted for a clock.

A delightful concert of carillon music was then given, in which the magnificent bells were heard to their best advantage under the master hand of M. Denyn. He rendered four items, 'Prelude Impromptu' (Denyn), 'Troisième Sonate' (Valentin Niccolai), 'Moments Musicaux No. 3' (Franz Schubert), and 'La Brabançonne' (Campehoult), and the audience had a splendid opportunity of hearing the finely blended tones of the bells over the large compass.

Miss Nora Johnston, who is a student of the Belgian National Carillon School at Malines, of which M. Denyn is the principal, also gave a demonstration. She is the first lady carillonneur, and she played with wonderful skill an Irish air, 'My gentle harp,' and 'Flemish folk song' (Andelhof), M. Denyn bringing the programme to a close with the British 'National Anthem.'

Mr. Cyril Johnston, who had received the distinguished visitors and had conducted them round the foundry, welcomed the guests in the name of his family, his staff and himself, and thanked M. Denyn for his performance. They had been making history, he said, for that was the first time the new carillon of Louvain had been heard, because it was only at a quarter to three o'clock that afternoon that it was ready to be played. The last of the bells was actually being tuned on the previous Monday, and the American gentleman who came on behalf of the committee to accept or reject the bells, sailed for America only on the preceding day. M. Denyn was, should he say, the High Priest of carillonneurs of the world, and they felt very grateful that he had come to play to them. In welcoming the Ambassadors of America and Belgium, Mr. Johnston said his firm were rushing into the lion's den, because in sending the first complete carillon which England had ever made for Belgium, they were sending it to a land famous for carillons and carillon players.

One of the tuning rooms and an adjoining workshop, carpeted, and bedecked with the American, Belgian and British flags, were used as an auditorium, and were afterwards quickly transformed into a restaurant, where the visitors were entertained to tea, before their departure, after a most interesting and instructive afternoon.

(Pictures on pages 328 and 329.)



The six bass bells of Louvain carillon in the lower tier of the frame in Croydon Bell Foundry. The remaining 42 bells will hang in an upper tier.



Intense

A GROUP OF FAMOUS MEN.

The interesting group on the right was taken at Huntsham, Devon, in 1878, on the occasion of what was really an historic gathering, and the names of those appearing therein are household words in the Exercise.

Standing are Mr. G. H. Phillott, B.A., of Cheltenham; Mr. Charles Arthur Williams Troyte, of Huntsham Court; and Jasper Whitfield Snowden, of Leeds.

Middle row: Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, Master of Winchester College; 'Squire' Leonard Proctor, of Benington, Herts; and the Rev. R. H. Dyke Acland-Troyte, brother of Mr. C. A. Troyte.

Bottom row: Mr. C. D. P. Davies, then at Pembroke College, Oxford; and Mr. W. B. Fulford, of Exeter.

This group, unique in its interest to ringers, has never before been published, and we are indebted to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for the loan of the photograph from which the picture is reproduced.





Visitors watching the casting of a bell for Sulgrave Church at Croydon Bell Foundry.

[Photo: 'Central News']



The American Ambassador with the 'Liberty Bell' of Louvain at Croydon Bell Foundry.

[Photo: 'The Times']

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SKETCH OF ITS FOUNDING AND FOUNDERS.

BY REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, MASTER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In view of the approaching jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Bristol on Whitsun Monday, the Editor of 'The Ringing World' has asked me to 'write a story of the foundation of the association, and something about the founders.' Egotistical though it may appear, let me take the last of these first.

Of founders, there were only two—Mr. Phillott and myself. For years in my schooldays I used to frequent the Cheltenham tower every Thursday evening, and there sit in patience for an hour or an hour and a half in the hope of being asked to take a hand in falling one of the bells (generally the fifth of the old ten) in peal when the ringing was done. Please note this carefully, all ye rising young ringers of the present generation, who have instructors provided for you, and meetings arranged for you, and associations to help you, and books galore to teach you—I had only 'Banister,' and had not even got that then—and 'The Ringing World' to cheer you on. Please note it carefully.

Well, on one of these evenings, in about the year 1875, up came a pleasantly-looking person of apparently somewhere near 23 years of age, who was asked to ring, and got through a touch of what I have since supposed was Grandsire Triples very creditably. The Cheltenham company in those days were, most of them, old stagers; at any rate, I fancy were all well over 30 at least, and so I was naturally drawn to the new person. We left the tower together, and from that day forth became firm friends. He comforted me, and told me that I 'should soon get on,' i.e., in learning change ringing.

George Henry Phillott was the only child of Rev. Canon H. W. Phillott, then Rector of Staunton-on-Wye, who later on became Canon Residentiary of Hereford, and went to live in that city. His son had been educated at Charterhouse, where his father, in early days, was one of the masters, and from there went to Christ Church, Oxford, where he had recently taken his degree, when he appeared in the Cheltenham tower. His reason for coming to Cheltenham was that he had been articled as a pupil to Mr. John Middleton, at that time one of the leading architects in the town and neighbourhood. Mr. Middleton designed All Saints' Church and the Ladies' College and other notable buildings. One of his fellow-pupils there was Mr. H. A. Prothero, who, with Mr. Middleton's son, Mr. Henry Middleton, and with Mr. Phillott, on the death of Mr. Middleton some years later, took the business together as partners. Mr. Henry Middleton died not long after this, and some fifteen or twenty years later Mr. Prothero died, leaving Mr. Phillott in sole possession. It thus came to pass that the whole of his working life was spent in Cheltenham.

At Oxford he had fallen in with Mr. J. E. Acland Troyte (now Capt. J. E. Acland), brother of Mr. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, who was at the same college, and had just (1872) founded the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers. Here Mr. Phillott had been well grounded in our art, and thus was able to take a good place in the Cheltenham tower.

And now I suppose that I must say something about myself. My earliest recollection of any connection between myself and bells is that one Christmas morning, when I must have been about seven or eight years old, I was persuaded by a Tewkesbury youth to take his hand and ascend to the ringing room. What I there saw and heard has faded from my memory. But I duly went down and entered the Vicarage 'pew,' which in those days was just below the altar steps, arriving a minute or two after the commencement of matins. My father's colleague was reading prayers, my father himself standing in the sanctuary. He immediately came down the steps, surplice and all—Church ritual was easy going in those days—and told me in my ear that I had been a very naughty boy.

Such was my introduction to the tower. However, a year or two later, by means of urgent and oft-repeated entreaties, I obtained leave to go there regularly, and by the time that I was 13 I could ring any bell there, including the tenor of 23 cwt. In those days there was no real change ringing at Tewkesbury. There was a company who melted away in the summer, but pulled themselves together a month or two before Christmas, and rang what they called 'the fourteen,' i.e., the first lead of Grandsire Triples, over and over again. What they did was that when they came to 1253746 they made the next row 2135476, and so they went on and on. Well do I remember the reiterated shout of the treble man, 'Off again!'

It was said with bated breath of one member of the band that he had 'rung the seventy,' i.e., it need scarcely be said, the plain course. It will thus be seen that they could not teach me much change ringing. But the hero who, as aforesaid, had rung the seventy, did me one great and good turn, for which I have always felt grateful. He showed me how to prick the seventy. As may be imagined, it was not long before there was a litter of half-sheets here, there, and everywhere in the house covered with figures. Here, however, it must be borne in mind that though I could prick fast enough I was absolutely in the dark as to how, unless learnt by heart, the written rows were to be rung. Of hunting I had never heard, nor ever had my instructor. In fact, he had himself rung the seventy by heart. You will say, 'Why did you not buy a book?' To that I reply that as no one had told me that there were books on ringing at all, it did not occur to me that they existed.

In due course I went to school at Cheltenham College (1866), and then came the Thursday evenings in the tower there. About 1874, the

old Tewkesbury band having fairly gone to pieces, Mr. Josiah Wathen and I decided to try to do something on sounder lines—that is, to teach ourselves and a few young aspirants to ring changes properly. Most of us had been chimers for the Sunday services, and we could all manage a bell. Setting to work on the back six at the Abbey, with occasional visits to neighbouring village towers thrown in, we stuck to it through good report and ill report, till in about a year's time we were fairly adepts in Grandsire Doubles, and, I must confess, in Grandsire Minor! Of course we soon began to try our hand at Grandsire Triples, and by the beginning of 1876 had evidently made something of it, as it was in February of that year when I went up to Oxford to compete for a scholarship, that at Magdalen College I rang my first long touch.

So far as I know there is, beside myself, only one of that evening's company, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, still left. Possibly it was in Oxford that I was told that I ought to get a ringing book. At any rate, there lies open before me at this moment a copy of 'Banister' (1874), with the following inscription on the inside of the cover: 'Charles D. P. Davies, Vicarage, Tewkesbury, and Josiah Wathen, Waterworks, Tewkesbury, went halves for this book, March, 1876.' In April, 1877, my father died, and my mother took a house in Cheltenham and remained there for two years.

This brings us to the association. In 'Church Bells' for December 1st, 1877 (p. 627) was published a notice, a copy of which had been sent to the clergy of the diocese, inviting their attendance, and that of all those interested in the question, to a meeting in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral on January 8th, 1878. It read as follows:—

'Rev. and Dear Sir,—It is proposed to form in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, an association of church change ringers, similar to those already established in Devonshire, Durham and Norfolk. The Archdeacon of Gloucester has already signified his approbation of the scheme, and promised to preside at a preliminary meeting on the subject.'

'The following clergy have also kindly promised their co-operation, and, if possible, their attendance: Rev. Canon Bell, Rector of Cheltenham; Rev. John Emeris, Rector of Upton St. Leonard's; Rev. Thomas Keble, Vicar of Bisley; Rev. Alfred Kent, Vicar of Coln St. Aldwyns; Rev. Hemming Robeson, Vicar of Tewkesbury.'

'It is hoped that you may be able to give your aid, and, together with any of your parishioners interested in the science of change ringing, to be present at the meeting, which will be held in the Cathedral Chapter Room, Gloucester, on Tuesday, 8th January, 1878.'

'The chief objects of the association would be (1st) the promotion of change ringing on church bells in the diocese, and its introduction in those places where it has hitherto been unknown; (2nd) to offer facilities for gatherings among the various societies of ringers already existing; (3rd) the recognition of ringers as churchworkers.'

'Communications on the subject are earnestly invited, and may be addressed to—

'G. H. PHILLOTT, Trevor House, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham,

'C. D. P. DAVIES, Eton House, Wellington Street, Cheltenham.

'Hon. Secretaries, pro tem.'

The meeting was duly held, and the following brief report of it is given in the issue of January 19th (p. 75) of the same publication:—

'According to previous notice, a meeting, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, was held in the Cathedral Chapter Room, Gloucester, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1878, at 12 noon. The chair was taken by the Venerable Sir George Prevost, Bart., Archdeacon of Gloucester.'

'After prayers, the Archdeacon stated the object of the meeting, and the following resolutions were carried nem. con.:—

(1) "That it is desirable to form in this diocese a society for the promotion of change ringing on church bells, and its introduction in those places where it has hitherto been unknown." Moved by Rev. Canon Madan, Dursley, seconded by Rev. A. Kent, Coln St. Aldwyns, supported by Rev. T. Waters, Thornbury, Rev. H. Robeson, Tewkesbury.

(2) "That a committee be appointed to settle the constitution and rules of the society." Moved by Mr. Phillott, Cheltenham, seconded by Mr. Davies, Cheltenham, supported by Rev. H. Warleigh, Ashchurch, Rev. W. T. Allen, St. Briavel's, Mr. Drinkwater, Sandhurst.

(3) "That the following gentlemen be appointed members of the committee." Moved by Rev. J. Emeris, Upton St. Leonards, seconded by Rev. T. Keble, Bisley.

'A committee of fifteen was then appointed, with power to add to their number.

'The Archdeacon then brought the meeting to a close with a short prayer and the Blessing. A large number of those present gave in their names, together with their subscriptions, as honorary members. Mr. Emeris kindly accepted the office of treasurer, and begged, before separating, to offer the thanks of the meeting to the Archdeacon for taking the chair.

'The Cathedral bells were rung for a short space in the interval between the close of morning service and the commencement of the meeting. . . . During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and some Grandsire Doubles, were rung at the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.'

In a brief survey of our history, which will appear in the forth-

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WATSON.

LOSS TO BLACKBURN.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. 'Jack' Watson, of Blackburn, who passed away on Friday, May 11th, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 62 years. He had been a member of the Cathedral band for a great number of years, and during that time he rarely missed ringing for services or practice.

He was for 22 years the hon. secretary of the Blackburn Branch, which position he resigned six months ago, owing to ill-health, and also served on the committee of the Lancs. Association for a similar period. By his death the Exercise has lost an invaluable member, who was never happier than when assisting young ringers. A good striker, with a preference for the heavy end, he had rung in 126 peals, ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, May 15th, at Samlesbury Church, near Preston, the first portion of the service being held at Blackburn Cathedral, and conducted by Rev. Glynn Jackson (curate). After the committal service the whole pull and stand was rung on the bells at Samlesbury, and during the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Blackburn. It was intended to attempt a muffled peal at the Cathedral on Thursday, but owing to a service being held a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung instead.

The deceased will be sadly missed in the towers of the Blackburn Branch amongst the bells he loved so well, and where his good striking and happy disposition made him a general favourite.

ASCENSIONTIDE.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: Miss I. B. Thompson 1, A. Coppock 2, A. Gamble 3, L. Clay 4, A. Goodwin 5, A. Lambert 6, F. Blood (conductor) 7, Burton Marshall 8. This is the longest length on these bells by a local band for upwards of forty years.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal (by A. J. Pitman) of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, E. Sibley 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Parker 4, S. J. Lawrence 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since their restoration. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

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counting report of the association, will be found the names of a few of our early leading spirits among conductors and members continued to some of the present time. Much as I should like to repeat them here, I must forgo that pleasure, and pass on to a few words on the subject of the growth and development of the association.

Up about the first twenty years of its existence it steadily grew and proved itself of great value as a centre of influence and help in the furtherance of the two main objects for which it was founded, namely, the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of change ringing.

About the year 1897 a crisis was reached when the See of Bristol was separated from that of Gloucester. After careful and thorough deliberation the association decided, and, as we now feel sure, wisely decided to remain one and undivided, with only the necessary adjustment in its title, which thenceforth became 'The Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.'

Some two or three years later it was deemed advisable to inaugurate district branches with a view to getting into closer contact with individual parishes. Accordingly the three archidiaconal branches of Gloucester, Cirencester and Bristol were established. These did splendid work for ten or twelve years, when it began to be felt that an extension of the same principle of subdivision would be of advantage. As a result of this process we have now about ten district branches, each with a branch chairman and hon. secretary, holding frequent meetings in all parts of the two dioceses, thus infusing and maintaining life and movement throughout our whole area.

It may be interesting in conclusion to mention a few of our more notable peals:—

(1) The peal at the opening of the ring of eight at Prestbury on October 14th, 1886, was the first in which all the working bells were rung by clergymen in priests' Orders.

(2) At Cheltenham, on May 21st, 1888, 13,054 Stedman Caters, conducted by W. T. Pates.

(3) At Cheltenham, on April 22nd, 1889, 15,227 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. T. Pates.

(4) At Prestbury, on April 22nd, 1912, 5,056 Superlative Surprise Major, rung entirely by clergy, conducted by Rev. H. Law James.

(5) At Painswick, on February 14th, 1920, 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Albert Wright.

(6) At St. Mary-le-Port, Bristol, on January 28th, 1921, a non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part).

(7) At St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, on November 3rd, 1923, a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples (Washbrook's Ten-part).

(8 and 9) Two peals, one in 1917 and one in 1925, each conducted by a lady.

It will thus be seen that we have maintained a good level of work and usefulness, and I am certain that I am only echoing the earnest wish of all our members in expressing the hope that we may be enabled to continue on the path of progress and of increasing benefit to the church in the two dioceses.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

There was a large attendance of Sussex ringers at the annual meeting of their county association at Brighton on Saturday week, the following towers being represented: Angmering; St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, and the Good Shepherd, Brighton; Burgess Hill; the Cathedral, Chichester; Coleman's Hatch; Crawley; Cuckfield; East Grinstead; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Heene; Blacklands and St. Clement's, Hastings; Hurstpierpoint; Southover, Lewes; Lindfield; Lower Beeding; Pulborough; Seaford; Shoreham-by-Sea; Warnham and West Grinstead; while among the visitors were Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), Mrs. F. I. Hairs, etc.

The towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd were open for ringing during the day, and in the afternoon a special service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, the Vicar (Rev. H. Collinson) giving an appropriate address on the message of the bells to Christian people. The offertory for the association's benevolent fund amounted to 15s. 2d.

The annual business meeting followed tea at Morley's Pavilion Restaurant, at which over 80 were present. The Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, presided, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins (vice-president), Mr. Ellman Brown (hon. treasurer), and Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary).

The annual report stated that the year 1927, though not marked by any event of outstanding importance, compared quite favourably with its predecessors. Owing to the sound and careful policy pursued by those in charge of the association's funds, the financial position was quite satisfactory. The reports received from the divisional secretaries showed that the average attendance at their meetings had been maintained, but it was hoped that the extra facilities for railway fares would prove an inducement to increase the attendances still more in the future. The committee were strongly in favour of members of neighbouring towers meeting for combined practice, believing that this would be a powerful incentive for stimulating interest and progress in ringing, and should also prove instrumental in bringing in new members. In the course of the past year the following work had been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank: Brighton, Church of the Good Shepherd, new ring of eight, tenor 13½ cwt.; Storrington, five bells rehung with new fittings, a new treble is to be added shortly; Eastbourne, Christ Church, the peal rehung with new bearings and the frame strengthened; Eastbourne, St. Mary's, the third, fifth and seventh recast, the peal retuned and rehung with entirely new fittings, the framework strengthened; Alfriston, the second and fifth recast, the fourth replaced by a new bell and the old one preserved in the church, the peal rehung with new fittings and framework.

In conclusion, the committee reminded members that the first purpose for which church bells exist is Sunday service ringing. They were glad to note that the average attendance for this purpose had been well maintained, and trusted that on this, principally, as well as all other occasions, the highest quality of ringing would be aimed at.

Mr. Ellman Brown, presenting the report and accounts, said the balance in hand had increased from £107 to £112, despite increased expenditure, which, in his opinion, showed an increased interest in the association. The Benevolent Fund balance in hand had increased from £62 to £67, there having been a demand of only £2 2s. upon it.

The report and accounts were adopted, on the proposition of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, who said the healthy state of the association was evidence of the ability of its officers.

The president (the Bishop of Chichester) and the vice-president were re-elected. The officers were re-elected as follow: Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (Brighton); hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown (Shoreham); hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone (Brighton); hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and R. J. Dawe; hon. peals' secretary, Mr. Frank Bennett (Brighton); and Central Council delegate, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Stone, on the proposition of Mr. Ellman Brown, who expressed warm appreciation of his services. 'A more painstaking, a more genuine, and a more hard-working secretary you never will find again,' he said.

Mr. Stone announced that the following towers had become affiliated during the year: Good Shepherd, Brighton (8 bells); Coleman's Hatch (8); St. Clement's, Hastings (8); Ringmer (8); and Hurlfield (6). He expressed the hope that the few remaining unaffiliated would join them, and so take their part in the advance of change ringing throughout the county.

Several new members were elected, including one from the tower of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, two from Seaford, and a number from the newly-affiliated tower of St. Mary's, Hurlfield.

The Master revealed that he came away from the last Central Council in London little wiser and considerably poorer. He listened to an extremely technical discourse, and lost his purse!

Brighton was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

Mr. H. J. Tucker (Chichester) raised a question of reverting to the practice of holding the meeting on a Bank Holiday instead of on a Saturday; but he found no support, it being suggested that most of the members would prefer the cricket field during the afternoon.

Hearty thanks were accorded to those who had provided facilities for the association during the day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The large hall at the Booth Hall Hotel is placed at disposal of our visitors as a social centre for the whole of Monday and Tuesday, and here cold luncheons (2s. 6d.) and teas may be obtained. The hotel entrance is up a passage opposite the Old House in the High Town.

Unless unforeseen difficulties occur, there will be a motor trip through the Wye Valley to Tintern on Monday afternoon. The hour of starting will be fixed to suit, as far as possible, the convenience of those who wish to go. Notice of the hour will be posted in the hall at the Booth Hall Hotel, and there seats may be booked, to the extent of the accommodation available, by those who have not previously sent me their names. The fare will be about 7s. 6d.

Any other notices about ringing facilities, etc., will be posted at the same place.

Members of the Council and their friends are invited to a meat tea on Tuesday in the same hall at 5 p.m. The social will be held there on Tuesday evening at about 7.30 p.m.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.
(Telephone: Hereford 2448.)

THE COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET.

The balance sheet of the Council is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at bank	45	3	10
Affiliation fees	12	17	6
Interest on stock	4	15	2
Total ...	£62	16	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Loss on sale of publications	4	3	5
Hon. secretary, postage	2	2	7
Hon. secretary, stationery	1	14	3
'Ringing World'	5	1	0
Do,	20	15	0
Balance at bank	29	0	3
Total ...	£62	16	6

FIFTY YEARS AS LEADER.

STEBBING RINGER'S LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED.

A very well-attended meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Stebbing on Saturday, when fifty members were present from seventeen parishes. The ringers' Office was said, and an excellent address given by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Livesey). The lesson was read by the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard). Tea and meeting followed in the Sunday School. The Vicar presided at the tea, and Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, presided at the meeting, supported by the Master, the Vicar, General Henderson, and the hon. district secretary, Mr. W. Arnold.

Eight new members were elected, and it was decided to hold meetings at Inworth and Halstead during the summer months.

After the business had been disposed of, the meeting was thrown open to the parishioners for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. E. Claydon, who has been the leader of the Stebbing ringers for 50 years. The gift took the form of an eight-day marble mantel clock, with a suitable inscription, a list of subscribers beautifully inscribed in an album by Mr. Davis, of Stebbing, and an envelope containing the balance of subscriptions received in Treasury notes.

The Master, in making the presentation, eulogised the services rendered to the church by Mr. E. Claydon over the long period of 50 years. He recalled the time when Stebbing had only a ring of five bells and a company of call-change ringers. Mr. Claydon and other young members of the band, in order to acquire the art of change ringing, walked regularly every week in all weathers to Braintree, a distance of seven miles each way, to attend the ringing practice there, and when they became well versed in the art taught others, and so established a change-ringing band in Stebbing, which had continued in existence without a break until the present time. In handing the gifts to Mr. Claydon, the Master said how pleased he was that so loyal a son of the church had been recognised by his brother ringers and fellow-parishioners.

Mr. J. T. Barker, churchwarden, and a ringer for 50 years, said that he and Mr. H. Emery, a ringer for nearly 40 years in the parish, had made the collection. It was a real pleasure to them. There were no refusals, everyone was so pleased to give.

Mr. Claydon, who only a short time previously had been told of the presentation, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the very handsome gifts. What he had done for ringing, he said, had been a labour of love, and he felt he did not deserve to be recognised for his services more than his friend Mr. Barker, who had also completed 50 years as a ringer at Stebbing. Mr. Claydon gave some very interesting and amusing reminiscences of his early experiences with the old local band of ringers.

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MINOR METHOD NAMES.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Criticism is invited of the draft list of names for Minor methods appearing in your issue of the 11th, and it is as well not to allow this proposal to go unchallenged. Quite briefly, an obvious first revision of that list would require the following alterations:—

- (a) Substitutes for the 'floral' names.
- (b) Deletion of the word 'Abbey' from the 'abbey' names.
- (c) Deletion of the word 'Castle' from the 'castle' names.
- (d) Certain other abbreviations.

The floral names are clearly unsuitable for a scientific nomenclature. As regards the 'abbey' names, apart from that abbreviation being an improvement, it avoids an absurdity. When 'Tintern,' 'Fountains,' 'Glastonbury,' etc., are mentioned, one so naturally thinks of the Abbey of that name, that to drag in that word (Abbey) is needless—e.g., 'Tintern Delight' is a tolerably good name; 'Tintern Abbey Delight' cumbersome and less euphonious.

Exactly the same is to be said of the castle names, apart from which quite a number of these duplex names have been adopted by the Union Castle Line for their steamships—e.g., Carisbrooke Castle, Chesham Castle, etc. Why need the names of well-known steamers be employed in our ringing nomenclature?

The original intention in choosing names from abbeys and castles—in itself a most happy idea—has been misunderstood and misapplied.

Furthermore, such glaring combinations as 'Duke of Norfolk,' 'Duke of Clarence,' 'Queen Victoria,' 'Woodcock's Victory,' etc., at least require abbreviation to 'Norfolk,' 'Clarence,' 'Victoria,' 'Woodcock,' etc., if these names must be retained.

We claim our art as a science. To print in an official publication of the Council such unsuitable names, such awkward combinations, and, above all, such absurdities as are now in question, would be making a laughing-stock of the Exercise.—Yours very truly,

Beechwood,
Old Catton, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

INSTANCES OF DUPLICATION.

Dear Sir,—The methods mentioned by Mr. G. B. Newton are two instances of the many cases where there is duplication of names. It is not very easy to settle these cases, certainly not to everybody's satisfaction; but the general rule adopted is that the oldest name stands. The Analysis Committee took a lot of trouble to find out which actually are the oldest, and I do not think they made many, if any, mistakes. As a matter of fact, Emmerdale was one of those that I queried. St. Laurence is a name already taken for a quite different method, namely, No. 75 in the Major Collection. It is the most difficult of the Little Bob methods. It was one of Mr. Bankes James', and was familiarly known by the Cambridge University men as 'Hot Tom,' hence, when it wanted a more dignified name, it naturally became St. Laurence. You will remember that that saint ended his days on a gridiron. The first peal of it was rung by the Guildford men in 1920. That was, of course, after the Frodsham peal, but St. James' Youths' Exercise is very much older, as the name of the Minor method.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.)

BIRTHDAY PEAL AT APPLETON.

From the point of view both of good ringing and good fellowship it was a great pleasure to all concerned to take part in the peal at Appleton, which was recorded in our last issue. George Holfield has so long been in association with Appleton and Grandsire Caters that it was most fitting he should on his seventieth birthday call a peal in his own tower with old friends. The only matter for regret was that his brother, E. Holfield, who was to have been in the band, met with an accident shortly before, and had to stand out. An efficient substitute, however, was found in Maurice Smith, of Baulbury.

At the close, Mr. and Mrs. Holfield entertained the band and a few more friends to supper at the Thatched Tavern, at the close of which the health of the host and hostess was enthusiastically drunk, and hearty wishes were expressed that George's eightieth birthday might have as happy a celebration.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, April 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, Middleton, Lancs, a date touch of Bob Major (1,928 changes) in 1 hr. 12 mins.: Wm. Berry 1, F. Berry 2, S. Holt 3, J. Smith 4, H. Bastow (longest length in the method) 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. H. Bastow 7, T. K. Driver 8. Composed and conducted by Wm. Berry.

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Mr. J. T. Barker added his testimony to the recipient in a few well-chosen words, mentioning that they also had in Stebbing another ringer in the person of Mr. H. C. Young, who had been ringing for nearly 30 years.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells, to the organist and to the ringers and lady friends who had provided, at their own cost, the very excellent tea. The bells were rung until late in the evening by the visiting ringers in methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 29th. Both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at Headquarters at 8 p.m. on June 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne (8 bells), on Saturday, May 26th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at the School Room 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than the 23rd.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Full programme as previously announced. Information at St. Thomas' Parish Room, Victoria Street, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday. Urgent matters will receive attention by hon. sec., Mr. Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol. Phone: Bristol 7261.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — The memorial tablet to the late Gabriel Chamberlain will be unveiled in Burnham Church tower on Saturday, May 26th, by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the Association. The ceremony will take place at 3.30 p.m. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26th. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Iver (6 bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Also on Saturday, June 2nd, at Farnham Royal, celebration of the 51st anniversary of opening of new tower, etc. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., at 1s. per head. Names for tea to J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Jubilee Celebration at St. Thomas' Church (City), on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall adjoining. All are welcome.—G. Way, 1a, Semont Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service at St. David's Church at 2 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 10 a.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 1.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 4 p.m., to elect district secretary. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—J. Larter, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro tem.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 28th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, M.A., Rector of Great Easton. 12.15 p.m.: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30 p.m.: Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street. Members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). — Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Stockton on May 28th. This year it will take the form of a joint meeting between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. Committee at 11.45 and dinner at 1 at the Vane Arms, High Street, Stockton. Service in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rev. A. Simpson, at 12.15. Bells: Stockton (10), Thornaby (8) and Middlesbrough (8) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit Monday, May 28th, and it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend, as there is some most important business to come before the annual business meeting. For all further particulars see notice of Durham and Newcastle Association meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit Monday, May 28th. The Central Committee will meet in the Schools at 10.45 a.m. Service in Thrapston Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who will give the address. Lunch at White Hart Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available are Thrapston (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Islip (6) from 10 to 11.30 and after the meeting; also Tichmarsh (8), Raunds (8) and Ringstead (6) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting will be held at Fakenham on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells available throughout the day. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting after lunch. — Arthur C. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnstaple on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner in Bromley's Restaurant, The Strand, at 1, followed by meeting. Barnstaple, Pilton, Braunton and Bishop's Tawton towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Rendham (6) and Sweffling (6). Bells at both churches available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 29th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 30th?—Hilda F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Swynnerton (6 bells). Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those who require tea please inform Rev. J. B. Frith, The Rectory, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs, before May 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Dore, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 5 p.m., Cooke's Café, Carolgate, opposite Exchange Street, Retford. Please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, the number of each tower likely to be present not later than May 30th. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Divine service from 4.15 p.m. to 4.55 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. F. Gould, Vicar of North Collingham.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Learners specially invited. Will members please look up Bob Minor and Cambridge Minor?—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting will be held at St. Briavels on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., on Vicarage lawn if fine, Church Schools if wet. All members who intend being present must send in their names to secretary by Wednesday, May 30th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than May 29th. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 4th and 18th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 12th, at 8.—S. G. Moye, Gen. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 (9d. to all sending word before June 6th to Mr. W. C. Rumsey Debenham). Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, June 6th. A good attendance is hoped for at this, one of the rare visits to the island.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Ask for cheap fares on District Railway. Harrington July 7th. Hillingdon July 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. 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 Stanmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Meeting after tea. Cheap return tickets from tube stations to Edgware, thence short bus ride. Harrow Weld bells in the evening. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting. Members and friends intending to be present at tea please communicate with Miss A. M. Henderson, Hayfield, Pickering, Yorks, on or before Tuesday, June 12th.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—At St. Magnus the Martyr, Thames Street, on May 20th, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. W. Clark 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, G. R. Goodship 3, W. Miller 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, J. Bennett 6, W. Pye 7, W. Glover 8, C. W. Roberts 9, G. A. Hughes 10.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evensong at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, Miss E. E. Pettitt 2, F. Ely 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. C. Reason 5, Pettitt 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evensong at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss K. Collard 1, F. Bowden 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, B. Elliott 4, M. Smither 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, R. Overy 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Ellingham 5, E. A. Passam 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of 4th.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's on Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. W. T. Briggs (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, A. Reeve 2, E. D. Lillywhite 3, W. Stead 4, G. H. Cross 5, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. H. Seabrook (first quarter inside) 7, W. P. Mable (first quarter) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 20th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival, for morning service, 960 London Surprise Major: H. Walker 1, H. P. Burton 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. J. Smith 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Old Church, on Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 1, J. F. Atkins 2, Miss C. Dobbs 3, W. Mumford 4, G. Pigott 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, H. Withers 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C., for evensong, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. E. Davis 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, W. H. Hewett 3, R. H. Bullen 4, E. F. Pike 5, G. H. Cross (conductor) 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8.

STREATHAM.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss F. E. Hardcastle 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: W. H. Fletcher 1, Miss P. M. Moss 2, R. Buckland 3, J. Blackmore 4, R. Turner 5, J. Bunting 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, C. C. Mayne 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Turner, who is leaving the district for Kingston-on-Thames.

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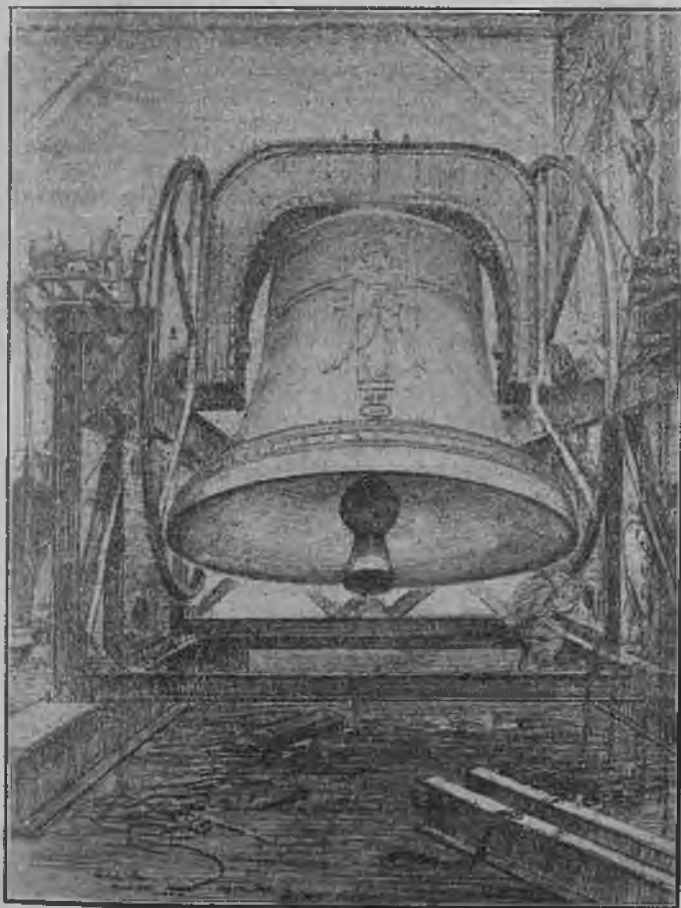
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The rapid spread, half a century ago, of the desire to organise ringers into associations which should raise the status of their office and promote the art of change ringing, is being recalled in these days by the frequent occurrence of 'jubilee' celebrations in various parts of the country. Until the Devon Guild was organised in 1874 there was nothing of the kind in existence, except such ancient societies as the College Youths, the Cumberlands, and the St. James' Society in London, St. Martin's Youths in Birmingham and others of less importance in smaller centres. But the aims and objects which brought the Devon Guild into being inspired others who desired to see ringing lifted to a higher and better plane, and close on the heels of Devon followed Lancashire and Yorkshire. Then came the first diocesan organisation, which was established at Norwich, and another for the Diocese of Durham (since divided). Within a year, two young and enthusiastic men in Gloucestershire set themselves the task of inaugurating an association on similar lines for their own diocese, and that society, now the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, celebrated its jubilee on Monday. One of these pioneers, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose services to the Exercise in many directions since that now distant day, have been unexcelled, was in the place of honour. He has seen the seed which he helped to sow, grow into a sturdy plant, and it must have given him supreme pleasure to see the enthusiasm with which the achievement of a half century of work was celebrated. The only pang of regret was that the other founder, Mr. George H. Phillott, did not survive to join in the gathering. It is only a short year since he was called home, but his memory will ever be cherished by the association as one who did much to start the organisation upon a successful career and to promote its aspirations.

In those pioneer days it was far from plain sailing. Bell ringing was almost entirely a secular pursuit, and change ringing was little practised. Those who rang the bells for service usually did so for the small remuneration they received and for the 'emoluments' attached to ringing for special occasions. When an organisation was set up which had other motives behind it, it was looked upon with suspicion, and it required much patient and persistent effort to break down the barriers. But it was the work and example of such men as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. Phillott which paved the way to the successful societies, which spread like a network over the country to-day, societies whose backbone is a body of men and women filled with the desire to serve the Church,

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and to promote the art of change ringing, which has grown to a degree undreamt of by those who ploughed the furrows fifty years ago. Gloucester and Bristol will be followed in their celebration by other societies of like character, for several are now approaching their jubilee. Not all of them are diocesan in name, but they all have similar aims; objects which we hope as the years go on will become more and more fully realised. Half a century has by no means completed the work there is to do; even in the spread of change ringing and bringing the bells and belfries of the land into a condition befitting the Church. But such gatherings as that at Bristol on Monday are full of promise for the activity of our ringing organisations in the future.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT... .. Treble	RICHARD J. STONE 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
JOHN W. STEDDY... .. 5	KEITH HART Tenor

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR F. WEST Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY 5
GEORGE W. PARK 2	HERBERT BROADLEY 6
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THOMAS CLARK 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY PRICE Treble	LAURENCE CHADBURN... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. STIRLAND ... 2	GEORGE WEST 6
FRANK BRADLEY... .. 3	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 7
*JAMES F. GEORGE 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD WHITEHEAD Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HORACE F. STUBBS 2	JOHN SADDINGTON 6
JAMES HUTCHBY 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT 4	JACK TOWELL Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in deep respect for Mr. W. Thorley, one of the local ringers, who passed away suddenly on May 14th.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
FRED WILFORD 2	JOSEPH C. DEAN 6
WALTER H. ADSTIN 3	W. JACK DOVE 7
ERNEST SIBLEY 4	WILLIAM STURGESS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DOVE.

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DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 6
JOHN SOUTER 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	BERNARD WELLS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
ALFRED J. BULL 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CECHL NICE 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

First peal as conductor.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FRIST Treble	TOM MITCHELL 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL CULLUM Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	JOHN H. CHEERSMAN 6
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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	WALTER STONE 5
*ALFRED KING 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
†WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 4	†WALTER THOMAS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

* First peal inside. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*VICTOR YORK Treble	HARRY MARLOW 5
JACK DOVE 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 6
ERNEST SIBLEY 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	HARRY WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Mr. John J. Taylor was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	TOM WILDE 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GODGE Treble	SAMUEL BAKER 5
RICHARD ROUND 2	WILLIAM GREEN 6
JOHN ROUND 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	REUBEN INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Adela Hopewell, a Sunday School teacher at the above church, and Mr. Victor Parsons, of Halesowen. Mr. A. Greenfield has now rung a peal on each bell in the above tower. This is the first wedding peal on the bells since the restoration by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Handsworth, Birmingham.

NORTH WINGFIELD.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

MADRICE E. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM WAIN 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	PERCY JERVIS 6
FREDERICK A. ADAMS 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary, also to the conductor.

KIRBY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY ALMOND Treble	GEORGE ANDREWS 5
*MADRICE J. LING 2	EDWARD DAVEY 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	HORACE WRIGHT 7
WILBY HAZELL 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 61st birthday of Queen Mary.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	FRED COTTON 6
TOM ATKINS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
T. KELHAM DEACON 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in this method on the bells and by all except ringers of 5th, 6th, and 7th. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part.

EDWARD WEBSTER Treble	JACK KAY 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
*PETER CROOK, JUN. 3	PETER CROOK 7
EDWARD EDWARDS 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate Empire Day and Evelyn M. Cutsforth's 21st birthday. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. P. Crook for their hospitality after the peal. They also offer their congratulations to Peter Crook, jun., who is only 14 years of age, on the capable manner in which he rang his bell.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS WILCOCK Treble	MRS. F. SEAGAR 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
HERBERT HAIGH 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
THOMAS A. KING 4	ARTHUR TROTTER Tenor

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson, parents of the conductor, who resides at Lavenham, Suffolk, and for Queen Mary's 61st birthday.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	JAMES MCCLUSKY 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method by all of the band, and on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition has the sixth the extent at home at twelve course ends. Rung on the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RAMSBOTTOM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

A. SIMISTER Treble	W. MITCHELL 4
A. FOX 2	W. ASHWORTH 5
*T. SLATER 3	H. FOX Tenor

Conducted by H. FOX.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	ALFRED BLOGG 4
*EDWARD LAWSON 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to John Watson, late secretary of the Blackburn Branch, who was interred at Samlesbury Church on this day.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, three of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL Treble	MRS. POWELL 4
THOMAS LAVER 2	FRANK J. DAVEY 5
WILLIAM HOWE 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS (HARRISON MEMORIAL).

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Beverley, York, Carlisle, Chester, and Cambridge Surprise.

JOHN GREASLEY... .. Treble	† HARRY ROGERS 4
* ERIC LLOYD 2	THOMAS ALF. ROGERS ... 5
EDWARD PARRY 3	† THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by T. A. ROGERS.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First as conductor. Rung on the Eve of Ascension Day. This is the first peal of Surprise in seven methods for all the band, ~~the first for the Chester Guild~~ and the first peal of Surprise on the bells. Also the quickest peal on the bells. Rung at first attempt. The above are all members of the local band.

TISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve 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 16½ cwt.

* CHARLES DEAN Treble	LEONARD V. BELSEY... .. 4
WILLIAM COOMBS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JIM RALPH 3	* STANLEY RAYS Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble is to be complimented on his performance, he only having learnt to handle a rope during the last six months.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, with ten callings, three each Spliced 240's, by A. J. Pitman and L. Morris, differently called.

* MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	* FREDERICK A. WILTSHIRE ... 4
THOMAS MERRETT 2	* WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	EDWARD G. MERRETT Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal and first attempt.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor about 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	AMOS SMART 3
JOSEPH SHARP 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 4

WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM STIBBONS 4
* WILLIAM H. STIBBONS ... 2	EDWARD HOWES 5
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM C. CLEMENTS ... Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	CHARLES A. PARKER 5
† DOUGLAS ELLENDER... .. 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BURGATE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirteen 120's of St. Simon's, thirteen of Grandsire, and sixteen of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

* DAVID WHITING... .. Treble	† ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor	

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal with an inside bell. This band came from five different parishes. It is just on thirty years since the last peal was rung upon these bells.

BUEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

J. FOSTER Treble	R. WALLWORK 4
* J. PORTER 2	W. MITCHELL 5
† N. STONE 3	J. RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Porter.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON Treble	JOHN LOWREY 4
EDWARD LOWREY... .. 2	EDWARD A. HERN 5
HENRY B. TAYLOR 3	* ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in seven different methods.

BRADSTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONA.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* ROBERT S. LOVELL Treble	* JAMES MARTIN 4
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	† HERBERT BOUCHER 5
* GEORGE FITZ 3	* WILLIAM T. HILL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal on the bells.

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DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON Treble	WILLIAM HOWARD 4
CHARLES HOWARD 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
HORACE PEPPER 3	JAMES WARDLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung in celebration of Empire Day.

APSLEY END.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY GOLDING Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 4
*JACK STOPP 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in five methods. Rung in honour of Empire Day, as a farewell peal to Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN BARKER Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung in honour of the 13th anniversary of A. W. Hall's wedding.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford Single and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY S. WOOD Treble	ALBERT C. V. GASSON 4
*EDMUND T. EXETER 2	CECIL J. E. GASSON 5
CHARLES HOLMAN 3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

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

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. JONES Treble	JOHN COORE 4
*ALFRED K. LEATHAM 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside in six methods.

THE TALE OF A FRAYED ROPE.

At Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, May 5th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was unfortunately brought to an end after two hours and five minutes' good ringing, owing to the fraying of one of the strands of the 7th rope. The trouble began soon after the first hour. A loose piece of rope was noticed at the tail end, and as time went on it gradually got worse and worse. However, it was not until the loose strand was passing through the sally that the conductor called 'stand.' The ringers who took part stood as follows: C. Tribe, Mrs. H. Baker, B. Luck, C. W. Player, H. Baker, K. Pattenden (first attempt), A. H. Smith, and T. E. Sone (conductor).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful quarterly meeting of the above division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th, a large number of members and friends being present. The following towers were represented: Chichester, Hove, Heene, Horsham, Shipley, West Grinstead, Pulborough, Kirdford, Warnham, Lower Beeding, and Billingshurst. The bells were kept busy till five o'clock, when the visitors adjourned to the Guest House, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Jacob-Hood. After the tea, at which 43 were present, a business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. Twelve new members were elected, viz.: The Rev. Jacob-Hood (hon. member), Messrs. J. Broadbridge and H. Goodsel (Pulborough), F. E. Cheesman, F. Radbourne, and T. Newman (Billingshurst), Miss F. Cooper, Mrs. P. Duncton, Messrs. H. Charman, H. Puttick, M. and S. Sopp (Kirdford).

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bosham in August.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for granting the use of the bells followed. That gentleman, having responded, another visit was made to the belfry, and the bells kept going till seven o'clock in Grandsire Stedman, Bob and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

At the invitation of Mr. P. Doick, some of the members on their way home called at Pulborough and rang touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th, representatives being present from Bourne, Spalding, Peterborough, Edenham, Morton, Deeping St. James, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Folkingham and Market Deeping. A service was held in St. Guthlac's Church, the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) officiating. He urged the Exercise to remember the importance of training and encouraging the younger members of the art of change ringing. The Rev. Piggott, Rector of Market Deeping, kindly presided at the organ for the service. Tea was provided at the local cafe, where 27 were present. The business meeting followed with the Rev. H. Law James in the chair, one new ringing member being elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edenham. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to the Master for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, and to those who made the necessary arrangements for the excellent tea which was provided. Ringing was again continued in the evening, the methods varying from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The bells of St. James' Church at Deeping St. James were available during the evening, and members took the opportunity of having a pull on this magnificent ring of six, with a tenor of 19 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kidlington on Saturday, when there was a representative gathering. In the early afternoon there was a service in the church conducted by the Rev. I. Lloyd-Jones, Vicar of Kidlington, the address being given by the Rev. Maurice Frost, Vicar of Deddington. The business meeting was held in the Foresters' Hall.

The Rev. Maurice Frost, in the course of his address, which was based on the text, 'Come, let us worship,' said Ascension time was a very appropriate occasion to turn one's thoughts to bells and to the words of the text. They were a real call for them to try and understand what the worship of God really meant. Worship was essentially giving and not getting. The Guild gave their time and skill in the service of God and His Church.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. R. Marriott, Rector of Wootton and chairman of the branch, expressed thanks to the Vicar of Kidlington for allowing the branch to visit the church, and said that the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was unable to be present as he was attending a similar function at Chipping Norton. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was eminently fitted for the position he held as among his other accomplishments he was a skilled ringer.

Mr. Everts, the hon. secretary of the branch, presented the annual statement, which showed a balance in hand of over £24.

It was agreed that the October meeting be held at Southleigh.

An invitation was extended to attend the North Berks Branch meeting at East Hagbourne on the following Saturday, it being stated that a good peal of eight was available.

The meeting concluded with the election of several new members and a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. R. Marriott for presiding, voiced by Mr. J. Monk.

The branch tender their hearty thanks to the Rev. M. Frost for his address, and also to the Vicar of Kidlington for the use of the church bells and for conducting the service. They much regret that he was not present at the tea and meeting.

THE STORY OF A HAT.

'ST. CHAPELIERE'S' EXCHANGE.

In a quaint little Yorkshire town there dwells a band of six bell-ringers, who, as they say up yonder, love to 'set off.' Now, on a certain day in the not too dim and distant past, they did decide to 'set off' and visit 'a cave,' where dwelt a real good sort of a hermit of long, oh, such long standing, who had at his cave a ring of six well-tuned cymbals, their object, of course, being to discourse sweet delights and pleasures on the said cymbals. So they did depute one of their number, who did own and control a rubber bus, to visit this hermit, and by sundry blandishments obtain the use of these cymbals for to hold an evening seance. The said emissary did his him to the cave and succeeded well with 'ye hermit,' and did obtain his permission to make the welkin ring, which so pleased he of the rubber bus that he did call at a certain hostelry, which rejoices in the name of Ye Old Black Swan (locally as T'Duck), and did himself well till a late hour, on the strength of his success with 'ye hermit.' On arrival home in the bosom of his family, he was greeted with the inquiry, 'What's tha been doin' wi thi hat? Whitewashing?' He took off his hat and looked, and to his amazement found he had not got his own prize Lincoln and Bennett, but a much bespattered tile long past its pristine glory.

'Oh,' quoth he, 'nah ahave dune it, ahave coom away wi' t' parson's hut and left mi ohn o' t'hat rack. He'll be iver soa wild. Ah mun tak care on it an' tak it back an' apologise when wi goa to ring.'

So he bade them brush it well and wrap it up carefully, and when the eventful evening came he took it with him and drove up in great style to the hermit's door. Dismounting, he advanced with the hat and commenced to apologise with much ado and humble mien for his misdemeanour. After looking at the bone of contention, 'ye hermit' said, 'But it's quite all right; don't say another word. I don't want the hat.' At which more apologies, and more than one spectator thought that the hermit had found himself very well satisfied with the exchange, and was laughing at the discomfiture of their courier, who had lost a good hat and got the worst of the exchange. But then 'ye hermit' affirmed, 'It's not my hat, and, by the way, where did you call after you left me?'

'Only for a little water to cool my radiator at the Swan,' quoth St. Chapelier.

'Ah,' quoth 'ye hermit,' 'so that's how my flock acquire new hats, is it?'

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 changes of Bob Minor: L. Warner 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, R. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, F. Hunt (Luton) (cond.) 6. Mrs. Warner's first 720 inside.

THE KING'S ACCESSION ANNIVERSARY.

A RINGING DAY AT OXFORD.

May 6th being the day of the King's Accession, it is decreed that Oxford's bells must be rung. This year the day was well started, when six members of the Oxford Society met at Carfax at 8 a.m. The bells having been raised in peal, a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor was tapped off in 24 mins.: G. Horwood 1, W. Simmonds 2, F. Wilkins 3, F. Taylor 4, V. Bennett 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

After ringing at their respective churches for morning service, ten members met at New College at 1 p.m., where, after a good 'rise,' a touch of Stedman Caters was attempted, but lost after 20 minutes' good ringing. Lowering the bells again, a move was made to Magdalene College, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the fine peal of ten.

The next call was at Merton College, where an excellent 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round, followed by a course of Bob Major. At 4 o'clock the ringers visited the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Here 240 Bob Minor was rung on the heavy peal of six.

After a short break for tea, a good muster assembled at the Cathedral, where Stedman Cinques proved as elusive as Caters did earlier in the day. However, a short touch of Stedman Caters was brought round, and then all twelve bells were lowered in peal.

The day's programme was brought to a close after evensong at St. Martin and All Saints' Church, with an excellent quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung in 48 mins., by W. Blake 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Brigham 3, R. Post 4, W. Collett 5, V. Bennett 6, W. Simmonds (conductor) 7, G. Horwood 8.

A feature of the day's ringing was the raising and falling in peal at each tower visited.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Skipton, Yorks, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering and the bells muffled, in memory of the Ven. H. L. Cook, Archdeacon of Craven, who was interred on Saturday, May 19th: J. Hill 1, E. Holmes 2, C. Brown (conductor) 3, F. Mosley 4, T. Rodgers 5, H. Roe 6, C. Law 7, W. Bailey 8.

On Sunday evening, May 20th, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins., was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Father S. Rowland, who was for some time assistant priest at this church: J. Tuke 1, R. Harrison 2, G. Lewis 3, C. Harrison (conductor) 4, F. Shackleton 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, gave another lecture on church bells and bellringing last week at Shirley. There was a large and influential audience, and £50 was raised for the local fund for rehanging and tuning the bells and adding a new treble. There were a number of interesting lantern slides and demonstrations on handbells from five bells upwards.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major, rung on May 31st, 1888, at Burton-on-Trent.

The first of the two long peals of Stedman Caters on handbells by the Guildford company was the 14,031, rung in 7 hrs. 3 mins., on June 1st, 1912.

A peal of 5,324 Grandsire Cinques, rung on June 3rd, 1773, was the first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham. The bells upon which this was performed will soon be in the melting pot.

The new peal of ten bells at Bow, Cheapside, cast by Lester and Pack, were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762.

One of the outstanding performances in ringing history was achieved on June 6th, 1892, when eight Norwich Diocesan Guild members rang 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Liverpool on May 5th was a composition by George E. Symonds.

Messrs. William Potts and Sons, Ltd., the well-known church and turret clock manufacturers of Leeds, have removed their registered offices and factory to more commodious premises at 'The Guildford Clock Works,' Bankfield Terrace, Burley, Leeds. (phone 52757).

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We beg to acknowledge a contribution of 2s. 6d. to the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund from Mr. F. Cherryman, Pirbright, Surrey, and 2s. from 'W.R.', Plymouth. The total is now £206 5s.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above district was held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th, and was attended by about 25 members. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and some good practice was obtained in the various standard methods and in Superlative and Cambridge Major. The usual service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. S. Wholan). Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ, and the service was very hearty throughout. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, followed by the business meeting, as the Vicar was unable to preside owing to another engagement. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst. The minutes of the annual district meeting were read and confirmed. Ten new practising members were elected, and the election of two non-resident life members was confirmed.

It was decided that the next bye-meeting should be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd.

The District Secretary referred in feeling terms to the recent tragic death of the daughter of Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, an old and respected member of the association, and a vote of sympathy was passed by the members standing in silence.

The question of having fixed dates for meetings was discussed, and the district secretary was asked to make enquiries as to dates of meeting of other districts, and report at the next meeting. Mr. G. Edwards said the next meeting was to be held at Penshurst in July, and he hoped it would be a bumper meeting. He would endeavour to obtain permission for members to view the State apartments and grounds of the Castle. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, to Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. G. Edwards for presiding at the meeting, were passed and replied to, and the members adjourned to the tower.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The bi-monthly meeting was held on Saturday, May 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, and, in spite of a dreadfully wet day, was well attended. Methods of all grades were rung, from Grandsire Triples for the beginners to Cambridge Minor for the elite. Tea was served at the Vicarage Room by Mrs. Gray and her lady helpers, and a substantial repast was much enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, and the routine affairs disposed of. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, Rev. Canon Foster Pegg, M.A., to Mr. Barber and the local men, and to Mrs. Gray and her lady helpers. The company afterwards adjourned to the tower, where touches in various methods were again rung, including a good course of London.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

WARFIELD.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 16th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, F. Webb 3, F. Buxton 4, G. Higgs 5, J. Brant, jun., 6, J. Brant, sen. (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8. This is the longest length yet accomplished on the bells by the local band.

OTTERTSHAW.—At Christ Church, for Sunday morning service, on May 13th, 120 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, D. Sleet 2, H. Chaffey (conductor) 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, G. Sleet 6. First 120 rung for service by the local band, who only started change ringing this year. All are local ringers except the conductor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT HEREFORD.

The second session of the thirteenth Council (the 36th annual meeting) was held at Hereford on Tuesday, the president (Canon G. F. Coleridge) being in the chair.

The Bishop of Hereford gave the Council a hearty welcome to the ancient city and to the diocese.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Young), and these were adopted on the motion of the auditors (Messrs. A. P. Smith and J. Griffin), who were thanked for their services. The balance in hand was £26 15s. 6d., against £45 5s. 10d., accounted for by heavy printing expenses.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in presenting his report, stated that the sale of publications during the year had been a small one, and instead of being able to hand over a balance of £7 10s. 5d., as he did last year, he had to draw on the Council's funds to the extent of £4 3s. 4½d., in order to pay the cost of advertising the publications. This was happening for one or two years previous to the issue of the 'Collection of Major and Cater Methods,' which in 1926-27 found a ready sale and also appeared to create a 'boom' in the other publications. In 1927-28 only 32 copies of this were sold, as against 150 in the preceding year, and there was a corresponding falling off in the demand for other publications. Perhaps they must await the issue of the 'Revised Collection of Minor Methods' to create a similar boom, and in the meantime trade might become better by the appearance of a revised and enlarged edition of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council and an account of its work,' which was now on sale for 1s. 3d. The Librarian asked for the Council's ruling as to what was to be done with the old edition of this publication, of which there were 100 copies left.

With regard to the library, acting on the instruction of the Council, the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope paid a visit to his (the Librarian's) house after the last Council meeting and carefully examined all the books, to advise if there were any that were not worth keeping. In the very full report which the Librarian subsequently received from them, they deprecated the idea of parting with any book, though an exception might be made in the case of a duplicate copy of Sottan-stall; they advised the binding of the various pamphlets by W. H. Thompson, and the careful consideration of what is to be the future of the Library, bearing in mind that it ought to be the best collection possible of ringing literature and of easy access to members of the Exercise. Later, the Librarian sent to Mr. Trollope a parcel of MSS. to examine at his leisure, but concerning this he had not yet been able to make a report. An invitation given through 'The Ringing World' to any reader who could offer or obtain the offer of any book that might be of value to the library to communicate with him, had resulted, the Librarian added, in one response, which had not led to anything. The library now possesses the complete issue of 'Bell News.' The total amount received for publications during the year was £5 4s. 9d., while the expenditure for advertising and postage was £9 8s. 1½d.

The report was adopted, and it was resolved to print a revised edition of 'Rules for Local Companies.'

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker were re-elected honorary members, and a vacant place caused by the resignation of the Rev. A. H. Boughey was left open in case of emergency.

Several new members were presented to the president.

In connection with the report of the Standing Committee, it was stated that a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, in the form of a peal board (provided by members of the Council), recording his last peal, had been erected in Duffield Church, and thanks were accorded Mr. H. W. Wilde for his work in this connection.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that the one-part peals of Treble Bob had now been completed and were ready to add to the collection in the library.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and adopted as follows:—

The committee have only one definite piece of work to report, and that is the completion of the revised edition of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions.' It is hoped that this publication, with the summary given of the Council's activities since its inception, and the special references to the period of the Great War and subsequent restoration of peace, will prove both practically useful and historically interesting. The suggestion is here made that each association should obtain at least one copy of this work and keep it among its official documents for reference. The casting and exhibition of the world's greatest carillons in this country have been the subject of many paragraphs in the newspapers, which were generally appreciative and well informed, also of leading articles in one or two of the principal journals. A recent attempt at a peal of record length naturally gave writers cynically inclined their opportunity, but for the most part references in the press to bells and ringing have been both accurate and sympathetic. It is of interest to observe that one of the general knowledge tests published a few weeks ago in the 'Daily Express' included the following question: 'When was the Ancient Society of College Youths founded, and for what purpose?'

FLORAL NAMES CHANGED.

The Methods Committee's report occupied the attention of the Council for a considerable time, and various instructions to the com-

mittee were given, including the deletion of the floral names for the Treble Bob methods, for which the names of hills and mountain ranges were substituted; the deletion of the word 'Castle' and 'Abbey' from names of the Delight methods, and sundry other alterations, made on various grounds.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported for the Towers and Belfries Committee, and a resolution was adopted, at his suggestion, that the committee inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with the acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers.

In connection with this matter, the question of the welding of cracked bells was also discussed.

The Records Committee's report, dealing with the new records set up during the past year, was presented by Rev. A. T. Beeston and adopted, and thanks accorded to the committee.

Mr. Milne reported progress on behalf of the Council's 'Legal Liability' Committee, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reported that the Broadcasting Committee were arranging with the B.B.C. for a broadcast lecture on bells and bellringing in the autumn.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn again brought forward the motion, adjourned from the last meeting, 'That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.'

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was lost by 36 votes to 20.

The following motion was submitted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the discontinuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish, like on historical, spiritual and practical grounds, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their efforts, individually or collectively, to prevent any such breach with ancient usage.'—Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

This motion was carried with one dissentient.

The Hon. Secretary proposed the following resolution: 'That the Council should consider the feasibility of supplying and fixing memorial plaques in towers associated with famous ringers of the past.' The proposition, however, did not meet with general approval and was defeated.

DEFINITIONS OF FIVE AND SIX-BELL PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the following resolution: 'That in the "Conditions required for Peals" laid down by the Central Council, the following be inserted: "ON FIVE BELLS. That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120." And the following be substituted for the present definition of a peal on six bells: "ON SIX BELLS. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120."'

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the resolution was carried, but a rider, moved by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that all peals of Doubles should be rung with as great a variety of calling as the method permitted, was defeated.

Mr. Walter Ayre had given notice to propose 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations with power to report to the next annual meeting.'—There had, however, been no seconder in accordance with rules, and the Council therefore declined to discuss the subject.

A notice of motion, which appeared as an addendum to the agenda, was in the following terms: 'That this Council invites its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping in touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.'

This was proposed on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild by Mr. R. Whittington, and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The brief outline of the suggested scheme was given as follows:—

In cases where a ringer removes from one parish to another in the same association or Guild area, his new address can be sent direct by the local secretary to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In cases where a ringer moves away from the area of his own association the new address can be sent by the local secretary to his association secretary, to be forwarded to the association secretary in the new area, who will, in turn, pass it on to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In each case it should be the duty of the local ringers in the place to which the ringer has gone to seek out the newcomer and invite him to the belfry and there extend to him the hand of fellowship.

The scheme was unanimously adopted.

The Council by standing in silence expressed its deep regret at the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, a valued member, who had died since the last meeting.

In recognition of her labours on behalf of the Council, the members subscribed the sum of £6 10s. as a wedding gift to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, and it was presented to her in a felicitous speech by the president, and suitably acknowledged.

The business terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.

Afterwards the members were the guests at tea of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Dean presiding, and in the evening a social was held.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT BRISTOL. A GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association celebrated its jubilee during the Whitsuntide holidays, and there has seldom been brought together a more representative gathering of ringers from all parts of the country than was attracted to this festival. Born in 1876 of the initiative of two enthusiastic young ringers, one of whom, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, has been spared to watch the growth of the organisation to its present maturity, and in this auspicious year to fill the honoured office of Master, the association has helped to make a good deal of ringing history while pursuing the policy of elevating the status of the ringers and spreading the art of ringing.



REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
President and surviving Founder of the Association.

It was a happy thought that made Bristol the centre of the festivities, for no town in England has so many rings of bells in proportion to its size, and it happens that in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, which exist largely for promoting the social side of ringing, an organisation was already in being which could undertake the heavy duties of providing for the entertainment of visitors and members alike. Nothing quite so elaborate as the programme of festivities has been attempted before, and thanks to the energies of the committee of the United Guilds and the painstaking and ungrudging services of the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, everyone had his comfort and convenience considered.

The festival was ushered in on Friday, May 25th, by the sound of the bells of St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and St. Peter's, City. At the former church a peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round, whilst at St. Peter's an attempt for Stedman Triples was defeated by a rope breaking after some good ringing. In the St. Matthew's peal it is worthy of note that Master Reginald Parker, who had no idea of ringing a peal, was coaxed from his tea to take part. He is not yet 14 years of age, but he is a wonderful example of what can be attained in carrying out the objects of the association, viz., 'The cultivation and practice of change ringing.'

VISITORS FROM ALL OVER ENGLAND.

On Saturday visitors had already been well established in the City, and others from all parts of England were continuing to arrive. Peals had been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (Stedman Cinques), where, unfortunately, after a repeated start, but excellent striking, the 11th bell went 'groggy,' and Mr. Albert Walker, the conductor, had to call 'stand.' The St. Stephen's peal of Stedman Caters was abandoned, probably through the 'holiday spirit' which prevailed. The peal of Stedman Caters arranged for St. James' was energetically attempted, but there again the need to continue the happy associations with brother ringers from all parts of England was making itself apparent, and after a while it was agreed to congregate at the Crown Restaurant in the old and historic market place to enjoy the fare provided for visitors' entertainment. Hundreds of ringers assembled at this hotel, and a very 'impromptu' programme, alternately under 'the hammer' of the 'President Elect' of the United Guilds, Mr. W. H. Thomas, and the 'Eject President,' Rev. R. H. Whitfield, was immensely enjoyed. 'Professor' Roper gave a musical 'pot-pourri,' whilst Mr. W. S. Emery, the 'stage manager' of the B.U.R.G., further assisted with an excellent rendering of 'The Sailors' Song.' Mr. Sullivan was at the piano, and community singing was greatly enjoyed. The Yorkshire contingent delighted the gathering with 'a clinking course' upon the handbells, and St. Thomas' handbell ringers, Bristol, gave very pleasing items, the choruses of which were assisted vociferously by the assembly. Mr. Fidler, of Loughborough (who was 'fiddling again') gave a few humorous 'Lancashire stories.' This brought the evening to a close 'officially,' but it was near midnight 'before some of 'em got to bed.'

Sunday came, and ringing commenced at St. Mary Redcliffe at 5 a.m., but as no alarm clocks were provided we believe that few visitors were 'spotted' before 10 a.m., when, according to arrangements, St. Peter's (8), St. Mary-le-Port (8), St. Nicholas' (10), St. Stephen's (10), Christ Church (10), St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Philip's (8), St. James' (10), St. Thomas' (8), St. Michael's (6), and St. Luke's (6), were soon sounding out the fact that unusual quantities of peals were being rung. (It must be many years since, if ever before, all these bells were rung at once.) After the morning service further opportunities for ringing were given, and, although a party of ten had motored to Wells to ring on the fine peal at the Cathedral there and 'other places on return,' a good number of visitors had every reason to be pleased with this additional choice of towers. At 2.30 the celebrated leaning tower, the Church of the Holy Cross (Temple Church), was available, and in spite of the fact that an energetic member of the B.U.R.G. was circulating postcards of the tower strapped up with chains to keep the building upright for the jubilee, there was a large number of ringers present. By the by, it has been remarked since by ringers staying at the Berkeley Cafe and looking at Temple Church on the return to 'digs,' that the postcard clearly defines the degree of angle in which the tower is out of upright. (They probably modified their views on the following morning.)

Sunday evening service ringing was well attended, and a great meeting of friends took place after service was over.

On Monday morning the large number was increased by visitors and members of the association who came by road and rail. The visitors were from the following places: Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, Croydon, Surrey, Luton, Beds, Coaley, Chew Magna, Buckfastleigh, Devon, Kent, Weymouth, Chilcompton, Somerset, Gloucester, Newent, Stoke-on-Trent, Woking, Surrey, Banwell, Bath, Portishead, Somerset, Stinchcombe, Wellington, Badgeworth, Nuneaton, Bedwelty, Reading, Taunton, Drayton, Pudsey, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Dewsbury, Wakefield, Calverley, Guiseley, Elkstone, Reddings, Stroud, Tetbury, Minchinhampton, Farnswick, Chippenham, Wilts, Clevedon, Stourbridge, Manchester, Stonehouse, Cirencester, London, Haslemere, Surrey, Derby, Dursley, Erdington, Birmingham, Henbury, Bermondsey, Wolverhampton, Wotton-under-Edge, Devizes, Coventry, Hatherley, Worcester, Loughborough, Winchester, Swindon, etc.

Throughout the morning the bells of the city churches were ringing, and at noon a festival service was held at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, the central aisle of which magnificent building was filled by the ringers. There was no choir, but, led by the splendid organ, the singing was of an inspiring character. The service was conducted by the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, and the address given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol, who at the outset extended hearty congratulations to the association on attaining its jubilee. One had heard and read, he said, of the formation of the association and of the progress it had made, and now that they had arrived at their jubilee all bodies connected with the church, not only in the city of Bristol but throughout the two dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, congratulated them from the bottom of their hearts. The preacher, in an interesting address, then proceeded to enlarge upon the spirit which should govern the work and the lives of the ringers themselves.

Over 200 sat down to luncheon, under the chairmanship of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, supported by the Archdeacon and the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. R. H. Whitford and Rev. T. C. Fowler. Among the visitors were Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. G. Pullinger (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. C. S. Burden (College Youths), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), etc.



MR. EDGAR GUISE.

Present Hon. Secretary of the Association.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn submitted the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' which he congratulated upon having come through fifty years and in assembling on that auspicious occasion in such splendid numbers. Their service that day had been an inspiration, and one which they would not forget for many years, if ever. Those who visited that association at any time knew that in coming into that territory they would meet good ringers and good friends, and have good ringing and good fellowship (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of their Master and one of their founders, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (applause).

FIFTY YEARS—A CONTRAST.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was greeted with cheers, said he had been deeply touched by the reception which had been given to him, and that was one of the greatest days of his life. With regard to the history of the association, he could not add much to what he had already written for the annual report of the association and for 'The Ringing World,' but he would like to say a word or two as to the great change in everything surrounding ringing in the last fifty years. The younger generation could not understand how great that difference was. Even in the means of transport things had totally changed, for fifty years ago there were no motor vehicles whatever, no bicycles

except the old-fashioned high ones, and the only means of getting from place to place was by train or walking, unless one could afford to engage a horse and trap. In those days men were constantly willing to walk six or eight miles out and home again to practise Grandfire Triples. Then, too, there was very little ringing literature, and what there was was hard to obtain. The only books to be had were 'Banister' and 'Hubbard,' but since they had had the whole of the Snowdon series and many other books besides. They now had 'The Ringing World,' and at one time 'Church Bell' and 'Bell News.' Little was known by the clergy about bells or ringing, and he was afraid many of the clergy regarded their ringers as a troublesome set (laughter). Those who wrote to the press about bells knew little or nothing about the subject, and one gentleman, Mr. Haweis, who wrote a good deal, ran down our English bell founders, and said there was nothing worth listening to except bells cast in Holland (laughter). It was, therefore, very difficult to get bells rehung when they needed it, and they also suffered from the theories put forward by Sir Edmund Beckett, afterwards Lord Grimthorpe, whose ideas resulted in such bells as Worcester Cathedral, which had now got to come out and be recast. Fifty years ago ringers found it very difficult to get church authorities to listen to them; to-day many associations had representatives on Diocesan Advisory Boards, and ringers' considered opinions on bell matters were listened to with respect. He thought their association might congratulate itself upon what it had done during its fifty years. Things were not perfect yet. Reform was needed in some out-of-the-way parishes, and certainly change ringing was not practised in every church in the diocese. However, they had done a great deal, and where there was still work to do it should be an inspiration to continue their labours. They must try to exalt their office and keep before them the great main objects of their existence as an association, which was to elevate the tone of every belfry in the diocese (applause).

FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford proposed the toast of 'The Central Council,' to which Canon Coleridge responded. He said the Council used to come in for a good many knocks at one time, but he ventured to think if they had in their possession the record of what the Council had done—a record which was to be published the next day—they would find proof that the Council had been of inestimable value to the Exercise at large. The Council had always done its very best for the Exercise as a whole, and while it might not follow that everyone agreed with what they did, they had always tried to do the best they could. Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to some of the noteworthy performances in which he had taken part under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, mentioning among others the first clerical peal at Prestbury, the 13,000 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, and the peal on Lundy Island. On behalf of the Central Council he congratulated the association, and hoped they had in front of them another fifty years of useful life. Although his old friend Mr. Davies could not expect to be there fifty years hence, he hoped he would be with them for many years to guide the destinies of that great association (applause).

Mr. W. Thomas submitted 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Percy Johnson replied, extending the good wishes of his own and the association's to the Gloucester and Bristol Association for continued prosperity.

A vote of thanks, moved by the Chairman, to the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe and the Archdeacon of Bristol was acknowledged by the latter.

A BOMBHELL!

The annual meeting of the association was afterwards held, with the Master in the chair.

The financial statement by the treasurer showed that there was £83 9s. 6d. in hand on the general account, against £73 17s. 2d. at the beginning of the year.

Owing to the death of Mr. G. H. Phillott, who had acted for the association as adviser in cases of bell restoration, it was resolved that three advisers should now be appointed, each to be allocated a district. The appointments and the division of the area were referred to the Executive Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Chippenham. Stroud having also been proposed and withdrawn, and Lydney outvoted.

Different dates were suggested, and Whit Monday eventually chosen. Vice-presidents and hon. members on the committee were then elected, and, amid applause, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected Master.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the office of Ringing Master be not filled, as, he said, the two Ringing Masters in the past had not fulfilled their duties.—As it was provided in the rules, however, that a Ringing Master should be appointed, Mr. Cave was re-elected.

Mr. W. Lansdown was reappointed hon. treasurer, and then a bombshell exploded in the meeting. Mr. Edgar Guise refused to be elected hon. secretary, his reason being the appointment of the Ringing Master. No persuasion would alter his decision, and no one could be induced to take office. Various suggestions were made, but an impasse seemed to have been reached, when Mr. Cave, who commented upon the unpleasant position in which he had been placed, said he would resign the ringing mastership.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—continued.

This at once relieved the tension, and the Rev. Scott, having commented upon the action of Mr. Cave as that of a sportsman, with whose feeling they must have sympathy, said he hoped their secretary would prove equally a sportsman, continue in office and forget all about the incident (applause).

Mr. Guise acceded and, amid applause, undertook to carry on for another year.

Mr. Alfred Wright was reappointed peal secretary, and thanked for his services.

The auditors were re-elected, and several non-resident life members added to the roll.

A discussion on the proposed Central Council peal diplomas scheme was raised, and it was eventually left to the discretion of the representatives of the association to vote as they might determine after hearing the arguments.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Charles Dyson, of Tewkesbury, who had been injured in an accident, and with Mr. Frank Howell, of Thornbury, who was also prevented from being present.

Mr. C. T. Coles proposed, on behalf of the visitors, a vote of thanks to the secretary and other members of the association for their kindness to the ringing visitors, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

After tea, there was further ringing, and the festivities were brought to a close with a social at the Ship Hotel.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Of all the delightful spots in Surrey there is none more pleasant than the picturesque village of West Clandon—on a fine day. The church and the rectory stand among stately trees, as tall as any for miles around, but on Sa urday (May 19th), in a drenching downpour of rain, the real beauties of this charming spot could not be so fully appreciated. Nevertheless, a meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild brought together a gathering of nearly fifty ringers from no fewer than 19 towers, and the warmth of the welcome received much more than offset the chilliness of the May weather. Two six-bell towers were available for ringing during the afternoon—Marrow and West Clandon, and the whole party concentrated at the latter church for the Guild's service, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Sir John Herschel), who also gave an address. Lady Herschel presided at the organ, and the singing revealed that the Guild has many choristers as well as ringers in its ranks. An offertory, amounting to a guinea, was given to the fund being raised for the augmentation of Clandon bells.

Tea was served in the Parish Hut, and Lady Herschel and her helpers were assiduous in their attention to the wants of the members. Sir John Herschel presided, and those present included Sir Arthur Martindale, K.C.S.I. (Marrow), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., hon. treasurer of the Guild, the Rev. W. N. Willis (Ottershaw), Mr. Walter Harrison (chairman of the Executive Committee), and ringers from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Marrow, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Shalford, Godalming, Woking, Cranleigh, Shere, West Clandon, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Aldershot, Seale, Leatherhead, Banstead, Farnham and Bagshot. Mr. Norman Harding had his first experience as secretary of a district meeting, and very ably discharged the duties devolving upon him.

After tea, Mr. Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to Sir John Herschel for the use of Clandon bells and for conducting the service; also to the Rev. J. P. David for the use of Marrow bells. He also welcomed Sir Arthur Martindale to the meeting.

Mr. C. Hazelden (Ringing Master) moved a vote of condolence with the widow and family of Mr. Thomas Mack, of Haslemere, a foundation member of the Guild, and a very old member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. This was carried by the members standing in silence.

Two members of the Marrow band were elected to the Guild, and Sir Arthur Martindale was elected an hon. member. In acknowledging his election, Sir Arthur admitted that he had once been a ringer himself. He began his ringing career sixty-five years ago, and finished it about sixty years ago, but as it appeared that one could never be too old to become a ringer, he was not sure he would not make another start (hear, hear).

The question of providing help for the ringers at Albury was discussed, and the matter was left in the hands of the general hon. secretary and the District Ringing Master.

Members then returned to the two towers for further practice, while the Executive Committee of the Guild sat to deliberate upon a variety of matters concerning the affairs of the Guild. Among the methods rung during the day was Sandal Treble Bob, which with Oxford was the first stage of what it is hoped to make a progressive study in method ringing. The next methods are to be College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. Other methods, from Grand sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung.

West Clandon tower and bells were destroyed by fire in 1913, and replaced in 1914. Provision was then made for adding two trebles to the ring of six, the frame for them being installed. A fund is being gradually accumulated to complete the work, but the parish is a very small one, with less than 500 inhabitants.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.**'CONCERNING THE NAMING OF METHODS.'**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One can only read with the greatest amazement the letter written with the above title by Mr. Trollope, wondering why a person with his abilities has put himself in such a humiliating position.

He actually has not any scrap of argument with which to support his action at Ipswich and at the Mansion House. He simply has to go on repeating ad nauseam the same statements which have been proved to the hilt to be absolutely untrue.

The discussions at both places were fully and fairly reported, and everyone knows, and has enough intelligence to understand, in spite of what Mr. Trollope says to the contrary, that the report has never been discussed. Discussion was deliberately burked by amendments, which were not negative amendments, but side-tracking amendments. The reason is obvious. The opposition knew that our report was of such a character that they could not find any argument to refute it on its merits, and that they would be defeated if it were discussed, and therefore they deliberately and angrily refused to allow it to be discussed. That the Council gave them a majority is obvious, and we do not deny it. What we deny is that our report has had any hearing at all, let alone a fair hearing.

Previously to this letter Mr. Trollope has always objected that we insisted on the report being voted on as a whole, and that if we had put the resolutions separately, most of them would have got through. Now he says we presented our report in such a way as to make it 'almost impossible to vote against it as a whole. They intended to move thirteen separate resolutions, etc.' These statements cannot both be true. He is convicted out of his own mouth of making at least one untrue statement, but, as a matter of fact, both statements are untrue. For on both occasions the reports we put before the Council could have easily been accepted either as a whole or in detail. We asked for the former at Ipswich, and the latter at the Mansion House, but in such a way that it was clear that it did not matter which the Council decided to do first.

Mr. Trollope says that we stated that an entirely root and branch reform was necessary, 'extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major.' It is clear to everyone who knows even the elements of the subject, reading the reprint of the report in your issue of May 18th, that the exact contrary is the case. We did not propose the least alteration of any well-known name, and never mentioned Norwich at all. This is the third time I have repeated this to Mr. Trollope, and the fifth time I have done so in your columns in all. Yet he calmly repeats what he must know to be untrue.

Let anyone take the resolutions, say the first, and he will see that they are matters on which the Council ought to decide, and will have to decide, sooner or later.

'1. No method shall have more than one name.'

Surely the Council is capable of deciding on this without much debate, or with none at all. It is a matter on which a decision should be taken at once. It is not only the members of the defunct committee who say this, but more than fifty members of the Suffolk Guild in general meeting assembled. And I challenge everyone who voted against us at Ipswich to put it to their associations, and I am sure they will get as unanimous a reply in my favour as I did at Bury St. Edmunds.

Not a single word has been said either in favour of this resolution or against it; and the same applies to most of the report; yet Mr. Trollope has the assurance and the folly to say that these proposals 'were considered on their merits, discussed on their merits and rejected on their merits.' Of course, they were never considered, discussed or rejected at all. All that the Council did was to treat us discourteously at Ipswich, and to give us a slap in the face at the Mansion House.

HERBERT DRAKE.

'LONG STANTON.'

Dear Sir,—I should like, on behalf of our Long Stanton ringers, to thank Mr. Newton for his letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' The Minor method No. 20, C.C. Collection, was rung on handbells at Long Stanton Vicarage by Messrs. W. H. J. Hooten, J. B. Woolley and C. W. Woolley, and afterwards rung in the tower by our band about six years ago. These 720's were recorded by 'The Ringing World' and the name 'Long Stanton' claimed for this method.

It is satisfactory to note from Mr. Trollope's letter that the name 'Primrose' is to be retained for No. 38 of the Surprise Minor Methods, and I hope that the Methods Committee will be able to adopt Mr. Newton's suggestion regarding our more humble method.—Yours truly,

C. W. COOK.

LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—On Saturday, May 5th, at the Church of St. Bartholomew, 720 Bob Minor: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1. H. Bennett 2. W. H. Southard 3. Rev. R. H. Whitford 4. A. S. Roberts 5. J. Woodley 6. First 720 on the bells, and on working bells, by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

EALING.—On May 21st, on handbells, in 19½ mins., 720 Reverse Bob Minor: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2. Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4. Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 7th and 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Rendham (6) and Sweffling (6). Bells at both churches available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A combined practice will be held at Laverstoke on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 5.30 to 9 p.m.—Geo. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Dore, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. — R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Learners specially invited. Will members please look up Bob Minor and Cambridge Minor?—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 5 p.m., Cooke's Café, Carolgate, opposite Exchange Street, Retford. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Divine service from 4.15 p.m. to 4.55 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. F. Gould, Vicar of North Collingham.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Celebration of the 51st anniversary of opening of the new tower, etc., at Farnham Royal on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 4th and 18th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 12th, at 8.—S. G. Moye, Gen. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Cup Contest promoted by the Hoylandswaine Company will be held, as usual, at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, commencing 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be arranged for those who apply before that date. All ringers and ladies welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, June 6th. A good attendance is hoped for at this, one of the rare visits to the island.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 (9d. to all sending word before June 6th to Mr. W. C. Rumsey Debenham). Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Ask for cheap fares on District Railway. Harlington July 7th. Hillingdon July 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. 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 Stanmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Meeting after tea. Cheap return tickets from tube stations to Edgware, thence short bus ride. Harrow Weald bells in the evening. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea arranged only for those notifying me before Wednesday, June 6th. Meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. Subscriptions please.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m., Sandridge 6.30 (approx.). Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector of Wheathampstead.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free). Business meeting to follow. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 6th. — J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th. Tea at 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Service at 5.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Barkway on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), a nice peal, afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock at Wheatsheaf. All ringers and friends welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davant Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, June 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th (eight bells). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. H. Wardley King, The Vicarage, Hungerford, Berks, not later than Thursday, June 7th, for tea. Kintbury tower will be available for ringing after 6 p.m. (six bells). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting. Members and friends intending to be present at tea please communicate with Miss A. M. Henderson, Hayfield, Pickering, Yorks, on or before Tuesday, June 12th.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify me by June 13th. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and c19.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Wednesday, the 13th. It is hoped all who intend being present will comply with this request. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please let me know numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each) to those who notify Mr. H. North, High Street, Snaith, Yoole, on or before Wednesday, June 13th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LEICESTER. — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester,

on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: C. Parker 1, F. Hunt 2, J. Trout 3, F. Perris 4, A. Knight 5, B. Marsh 6, C. Lovelock (conductor) 7, F. Taylor 8.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,240 changes): C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, W. J. Symons (first away from treble) 2, J. E. Lilley 3, R. J. Baldry 4, G. Godard 5, A. Triggs (Penance) 6, G. Woodley 7, G. Lines (first quarter-peal and longest length) 8.

WANDSWORTH.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Hill, for morning service, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: W. H. Bell 1, W. H. Worsley 2, Robt. Bullen 3, C. E. Collis 4, Chas. Moody 5, H. Moody (Sergt., R.A.F.) 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, H. Troman 8. All of Putney, except tenor man, whose first quarter-peal it was. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

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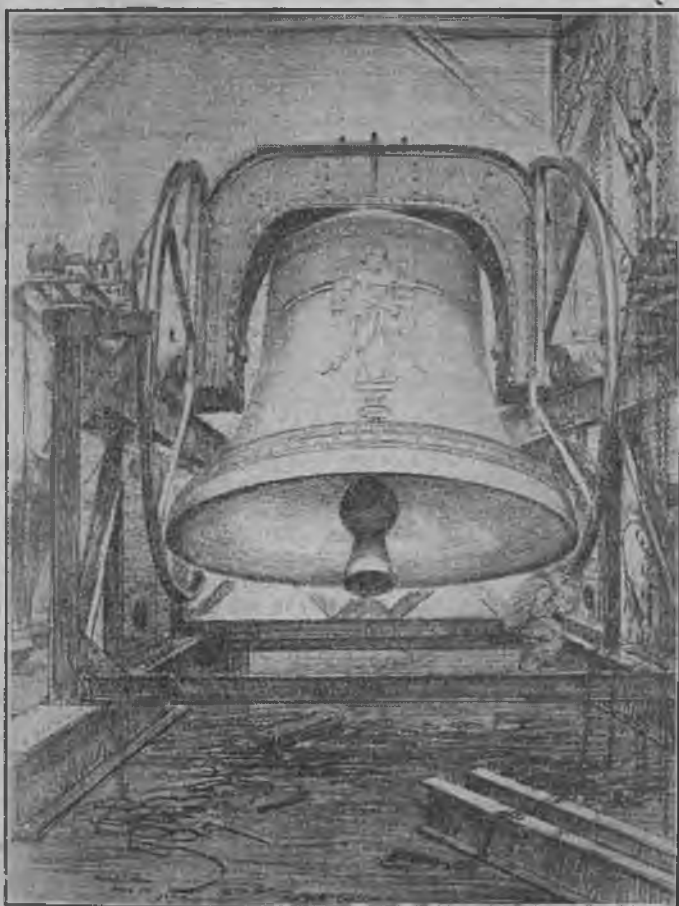
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SOMETHING ATTEMPTED; SOMETHING DONE!

There have been occasions when ringers have asked, after a meeting of the Central Council, 'What have they done?' and it has been difficult to point to any one useful action which has resulted from the proceedings. Last week's meeting at Hereford, however, was in striking contrast to many of its forerunners, and probably no previous gathering of the Council has accomplished so much at one meeting. In support of this view, let us set out some of the 'positive' actions taken: It was resolved to print a new edition of 'Rules for Local Companies,' a model upon which many bands frame their rules and the revision of which a committee has just completed. The collection of one-part peals of Treble Bob Major has also been completed by its particular committee, and was placed in the hands of the Council. The Methods Committee is ready and was authorised to print a revised edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' and in this connection a controversy of five years' standing over the names was finally settled as the result of a series of motions, which gave the Council the opportunity of voting separately upon several of the various questions of principle which have been involved in regard to the titles. Then, the Towers and Belfries Committee were empowered to investigate the best methods of dealing with acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers. Definitions were adopted for bringing the requirements of six-bell peals into line with present practice and laying down for the first time recognised conditions for five-bell peals; while last, but certainly not least, the Council gave its approval to a scheme by which it is hoped to keep touch with young ringers when they move from one district to another.

That, without any of the other subjects on which progress was reported, was a programme of definite accomplishment not only creditable to the Council, but of real value to the Exercise, and is a complete answer to those who continue to put forward the argument—for which there may have been some justification years ago—that the Council is a useless body. It is becoming more and more representative of the Exercise, and with this increasing support its services to ringing are becoming more and more valuable. We have in season and out of season urged that the Council must be what the ringers, through their associations, like to make it. If they determine to make it a really live central authority they can do so, and there is evidence now that it is becoming more fully recognised in this direction. Although held in a somewhat 'inaccessible' part of the country, last week's meeting was the best attended of any outside

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London, and the spirit which pervaded both the business and the social side of the proceedings not only added to the pleasure of all concerned, but, we feel sure, did a great deal to convince those present, who may have had any doubt upon the subject, that the Central Council is a body which is of inestimable value to the Exercise as a co-ordinating force, and can be made of even greater utility if ringers will only give it the support to which it is entitled. On the other hand, the Council, by a programme of business, such as it disposed of at Hereford, will do a great deal to demonstrate to ringers that it is capable of and willing to do practical work on their behalf.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN... .. 3	*JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
JOHN HOLMAN 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. Miss Chapman has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and is the first lady ringer to do so.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 2	*THOMAS WATSON 7
*THOMAS B. NEWTON 3	JAMES MARSH 8
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
FREDERICK HINDLE 5	*THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wadham, of Millwood, on her 90th birthday. Ringers of treble, 5th and 6th belong to Blackburn, 8th to Ormskirk, 9th to Southport, 7th and tenor are local, the rest from Ambleside.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
WILLIAM PYE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
JOHN HOLMAN 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
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* First peal of Royal.

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BRISTOL.

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On Thursday, May 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUBER 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	HARRY BENNETT 8
ALFRED KING 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
ALBERT STOWELL 5	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... Tenor

Composed by HY. JOHNSON, SEN. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES

Arranged for the ringers of 4th and 6th, visitors to the jubilee meeting of the association, who were staying the week in Bristol.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*FRED N. SMEATON 3	KEITH HART 8
*JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 25, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*REGINALD PARKER Treble	GILBERT PEARCE 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	EDGAR GUISE 6
*ARTHUR DURBIN 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES 7
EDGAR LEWIS 4	ALBERT PARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. The treble ringer is not yet aged 14. Rung for the Association's jubilee.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BRO. BERNARD PANKHURST Treble	P.G. BRO. HARRY SEAL ... 5
BRO. PERCY G. DENTON ... 2	BRO. GEORGE EDWARDS ... 6
BRO. ARTHUR WILES 3	P.G. BRO. ERNEST EVEREST '7
BRO. ARCHIBALD DENTON ... 4	BRO. CHARLES BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by BRO. GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. All the above are members of the Loyal Leicester Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by members of one lodge. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th hail from Leigh, 3rd and 7th from Chiddingstone, 5th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

PEARL INSKIP Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 5
*JOSEPH SHARP 2	WILLIAM SHARP 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 7
HENRY STAPLETON 4	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by J. T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
*THOMAS HEMMING 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bird, of Old Hill, mother of H. G. Bird.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. JONES Treble	S. HOLT 5
P.C. D. BROWN 2	F. STONELEY 6
J. HALL 3	P.C. J. CARTER 7
A. FROST 4	G. WHITELEG Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Burroughs, the respected captain of this tower, who has been a service ringer for 50 years; also a birthday compliment to H. S. Kellett.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY F. CLARKE Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM STEGGAIL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Major and first attempt. David Whiting was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN HOBBS Treble	HENRY HARRISON 5
WILLIAM THORNEY 2	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
*FRANK BRADLEY 3	ALFRED BARRATT 7
*SAMUEL PINDER 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 4	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal in the method. First on eight bells. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the treble ringer. Also as a birthday compliment to the first grandson of the ringer of the fourth, who kindly entertained the ringers and their friends to tea after the peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. Edwards 4, Miss Orchard 5, Mr. Goldstone 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Calbourn 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

T. BALDWIN Treble	W. BIBBY 5
J. AUSTIN 2	J. BIBBY 6
W. T. POSTON 3	J. CLARK 7
W. POSTON 4	E. V. RODENBURST Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	DAVID WHITING 6
JAMES BETTS 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL

Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

PALGRAVE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
DAVID WHITING 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN CLARK Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	JAMES E. GROVES 6
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ... Treble	JACK HONEY 5
MISS RUBY HAZELL 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOHN NOBES 4	JOHN A. FRANKUM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

This was Mrs. A. E. Lock's 100th peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY Treble	JAMES C. GRAY 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	ALBERT E. ADAMSON 6
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	ADAM DEAS 7
JOSEPH ROBERTSON 4	ROBERT SKEOCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal. The ringer of the sixth hails from Chester-le-Street.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

* JOHN ROUND Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

* First peal and first attempt in the method. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting. Rung in the octave of the Whitsun festival.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

* STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 5
* FRANCIS G. BLAKE 2	GEORGE PRESTON 6
† ARTHUR V. DAVIS 3	JAMES E. FIGGURES 7
* FRANK HOOD 4	* HARRY J. GILLARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung as quarterly peal of the Christchurch district. The ringer of treble belong to Brockenhurst, 2nd to Sopley, 3rd and 5th to St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 4th and 7th to Lymington, 6th and tenor to Christchurch.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
JOHN PERRY 3	ROBERT PICKERING 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD GENNA Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

W. Fisher's 300th peal. First of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	* EDWARD J. BEER 5
* EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	† HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
* THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	FREDERICK J. COLLOM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Surprise inside.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	* FRANK CLAYDON 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	* WALTER ARNOLD 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	* LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Saturday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. Mapeley 1, H. Lear (conductor) 2, E. Yates 3, E. Whitlock 4, W. Pedley 5, E. Lathall 6, W. Smith 7, R. Hall 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 4th ringers. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. C. Beard, one of the local ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
*ARTHUR H. REED 3	PERCY SPARKES 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SPARKES.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight as conductor. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

The following four peals were rung by members of the Kent County Association in East Kent during the Whitsun holiday:—

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth.

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HORACE WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HARRY BAKER 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*CHARLES FRANKLIN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

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

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
CHARLES MILLWAY 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	HORACE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Jordan was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HORACE WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	LUTHER HONESS 7
CHARLES MILLWAY 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

KNIGHTON, RADNOR.—At St. Edward's Church, on May 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): R. H. Jones 1, E. W. Watkins 2, W. J. Benians 3, J. J. Price 4, T. H. Y. Smallwood 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, G. C. Abley 7.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	†CECIL T. NEALE 5
*ALFRED HINDS 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, mother of the second ringer.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	†WILLIAM A. MEER 3
*WILLIAM A. STOTE 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Raper, mother of the conductor.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

HARRY BOYCE ... Treble	DAVID J. LEWIS 4
*TERRY DAVIES 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
CYRIL LAKE 3	*ARTHUR PYNNE Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. J. Lewis. Thanks are due to the ringer of the treble, who stood in at a minute's notice.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILFRED BARNETT ... Treble	†WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	†CHARLES G. BATES 5
JAMES H. RAPER 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First attempt for a peal. † First 720 in the method. Rung on the birthday of William T. Chown.

SIBSEY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. H. HARPER ... Treble	WILLIAM HOUGHTON 4
*WILLIAM WILKINSON 2	HAROLD HARPER 5
*HARRY JOHNSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal. Mrs. Harper is the first lady ringer to ring a peal for the Eastern Branch. Five of the company are Sunday service ringers.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, May 20th, for evensong, a late touch of Surprise (1,928 changes), being 128 London and 120 each of Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, York, Durham, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich: A. Henley 1, B. Luck 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, A. Smith 6.

On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, 1,928 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blacketh 3, Fred Blacketh 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blacketh 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTS FROM BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Thrapston on Whit Monday. Following a meeting of the Central Committee in the schools, the Guild form of service was held in the Parish Church at noon, and was well attended, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw. Miss Kingsford presided at the organ, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Wilford.

In the course of his address, the Rector, making a call for more young ringers, said many hands were below strength, and that meant far too much work being thrown on those who already gave a great deal of their time to this branch of church work. They showed a thorough feeling of fellowship and brotherhood as they went from one belfry to another to help those who were short-handed. He would like to take that opportunity of thanking the captain of his own belfry (Mr. J. Nickerson), who for 30 years had done noble service for that particular branch of church work.

Lunch was served at the White Hart Hotel, 96 sitting down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Master (Mr. F. Wilford). Amongst those present were Rev. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., Rev. G. H. L. Hopper, Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Rev. C. R. C. Wakefield, Canon A. M. Luckock, Rev. E. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), S. F. Millward (auditor), R. G. Black (general sec.), F. Barber, H. Baxter and J. Nickerson (branch secretaries), J. J. Jutson (treasurer, Peterborough Branch), Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants Branch of Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Warrington (Long Stanton), J. A. Waugh (London), D. Vincent (Nottingham), J. Brothwell (Rotherham), W. P. Whitehead (Leicester), E. A. Marsh (Husbands Bosworth), S. J. Loasby (Kettering), and D. J. Nichols (late general secretary). Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough (the president), Canon J. P. Friend, Rev. D. A. Jones, Rev. G. M. Davidson, Rev. C. J. Watkins, Messrs. F. Hopper and T. Tebbut (who had that morning left for the Central Council meeting which was being held at Hereford the following day), Mr. A. E. York, Mr. W. H. Waldron and Miss E. Jutson.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with best thanks for their past services, on the proposition of Mr. W. Perkins, seconded by Mr. D. J. Nichols, who said he was quite sure no Guild had been better served. The Chairman briefly responded. The officers re-elected were: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. R. G. Black; hon. auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Kettering, on the recommendation of the Central Committee. A special general meeting is to be arranged at Weedon on September 29th, when it is hoped to secure the services of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to preach at the service.

Amongst the grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund which were recommended by the Central Committee and ratified by the meeting were £10 to St. Peter's, Northampton, where the ring of eight has recently been rehung, and £10 to Yaxley, near Peterborough, where a cracked bell is to be recast and another quarter turned. Since the Belfry Repairs Fund (which consists of collections at Guild services) was started in 1917, £126 has been collected and grants made of £58 3s.

An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was a presentation, organised by the Wellingborough Branch, to their president, the Venerable Archdeacon Greaves, Vicar of Finedon, on his giving up the benefice on leaving for Peterborough. The gift consisted of a group photograph of about 75 members of the Guild (with the Archdeacon in the centre), taken on the Vicarage lawn at Finedon. The photograph, in a dark frame, about four feet by two feet six, was a fine piece of work, and an ivory plate on the frame bore the inscription: 'Presented to the Venerable Archdeacon Greaves by the members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers on his leaving Finedon, May 28th, 1928.'

After a few appropriate remarks by Mr. F. Barber, Wellingborough Branch secretary, he asked the Master to make the presentation.—This the Master did in an apt speech, to which the Archdeacon suitably replied and expressed his best thanks.

In moving a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Thrapston, for the service and for his practical address, to the organist, Miss Kingsford, to the clergy for the use of the respective peals of bells so kindly placed at the disposal of the members, to the Thrapston Branch officers for the splendid arrangements, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield wished the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw every happiness in the new benefice (Finedon) to which he would presently be moving.—Rev. C. H. L. Hopper seconded.—The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, in his reply, said he was sure they would all be sorry to know that Miss Kingsford was leaving them, and to wish her all happiness, and thank her for her services in connection with the Guild.—A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., for evensong, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) from Carter's (old Bob peal A. Cutmore 1. J. H. Walsom 2. C. D. Nichols 3. Robt. Thomson 4. H. Dyes 5. C. F. Winney 6. Robt. Fardon (conductor) 7. Mrs. R. A. Fardon 8.

DEVON GUILD.

WEDDING GIFT TO THE PRESIDENT.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Barnstaple on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 members and friends, quite one half of the large gathering coming from all parts of the county by road.

A hearty service was held in Barnstaple Parish Church, the address being given by Preb. Wallington, Vicar of Barnstaple, from the text, 'Exalt the Lord, put forth all your strength.' He alluded to the circumstance of the Guild holding their meeting in a district where change ringing was practically unknown, and yet ringers, in discharging a service to God, were all one brotherhood and churchworkers to the best of their ability. They were not always recognised; the churchwardens, organist and other officers figured on the parish magazine, but the ringers often seemed to be regarded as outsiders, an anomaly which had been remedied in his parish. He emphasised the advisability of ringers being recognised on their Church Councils, and using every endeavour to get the younger men interested in bell-ringing.—Dr. Edwards presided at the organ, and gave a new rendering of the tune for the second Guild hymn.

After luncheon at Bromley's Restaurant, an interesting episode was a presentation to the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), on the occasion of his marriage, of a gentleman's mahogany wardrobe and set of eight handbells, subscribed for by members of the Guild, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, ex-president of the Guild. Mr. Kelly, in a happy speech, referred to Mr. Powell's untiring energy, self-denying zeal, and great ability. Having gained the highest honours in mathematics at Oxford, he now displayed his skill in composition to the benefit of the Exercise. Mr. Kelly humorously prophesied that the wardrobe might one day be used to contain Mr. Powell's episcopal robes. The wardrobe, of course, could not be brought to the meeting, but the handbells were in evidence, and rung through a plain course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. W. Marsh, F. J. Davey, G. H. Myers and R. Grater, the tone and performance being much admired. Accompanying the presents was a book containing a list of the 418 subscribers, all members of the Guild.

Mr. Powell, in returning thanks, said he found it difficult to express his feelings of gratitude for such tokens of affection and esteem, and kind thought in providing such really useful presents. He urged all members to continued unabated their zeal for the spread of change ringing, to aim at the highest ideals, with a constant endeavour to improve the quality of their striking, and to make every possible advance in the practice of higher methods. He thought Mr. Kelly's reference to the future use of the wardrobe somewhat wide of the mark, as he believed that two-thirds of it had already been reserved for hanging ladies' dresses (laughter and applause).

The ordinary business of the meeting consisted of the adoption of the annual report and financial statement for 1927, a summary of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of April 6th last. The balance sheet showed a balance of £41 10s. 6d. in hand at the end of the year. The officers were re-elected as before, viz., Rev. E. S. Powell, president; Mr. T. G. Bartlett, hon. treasurer; and Mr. T. Laver, general secretary.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Barnstaple and organist for the service, to which the latter responded.

Tiverton was selected as the place for holding the annual meeting in 1929.

Five new members of the Marland St. Peter's band were elected and awarded certificates, having only commenced learning at Christmas last under the instruction of their Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Szale. The large gathering subsequently dispersed for ringing at Barnstaple, Pilton and Bishop's Tawton. Braunton tower had also been arranged for, but for various reasons none of the hands were able to keep their appointments there, for which the committee have to apologise to the steeplekeeper.

T. L.

SURPRISE MINOR IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me very heartily to congratulate the St. Nicholas' Wallasey, company, who have recently rung a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. They deserve great praise for their performance. It is, however, not the first such performance by the Chester Guild.

The Grappenhall company were the first to ring a peal in seven Surprise methods. This they did on December 3rd, 1898, the methods being Wells, London, Worcester, York, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge. All these methods were 'regular' at the time, so this record must stand. Two peals in the same seven methods have also been performed outside the county by the Chester Guild, viz., at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on June 2nd, 1914, and on the 22nd of the same month at Crosby, Lancashire.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

[Mr. J. E. Ashcroft also writes calling attention to the peal rung at Grappenhall.]

BEGINNERS' FIRST QUARTER PEAL.

At Hensbridge, Somerset, on Thursday, May 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): D. Pickford 1. W. C. Shute 2. W. J. Coombs (conductor) 3. F. Lovelace 4. F. Hopkins 5. T. J. Setter 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th, who are members of the local band.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ILKLEY.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th, when the bells of the Parish Church of St. Peter were available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Ilkley has many claims to the regard of members of the Yorkshire Association, it having been the birthplace of the famous Snowdon brothers, who for a period of nearly forty years guided the fortunes of the Association in their capacity as president. Some eighty members took advantage of the invitation of the local branch, and the bells were rung in a variety of methods.

The day's proceedings commenced with a meeting of the general committee, following which a bountiful tea was served in the Church Institute. While tea was being served, Rev. Canon Hamer (the Vicar of Ilkley) came in to extend a hearty welcome to the members who had braved the stormy weather, and regretted that time would not allow his staying to the meeting. He expressed the hope that the association would visit Ilkley again in the near future. The general meeting followed immediately after tea. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman announced to the meeting the death of Mr. J. McKell, of Gargrave. The deceased was one of the few surviving members who had been associated with Mr. J. W. Snowdon, having joined the association in 1877. In moving a vote of condolence with Mrs. McKell and family in their bereavement, the Chairman regretted that no word had been sent to the responsible officers of the association until after the funeral. If such notification had been made, representatives would have attended the funeral.

The vote of condolence was carried by the members rising in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. McKell.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Cryer, G. Lewis, G. Halksworth, F. W. Dale, F. Clark, H. Walker and F. Barker.

As no invitations had been received for the September meeting, the recommendation of the General Committee to hold the next meeting at Ripon was agreed to subject to suitable arrangements being made.

Miss Constance Wade and Mr. W. Foster were elected as members of the association.

A statement was made as to the progress of the testimonial fund to Mr. J. Cotterell, who has been treasurer of the association for twenty-one years, and the Chairman requested that intending subscribers should send their subscriptions to him personally at the earliest convenient date.

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'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We have to acknowledge the following further sums towards the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund: St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, North Wales, per Mr. F. J. Williams, 13s.; 'B,' 10s. Total, £207 8s.

NORFOLK GUILD.**THE PROPOSED DISTRICT REORGANISATION.**

The Norfolk Guild of Ringers held their Whit Monday meeting at Fakenham, when, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Pole Simeon (Rector), the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church were at their disposal throughout the day. This being the first meeting of the Guild at this church since the bells were rehung, the members availed themselves of the opportunity of making a good test, which proved satisfactory. Luncheon was served at the Crown Hotel, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary) presiding, supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. R. W. Cooke, W. B. Duncan, W. L. Duffield, W. J. Howson, and representatives from Diss, Gressenhall, King's Lynn, and Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Scartho, Great Grimsby. The Secretary apologised for the absence of the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich), and read letters of apology from the Rector of Fakenham and Messrs. F. Price and J. F. Duffield.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the Chairman and duly honoured.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry elections of Mr. James Bennett, of Otley, and Mr. Cecil George Silver, of Northrepps.

A short debate then took place on the suggested reorganisation of the Guild into three divisions, coterminous with the three archdeaconries in place of the eleven existing districts. The project was favourably received, and the speakers considered that the matter should be further investigated before any steps are taken in the form for motion.

The members then adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, and were joined by latecomers from Norwich and Wisbech, and Mr. W. White, of Cotgrave.

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A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Ilkley for kindly granting the use of the bells of the Parish Church was moved by Mr. C. D. Potter, seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell; and a vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.—Mr. J. Bazeley replied on behalf of the local company, and regretted that the weather had been so bad. He thanked the members for their appreciation.

No further business being forthcoming, the meeting was brought to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attendance, numbering 78, at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday was a record for a provincial meeting, and only on two occasions in London (in 1927 and 1924) has there been a larger attendance.

Thirty-six out of the 46 associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council were represented at the Hereford meeting.

The Central Council is to meet next year at Chelmsford.

James Barham's name is to be perpetuated in the Exercise by calling No. 14 of the Third's Place Delight, 'Barham Delight.' Barham was a famous Kent ringer, and his name is now given to the method which had been called 'Kent Delight,' in order to save confusion with another and older method already known as 'Kentish Delight.'

Mr. Elwell's 'dead horse' (the deletion of floral names for methods) has proved more extraordinary than even he thought possible. He admitted that every time it had been flogged it had galloped halfway up the course. This time it was flogged so successfully that it came in an easy winner.

In connection with the discussion on this subject it is worth while recalling that the names which have been altered were published by the Analysis Committee in 'The Ringing World' on March 30th, 1925. The first peal with the methods Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Shamrock, Bluebell, Geranium and Dahlia was rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on May 8th, 1924, so that there is no question as to which came first—the name or the ringing of the method.

The missing copies of the new edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' about which inquiries were made after the Council meeting, have all now been accounted for.

Mr. E. Alex Young, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, has been elected to the livery of the Worshipful Company of Musicians (one of the old city companies).

It is reported that the four trebles at Saffron Walden, Essex, where there is a ring of twelve bells, are to be recast.

The peal of Treble Ten, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Whit Monday, was Mr. A. J. Turner's 350th peal, 207 of them having been rung with Mr. Keith Hart in the course of over 35 years' friendship. The first peal they rang together was on September 3rd, 1892. Mr. Turner has been for forty years a steadfast member of the band at Southover, Lewes.

Miss Elsie Chapman is the first lady to ring peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

'Uncle Justacuss' writes: 'If the extension of Plain Bob on five to six is Plain Bob, perhaps the Editor will publish the figures of St. Simon's on five and its extension to six, so that the Methods Committee will know what we should call it.'

We need not print the figures, 'Uncle Justacuss.' If the Minor is tricked out in fine feathers to make it a regular method, it becomes St. Clement's. But you already know this, don't you, you wily old bird?

And how about this? London Bob Minor reversed is called Hereward Bob. Hereward Bob Minor extended to Major is called Hereward Bob Major. Hereward Bob Major reversed is named Pershore Bob Major! Hence, presumably, Pershore and London are synonymous.

It reminds us of a man who wore a waistcoat. Sometimes he turned it about and then called it a shirt, and when he turned it back he called it his pyjamas.

A peal of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major (then the longest peal) was rung at Mottram by the Cheshire Guild on June 8th, 1906.

The first peal in America was rung at Philadelphia on June 9th, 1850.

The faculty for the recasting of St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, is expected this week, so that the removal of the present ring will not now be long delayed.

The fete organised for wiping out the debt on Ickleton bells was a great success. About £150 was wanted, and more than this sum was realised, the gross receipts being £261.

PROPOSED RINGERS' MASONIC LODGE.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to form a Ringers' Lodge of Freemasons, to meet on Saturdays in Birmingham three or four times per year. Twelve ringing brethren have already promised to act as founders of the proposed lodge, and in due course I will forward particulars of the proposal to them and also to those I have already had the opportunity of discussing the matter with.

I shall be very pleased to communicate with any other ringing brethren who are at all interested in the proposal, on receipt of their address.—Yours faithfully,

45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry.

FRANK W. PERRENS.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. G. LANGDON.

The Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, Herts, and a member of the Cambridge University Guild, the Herts County Association and the Devon Guild, recently passed away very suddenly, and the ringers and parishioners and others desire to raise a memorial to his name, which, if funds permit, will be in the form of a porch to the church. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. B. Patmore, Great Munden, Ware, Herts, and a list of subscribers from the Exercise will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT HEREFORD.

The meeting of the Central Council at Hereford on Whit Tuesday was attended by 78 members. The proceedings took place in St. Peter's Church House, and Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild) presided. There were also present Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary and treasurer), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Diocesan Guild) (hon. librarian), and representatives of the following affiliated bodies:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and T. W. Faulkner.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Hunt and H. W. Brown.
 Bedfordshire Association: Canon W. W. C. Baker.
 Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. E. W. Elwell, R. D. Langford and R. Sperring.
 Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. F. J. Davey.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Messrs. H. G. Fretwell and J. Lord.
 Essex Association: Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Guise.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Poling and R. Whittington.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. Edwards and J. Clark.
 Hertford County Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.
 Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., and E. Barnett, sen.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.
 Lancashire Association: Messrs. W. H. Shaker and P. Crook.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Messrs. R. Richardson and G. W. Chester.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.
 London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.
 Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. J. H. Swinfield.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Hopper.
 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Deans and S. Hillier.
 Shropshire Association: Mr. W. Saunders.
 Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.
 Surrey Association: Mr. J. D. Drewett.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. W. H. Southard.
 Warwickshire Guild: Mr. F. W. Perrens.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. T. J. Salter, R. G. Knowles and C. A. Binyon.
 Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.
 Hon. members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. Griffin, J. H. B. Hesse, J. A. Trollope, J. George, and J. S. Goldsmith.
 Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Bouzhey, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. E. E. Marshall, Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. J. Nevard, C. H. Howard, J. D. Matthews, C. J. Sedgley, H. Barton, J. W. Parker, W. Ayre, C. F. Johnston, C. Dean, T. R. Dennis, H. Walker, H. Argyle, W. Story, H. W. Wilde, W. Shepherd, A. L. Coleman, G. P. Burton, E. H. Lewis, W. Bolton and A. E. Sharman.

BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S WELCOME.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the President said they had known what it was to be welcomed wherever the Council went by the chief officers of the church in the diocese or district. Last year they not only had the Archdeacon of London to welcome them, but also the Lord Mayor of London. That day they met in different surroundings, in a delightful old city, but what interested them most that morning was that they had the Bishop of the diocese to welcome them (applause).

The Bishop of Hereford, who was received with applause, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Council to that city and diocese, because he could assure them that in that diocese they valued enormously the work which they were doing and which was being done by the Diocesan Guild of Ringers. As a parish priest he never had to do with anything but one bell for many years, and that simplified things enormously (laughter). When eventually he had to deal with a peal of bells he began to realise something of what he understood was a Lancashire addition to the Litany, 'From singers and ringers' (laughter). He could not say that he should have felt it necessary to join in the response (laughter). Still, there were certain difficulties which had to be contended with. Coming into that

diocese he had found the value of the work of the Diocesan Guild in raising the whole status and position of bellringing and making it what it should be, the handmaid of the services of the church. The Guild in that diocese, continued the Bishop, had done a great deal not merely for ringers, but also in stirring up interest in the condition of the church towers. He found that during the past four years he had been called upon to take part, on the average, in the reopening of at least two towers every year (applause). It did not mean that there were a large number of towers in the diocese out of order, but it did mean that those that were out of order were being steadily put into order by the restoration of the bell cage or the addition of other bells, and that was due very largely to the effective way in which the Guild was being worked in the diocese (applause). Nothing could give him greater pleasure, he added, than to welcome a body which was doing so much to bring the manhood of the country, and particularly of the country villages, into closer touch with the church. There were few things which were really serving the church better than the work of bellringing—and he was pleased to say that a great many of the teams in that diocese contained a large proportion of young men—in bringing young men of the country districts into the active service of the church, giving them an interest in the work of the church, and making them feel that they were doing something which was really part of the essential services of the church (applause). He was glad to accede to the request that he should welcome them that day, not on the ground that he was a ringer, for he had never acquired anything in the nature of ropesight—and on those grounds he could not claim to meet them—but as recognising on the part of the Church of that diocese the extraordinary value of what was being done by the Diocesan Guild and by associations all over the country, and he felt it to be not merely a duty but a great pleasure to come there and bid them welcome to that ancient city and diocese and to say that he hoped their meeting that day would be as fruitful as any that had gone before it, and would promote the well-being of that branch of church work throughout the country. On behalf of the diocese and city of Hereford he bid them a hearty welcome and God-speed in their work in that conference and throughout the country (applause).

The President briefly expressed thanks to the Bishop for his address, and said they felt it a high honour that his lordship should have come among them that day (applause).

The Bishop then left, and the Council proceeded to the business on the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held in London, having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read and passed.

FINANCE.

In presenting the statement of accounts, the Hon. Treasurer stated that the number of representatives had increased from 116 to 118. The affiliation fees received had amounted to £14, which included arrears of 5s.; interest on investments was £4 15s. 2d. The expenditure was £37 3s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £26 15s. 6d., compared with £45 3s. 10d. at the beginning of the year, the principal expenditure having been on printing.

The accounts had been audited by Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and J. Griffin, members of the Standing Committee, and were passed.

The hon. librarian's statement of accounts and report, which were published in our last issue, were submitted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and adopted. In view of the issue of the revised edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' the Council decided to scrap the remaining copies of the old edition, which was published in 1904.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if there were any means by which the Council could popularise its publications. He suggested they might revert to a plan adopted some years ago and invite secretaries of associations to take parcels of publications on sale or return.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said in the past where secretaries of associations threw themselves into the task the result was very good financially, but there came a time when they thought they had sold all they could sell. There were, however, some associations who had not tried it, and he would be glad to send parcels on sale or return to any responsible person.

TRINITY YOUTHS' RECORDS.

The Hon. Secretary said he had an interesting matter to bring before the Council. Many of them would remember that there used to be among the old London ringing societies a society called the Trinity Youths, whose headquarters were at Deptford. They also used to ring in various towers in the south-east of London. They had very valuable peal books, and they also put up some remarkably fine peal boards in some of the towers, many of the members at one time having been shipwrights with a gift for carving and splendid work. The society became nearly defunct and was revived by the late Rev. H. A. Coker 40 or 45 years ago, when the few surviving members were collected, and it went forward again with new life. Unfortunately, however, the society had once more passed out of active existence, and the peal books, which were highly treasured for years and deposited in a cupboard at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, were apparently borrowed by someone who forgot to return them. Recently Mr. F. W. Thornton informed him that he had discovered the 'copy' peal books, and he thought they were of sufficient interest historically to warrant him making a clear copy of them and handing them to him (Mr. Young), with the desire that they should be presented to the Council, on his behalf and that of the surviving members. (Continued on next page.)

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bers (applause). Mr. Young said he therefore had great pleasure in asking the Council to accept the books for the library, and trusted it would induce others, who had books of a kind likely to be valuable and for which they had no safe place of keeping, to hand them over to the library, where they could be kept for the future.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said that, knowing the Trinity Youths at that time, he suggested many years ago that part of their county association area should be named the Trinity Youths' District, but the Trinity Youths of that day turned up their noses and would not have it, and the Kent County Association formed the Lewisham District. Had the Trinity Youths fallen in with the suggestion, the society would not have been defunct now.

The President pointed out that the secretary received the copies of the peals in loose sheets, and he had at his own expense had them bound for the good of the Council (applause).

Mr. James George said that he was one of the surviving members of the Trinity Youths.

It was resolved to accept the gift with thanks.

RULES FOR LOCAL COMPANIES.

Mr. E. W. Elwell reported that the committee dealing with the revision of the "Model rules for a local company" had completed their work. The old code had been retained with certain modifications. The chief alterations were the addition of a second code at the end, which was very much shorter and more practical (leaving the fuller code to be drawn on when assistance was required on any particular point), while some of the rules had been simplified. He proposed that the rules be passed for the use of the Council, and printed.—Mr. W. H. Hollier seconded.

The Hon. Librarian: Printed if funds permit.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that the rules be put in hand if the cost did not exceed £5.—Mr. J. George seconded.

Mr. Elwell said he would guarantee the cost would not exceed £5.—This motion was agreed to.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The honorary members retiring by rotation were Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker. In announcing that the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey had sent an apology for absence, the President said Mr. Boughey felt that, with advancing years, he was practically useless on that Council, and therefore he hoped his name would not be put forward again for election. During the past year, proceeded the President, the whole of the hon. members' places had been filled, and they had no vacancy, which they always tried to keep in case an emergency should arise and they wanted to elect someone to the Council for a special purpose. The Standing Committee had considered the question and recommended that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker should be re-elected, but that the place rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Boughey should not be filled.—This course was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

New members of the Council were then introduced to the president, who welcomed them, and said how extremely pleased they all were to see Mr. Pulling there, as the representative of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, after his fearful accident last year. He hoped they would soon see him at the heavy end again and fit for a twenty thousand (hear, hear).

MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

The Council then came to the consideration of the reports of committees. The first was that of the Standing Committee, and the Hon. Secretary said they had never had this on the agenda before, but he thought it ought to be there because there were occasions when the committee might have something specially to bring forward. After their last meeting in London he was in receipt of correspondence with regard to helping to pay for a bell at a church at Pendleton in memory of their first president, Sir Arthur Heywood. He gathered that the bell would have a suitable inscription to the effect that it was a memorial bell, and it was suggested that the Council might like to subscribe. Nothing definite had yet been done in the matter by the local people, and the Standing Committee, therefore, were not at present proposing anything.

Mr. W. H. Shaker (Lancashire Association) said the church for which the bell was required was a new church, opened about two months ago. The Pendleton church to which he belonged already had a peal of eight. As far as his association knew, Miss Heywood had asked the Midland Counties Association if they would put a new bell in the new church in Sir Arthur's memory. They had heard nothing from any other source.

The President: If the Midland Counties Association have been asked to place a bell in the tower and wish to obtain help from this Council, the Council should be approached in a proper way by the M.C.A. (hear, hear).

Replying to a question, Mr. Shaker said the tower of the new church was big enough for a peal of bells, but as far as he understood only one bell was required.

The President said the Council would remember that last year it was suggested by Canon Elsee that members of the Council and Sir Arthur's friends should be invited to subscribe to a memorial tablet, to record the last peal that Sir Arthur rang, which was by members of the Central Council at Duffield. That tablet had been erected, and he had heard from Mr. Wilde, who had had the matter in hand

during Mr. Elsee's absence in Africa, that there was £2 7s. 11d. still owing on it. He (the president) mentioned it to the Standing Committee, and that amount was forthcoming at once (applause).

Mr. Shaker proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilde for the trouble he had taken in connection with the memorial tablet, and this was carried with acclamation.

A GIGANTIC TASK.

Reporting for the Peals Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said the typed results of the one-part peals of Treble Bob were on the table (a considerable pile of MS.). There would be a few sheets more to come of peals of Royal and Maximus. If the Council wanted to know more details, Mrs. Fletcher could probably speak feelingly about it, as they had given her something to do during the last few months.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher said the first part of the Collection, consisting of the five, three, and two-part peals, of which four copies were typed, were put into string binders, and she suggested that the Council should authorise the one-part peals to be dealt with in the same way.

This was agreed to, and the President cordially thanked Mrs. Fletcher for all her labour in typing the volumes, which had really been a gigantic task.

The Literature and Press Committee's report, as given in 'The Ringing World' of June 1st, was moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and adopted.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, reported that the revision of the Minor Methods was in hand, and they hoped to be able to publish the new edition in a few weeks. The recommendations of the committee as to the names to be given to the methods appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 11th.

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. A. L. Coleman, in sending his apology for absence, wrote that he hoped careful consideration would be given to the nomenclature question.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Council would remember at the last meeting the committee asked and obtained powers for a final revision of the names to be applied to the Minor methods, and after some discussion they gave an undertaking to publish the list in 'The Ringing World,' so that there could be criticism before the titles were finally put in the new book. That list had been printed. Substantially it was the list presented to the Council at the Salisbury meeting. It was the Analysis Committee's list, with just the sort of alterations which they themselves would have made, if they had revised it after the three discussions that had taken place. He did not mean they would have made exactly the same revisions, but it was substantially the same list. There had been in some quarters a sort of suggestion that the committee, when they got these powers, were intending to overhaul the names extensively. The list was an answer to that. When they came to criticise the names they must remember that the names were very largely those given to the methods by six-bell ringers. The differences between the Methods Committee and the Analysis Committee were very small, although there was a good deal said about them, but he believed they had all been adjusted. A great deal of criticism had centred round what were known as the floral names, and they would remember that the Nomenclature Committee issued a list which contained a great many amendments and alterations. The Methods Committee had not been able to adopt any of these amendments and alterations, not because they objected to the alterations as alterations—they might have been improvements—but because they felt that their job was simply to see which name had priority. They did not consider that they had to settle any question as to the artistic or æsthetic value of the names, but he thought there ought to be an opportunity, if there was any feeling—and there was at one time—amongst six-bell ringers against the use of floral names and the addition of the words 'Castle' and 'Abbey' to certain titles. There was something in the letter which Mr. Burton wrote in 'The Ringing World' on this point, and there was now an opportunity for those who wished to bring that matter forward to do so, and take the sense of the meeting upon it and settle it once and for all. The time had gone by for any general discussion on the names.

(To be continued.)

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Despite the counter-attractions held out to ringers by reason of the Bristol Jubilee, members of the Central Council began to arrive at Hereford on the Saturday afternoon. A peal had been arranged on the Cathedral bells, starting at 5.30, but owing to the late arrival of a train from the north it was declared off, and general ringing on these fine-toned old bells was enjoyed until 7.30.

On the Whitsun Sunday the visitors assisted to ring for the 7 a.m. service at the Cathedral, the 11 o'clock service at All Saints' and again at the Cathedral in the evening. In the afternoon some of the party made an enjoyable trip to Leominster (or 'Lemster,' as it is called locally). The church, a large and ancient one, was found to be very interesting, and the Council's hon. secretary was able, being an architect, to describe the various styles of architecture which are so well exemplified in the building. The ancient 'ducking stool,' too, was found both interesting and amusing.

Bank Holiday found the weather, which had been gradually improving, at its very best. The local committee had kindly arranged a charabanc to be retained for the day, so it was determined to use

it in the morning for a trip to Holm Lacey, and, in the afternoon, for an excursion down the glorious valley of the Wye, to the famous ruins of Tintern. The Holm Lacey trip comprised a visit to the old church and a pull or two on its light eight, an inspection of the Rectory garden, with its unique pear tree, and, under the courtesy and guidance of the Rector, a walk through the rooms and grounds of Holm Lacey. This mansion is one of the stately homes of England, and the party hardly knew which to admire most, the magnificent ballroom, with its wonderful carving, or the large formal garden upon which the house fronts. In the afternoon a party of nearly 20 drove to Tintern. The route lay through Ross (where an attempt for a peal was in progress), and thence by the spurs and valleys of the Forest of Dean and the banks of the Wye to the abbey ruins. The extensive remains of the old Benedictine monastery were viewed with the greatest interest, and all were impressed by the beauty of the architecture. In the meantime, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who had acted as road guide, had arranged a tea upon the lawn of the Anchor Inn, formerly the Water Gate of the abbey. The party, now rested and refreshed, were the better able to enjoy several 'touches' upon handbells, two sets of which had been thoughtfully brought, and, after bringing round some Cinques, cars were boarded and the homeward route taken in the cool of the evening, this time via Monmouth and a wayside inn a few miles further on. Hereford was reached in time for an hour's informal 'social' at the Booth Hall. The only regret was to hear that a band who had started in Hereford for a peal at All Saints' were not rewarded with success.

All provision for the care and entertainment of the visitors was due to the untiring efforts of the local committee, and especially to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. Edwards and Davis. The Council's representatives, too, were fortunate in having the old Booth Hall set aside for their use over the week-end. This fine old room, with its magnificent timber roof dating from the 14th century, was much admired by the members. The local Guild who use it are most fortunate in the place of their meetings.

After the meeting of the Council on Tuesday, the members and their friends were entertained to a meat tea in the Booth Hall. The Dean of Hereford, who was in the chair, expressed the hope that the members had had a good time, and would carry away with them pleasant memories of their visit to Hereford.—The Hon. Secretary replied.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral and various churches in the city, and the men members returned once more to the Booth Hall, where an enjoyable social party was held, with some excellent songs and handbell ringing.

KEEPING TOUCH WITH YOUNG RINGERS. THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME.

To the Editor.

'That this Council invites its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.'

Sir,—As the person responsible for bringing this suggestion before the Central Council at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday, and in view of the unanimous approval with which it met (every member, I believe, voted in favour of its adoption), I should like to suggest, in order to put it into effective operation, that all associations and Guilds should, at the next reprint of their rules, add the following:—

Removal of ringers.—It shall be the duty of the secretary of every local band or tower, on the removal of any member of the band to another district or Guild, to ascertain as soon as possible the new postal address to which the ringer has removed, and at once—

(1) In the case of a removal to another district in his own Guild, send the new address to the secretary of that district, whose duty it shall be at once to send the address on to the secretary of the local band to which the ringer in question has removed, and it shall be the duty of some member of that local band at once to seek out the ringer and invite him or her to the tower.

(2) In the case of a removal to another Guild, send the address to which the ringer has removed to the general secretary of his own Guild, who will, in turn, pass it on to the general secretary of the Guild into whose area the ringer has removed. He will then pass it on to the district secretary concerned, in order that the district secretary may communicate the address to the local secretary of the tower nearest to the ringer's new address.

It is very discouraging to those who have charge of towers, and who (after considerable difficulty nowadays) have persuaded some lad to take up ringing, to spend a considerable amount of time on him, get him, perhaps, to handle well and ring rounds, and then suddenly lose him, on account of his going away to another job. It is still more discouraging when we think that, owing to the fact that the lad is still only a probationer, and will be a stranger in a strange land, he will, therefore, in all probability be lost to the Exercise altogether, and the time we have expended on him be wasted. The ringer who does not move until he has acquired a degree of proficiency in the art will, of course, always find his way unaided to the nearest tower, and it is the beginner who moves away from his home tower during the probation period that we are principally concerned with in this scheme, and whom we are anxious to save from dropping out. If we can put this scheme into effective operation, a young fellow once having put his hand to the rope need never be lost sight of, wherever he removes to.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A DEPLORABLE RESULT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a result of the vote at the Hereford meeting there will be no diplomas issued by the Central Council to those ringing their first peal.

I do think it is a heartbreaking setback to very many of our young ringers, who had been looking forward to obtaining what, to them, would have been a most cherished possession. This incentive has been denied to them.

Now for my growl. I think the older ringers who have rung their first peal 20, 30 or 40 years ago, have not been able, mentally, to put themselves in the place of young ringers, keen and enthusiastic to ring their first peal. The time when the older ones rang their first peal is dim and distant to them, and as the matter is immaterial to them (I write in all good nature), their feelings are against any change.

Anyway, I hope that the youngest Guild will now set a lead to the Exercise by establishing a diploma of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for those of its members who ring their first peal, and who wish to receive an official outward and visible sign of recognition, to be cherished and hung up in the best room of the home.

T. P. WALKER.

One of the 'youngest' ringers of the youngest Guild.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S ACCUSATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the Rev. Herbert Drake accuses me in your last issue of deliberate lying, I shall be glad if you will reprint the following:—

1. From Mr. Drake's letter: 'Mr. Trollope says we stated that an entirely root and branch reform was necessary, extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It is clear to everyone who knows even the elements of the subject, reading the reprint of the report in your issue of May 18th, that the exact contrary is the case. We did not propose the least alteration of any well-known name, and never mentioned Norwich at all. This is the third time I have repeated this to Mr. Trollope, and the fifth time I have done so in your columns in all. Yet he calmly repeats what he must know to be untrue.'

2. Verbatim extract from the report of the late Nomenclature Committee presented to the Central Council at Chester, and published in your issue of June 25th, 1925. The report was adjourned to the Ipswich meeting, and it was to it that I moved my amendment: 'That as opportunity offers, all non-essential words such as Pleasure, Court, Delight, and Bob, when the latter is used as a meaningless appendage, be dropped. To a practical ringer Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words Court Bob.'

—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

EVERY RINGING TOWER AFFILIATED.

At the quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild on May 12th, at Stratford St. Mary, the Rector, the Rev. J. Henry, presided over a large attendance, 53 being present. When the minutes of the preceding meeting, held at Fressingfield, were read, it appeared that with the adhesion of Fressingfield every ringing tower in the diocese now belonged to the Guild. This satisfactory completion of seven years' work was hailed with great enthusiasm at both meetings. A number of new members were elected.

The following towers were represented: Lavenham, Ufford, Mistley, Little Waldingfield, Lawford, Great Bromley, Hinton, Higham, Stratford St. Mary, Broomfield, Wormingford, Little Horkesley, Ardleigh, Langham, Dedham, Hythe, Tendring, Ipswich St. Mary le Tower and St. Margaret's, Kirby, Thorpe-le-Soken, Clacton, Great Bentley, Grotton, Thorington, and Polstead. The Secretary pointed out that the meeting was actually a joint meeting with the Essex Association, although, owing to the secretaries not succeeding in getting into touch with one another, it was not formally so. A hope was expressed, and endorsed by all present, that there would be many such meetings in future.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, and to all who subscribed for, and helped at, the tea, concluded the meeting. This was followed by a very joyful service in church, at which the Rector gave a short address. Ringing in many methods was kept up till a late hour, both at Stratford St. Mary and at Langham.

A new district is to be formed to comprise the towers of Fressingfield, Wingfield, Wilby, Laxfield, Cratfield and Stradbroke.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. MOORHOUSE.

LEEDS RINGER DEPARTS FOR CARDIFF.

On Whit Sunday evening the ringers of Christ Church, Armley, met to say farewell to Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, who is leaving Leeds for Cardiff. Mr. J. Thackray, on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. Moorhouse a gold-plated fountain pen as a memento of the assistance he had given to the local company.

A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was then rung in 48 mins.: A. Coldrick 1. M. Moorhouse 2. H. Lofthouse 3. Miss E. Lawrence 4. H. Grimwood 5. J. Thackray 6. J. W. Moorhouse 7. G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD. NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The 49th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, and was largely attended by members from all parts of the diocese. A special feature of the gathering was consideration of the jubilee of the association, which will be celebrated next year, and which will coincide with the 'coming-of-age' of the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, who will then complete 21 years in office. It is intended to suitably mark this double and interesting event in the history of the Essex Association.

Proceedings opened in the morning with service at the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Lake, who was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Horsley. The ringers' form of service was used, and the Master read the lesson. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 6d. The address was given by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, Rector of Great Easton, from the words, 'And they were all with one accord in one place.'

The business meeting followed at the Cathedral Hall. The Master presided, supported on the platform by Canon Lake, the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, and Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), hon. secretary and treasurer to the association.

THE QUESTION OF DIOCESAN STATUS.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a very successful year's work. The membership was now 1,040, which exceeded by three the record of 1923. The finances were in a satisfactory condition. The receipts were £65 18s. 3d., and expenditure £47 5s. 2d. £25 had been placed to reserve fund, increasing it to £178 14s. 3d. Of this sum £17 2s. 1d. was earmarked for the Bell Restoration Fund. Fifty-eight peals were rung during the year, against 69 in the previous year. If the quantity was less, the quality showed no depreciation. The question of changing the name of the association had been discussed at several district meetings during the year. At a meeting of the Northern Division held at Dunmow, the following resolution was carried by a very large majority: 'That a recommendation be sent to the General Committee to consider the advisability of changing the name of the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.' This resolution will engage the attention of the committee when next they meet previous to the annual meeting. When the association was formed in 1879, Essex and Herts comprised the diocese of St. Albans, and a separate association was formed for each county. Some years ago a suggestion was made that the two associations should amalgamate and become a diocesan association. After careful consideration it was thought in the best interests of each association that they should continue to work on county lines. A different state of affairs exists to-day. Essex has become the diocese of Chelmsford, and the clergy look upon their ringers as an important branch of churchworkers, and it is felt by many that their position would be strengthened if the association embraced a diocesan status. When the committee were prepared to make their report it would have to come before an annual meeting to give members an opportunity to express their opinion and give their decision before a change in the name can be effected.

Upon the proposition of Mr. G. R. Pye, seconded by Mr. A. Pye, the report was unanimously adopted.

Canon Lake took the chair during the election of Master, and, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Howard, the Canon stated that the Essex Association had had a good Master for 20 years, and so long as he was able to go on they would be pleased to keep him. They were glad to see Mr. Howard again, and were sorry to hear he had been ill for a short time—not on account of bellringing but in spite of it (laughter and applause).—The proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Howard, in taking the chair again, said he appreciated the confidence placed in him, and so long as his health and strength permitted he would be pleased to serve the association (hear, hear). He was looking forward to a very interesting year next year, and hoped he would have the privilege of being Master of the association when it celebrated its jubilee (applause).

Upon the proposition of Mr. G. Green, Mr. F. J. Pitstow was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and said he should be pleased to carry on as before.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR JUBILEE.

The general committee was re-elected: Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors: Peal Committee, Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner.

The Master stated that as the jubilee was to be celebrated next year it was most important there should be a strong committee which would have to carry out the jubilee programme. He could well remember the 21st anniversary of the association, and hoped there would be an even bigger celebration to mark 50 years in the Essex Association (applause). He suggested that the general committee should be supplemented by representatives from each district. The first meeting of the enlarged committee would be held at Chelmsford, and other meetings could be held in the diocese as decided, and out-of-pocket expenses would be paid from the association to those members who applied in order to attend the committee meetings.

The following were elected to be added to the general committee: Northern District, Messrs. L. W. Wiffen and F. Claydon; North-East

District, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Chalk; South-East District, Messrs. T. Lincoln and A. Head; North-Western, Messrs. A. Pitstow and W. Prior; South-Western, Messrs. W. Miller and A. Pye. It was decided to hold the first meeting at Chelmsford on the first Saturday in October.

On the election of new members, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips proposed the following, all from Galleywood, and they were unanimously elected: Rev. F. N. Roughton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coombes, Miss R. Coombes, Miss O. Landon, Miss H. Landon, and Mr. W. T. Day.

Mr. G. Joyce raised the question of registration of names of six-bell methods, and said it was time that this matter was settled. At Leytonstone the ringers wanted it settled once and for all.

The Master replied that the question was before the Central Council at the present time; it had been in hand for several years, and it would be a good thing to have it settled.—A resolution requesting the representatives to support the views expressed by Mr. Joyce was carried.

OLD MEMBERS HONOURED.

The Master reported that Mr. F. Rudkin, Braintree, was the only surviving founder of the association, and it would be a graceful act to recognise him by making him a life member of the association. Mr. H. Dawson, Great Baddow, and Mr. J. Wagborne, East Ham, were also old members.—All three were elected to be life members.

It was decided to make grants from the Bell Restoration Fund as follows: Elmdon, two guineas, for recasting 3rd bell; Great Bardfield, three guineas, rehanging ring of six; Saffron Walden, two guineas, for recasting four trebles. It was also agreed to hold joint meetings with the Middlesex, Herts, Suffolk and Ely Associations. It was decided to make an appeal to the affiliated towers for help to a fund for the benefit of Mr. Benjamin Keeble, who is 81 years of age, and who in the early days of the association took a prominent part in its management, and was one of its early pioneers.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Lake for arranging the service at the Cathedral and for the use of the bells, and said the ringers hoped to see Canon Lake when they celebrated the jubilee at Chelmsford next year (applause). He also proposed thanks to Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, and referred to the work of restoration to the tower and bells at Great Easton Church.

Canon Lake, in reply, recalled his experiences at the gathering in Chelmsford when the Essex Association became of age, and said he was looking forward to the jubilee. The Canon also referred to the proposal to alter the name of the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild, and said, while he thought it would be a good thing to mark the jubilee by raising the ringers as a body to the status of churchworkers, yet it had to be remembered that a diocesan position would mean greater responsibilities, and a certain amount of diocesan control, so the members should be very careful what they did. If the association decided to come to Chelmsford for the jubilee, the very best would be done to ensure success (applause).

The Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington also replied, and said the reopening of the bells at Great Easton would take place on July 15th. The bells would be blessed by the Bishop at the morning service, and would be available for visiting ringers during the afternoon. He gave all an invitation to attend.

Mr. Butler then proposed thanks to the Master for presiding, and said the members were very pleased to see Mr. Howard sufficiently recovered to be present at the annual meeting again (applause).—The Master said he was glad to be able to be there (applause).

The members had luncheon together at Hicks' Restaurant, and in the afternoon and evening there was ringing at Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Boreham (8), Springfield (6), and Broomfield (6), in all the standard methods.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Whit Monday, presided over by the chairman, Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A. A large number of members were present, representing the following towers: Bangor, Wrexham, Gresford, Llandudno, Rhyl and Portmadoc, and among the visitors were Mr. Mrs. and Miss Wolstencroft.

On the motion of the Chairman, the members were called upon to pay tribute to their late president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A. He was the first president of the association, and passed away in February last.

The Chairman, in his remarks, referred to the splendid work Mr. Lewis Jones had done for change ringing in North Wales, and said his loss was sadly deplored.

The following officers were elected for 1928-29: President, Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A., Bangor; Master, Mr. A. J. Hughes, Rhyl; treasurer, Mr. E. Rowlands, Wrexham; secretary, Mr. W. Cathall, 35, Spring Road, Wrexham.

It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Rhyl on the first Saturday in September, and the annual meeting in Llangollen on Whit Monday, 1929, or, failing this, at Gresford, on the same date.

Prior to and following the meeting the visitors and members rang several touches in different methods on the bells, and during the afternoon they partook of an enjoyable tea provided by the local ringers.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Cup Contest promoted by the Hoylandswaine Company will be held, as usual, at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, commencing 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be arranged for those who apply before that date. All ringers and ladies welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5. A good attendance is hoped for at this, one of the rare visits to the island.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45. Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Ask for cheap fares on District Railway. Harlington July 7th. Hillingdon July 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. 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 Stanmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Meeting after tea. Cheap return tickets from tube stations to Edgware, thence short bus ride. Harrow Weald bells in the evening. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. Subscriptions please.—Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m., Sandridge 6.30 (approx.). Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector of Wheathampstead.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th (eight bells). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Kintbury tower will be available for ringing after 6 p.m. (six bells).—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free). Business meeting to follow.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Barkway on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), a nice peal, afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock at Wheatsheaf. All ringers and friends welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, June 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th. Tea at 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Service at 5.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting. Members and friends intending to be present at tea please communicate with Miss A. M. Henderson, Hayfield, Pickering, Yorks, on or before Tuesday, June 12th.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify me by June 13th. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and c19.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Wednesday, the 13th. It is hoped all who intend being present will comply with this request. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Crawley on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know by Wednesday, June 13th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD. — N.E. Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please let me know numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each) to those who notify Mr. H. North, High Street, Snaith, Goole, on or before Wednesday, June 13th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, the 14th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) at 3.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 13th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at S. John's, Newhall (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Members make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The June meeting will be held at Fillongley on the 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with their subscriptions? — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Benington on June 16th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rector is kindly providing tea free. Will all those who can do so notify me of their intention to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

NOTTINGHAM. — Society of Sherwood Youths (Established 1672).—C.E.M.S. Conference June 17th to 20th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunday, 10 to 11, 5.30 to 6.30. Other ringing by arrangement. — F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LEICESTER. — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. Would members kindly send names or numbers intending to be present to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, by June 19th? A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please let me know not later than the 20th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3. It is important that members requiring tea (at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall) should send notice to Mr. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Fence Houses, not later than the 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S., $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S., $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m. To enable adequate arrangements to be made for tea will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P. — Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Clievallier Street, Ipswich.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

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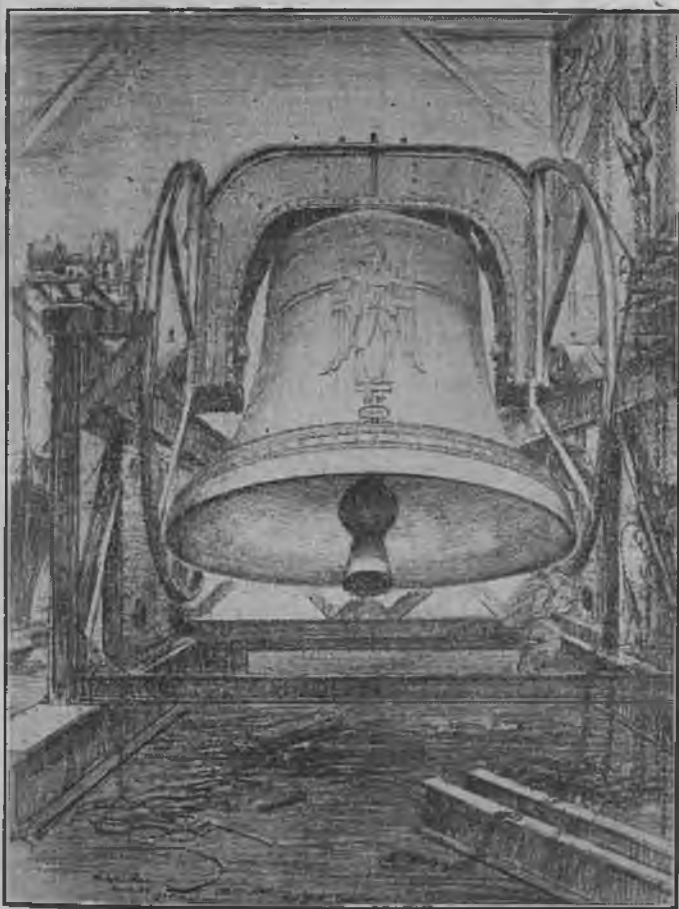
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A STEP FORWARD IN NOMENCLATURE

The Central Council at Hereford, after five years of discussion, took a big step toward the final settlement of the names of Minor methods; in fact, as far as those which are to be included in the revised edition of the Collection are concerned, they may be said to be settled once and for all. In large measure the decisions arrived at will doubtless receive general approval, although there are still some inconsistencies left which might have been dealt with, had there been more representatives present who had studied the question, not merely of the selection of names, but of the derivation of methods. Nevertheless, the Council, by the motions which were carried, did indicate indirectly certain principles in nomenclature to which they will doubtless desire to adhere in the future and to improve upon as opportunity presents itself.

Probably the most important principle which the Council vindicated was its right to change, in the publications which it issues, names which it considers unsuited to the science of change ringing. This it did in the case of the floral names which have created so much discussion. Having the opportunity for the first time of giving a direct vote on the application of such titles to new methods, the Council exercised its right and changed them to something, we think, a good deal more dignified and which, at any rate, are far less likely to make ringers and their art ludicrous in the eyes of the public. Another class of names which the Council, by its vote, expressed a desire not to see extended is that of the titles of individuals, however exalted, unless they have played a prominent part in connection with the Exercise. In these and in other ways the Council showed that, despite its abrupt treatment of the Nomenclature Committee, it is desirous of seeing that method titles are something which should befit a serious art.

The trouble, of course, has been the haphazard way in which any Tom, Dick or Harry in the past has been able to give to a method whatever name his fancy or his ignorance prompted. Where those names have come down to us through the generations we shall probably go on suffering them, for the sake of their antiquity, but it is all for the good that the Council has now shown that it is ready to see that stupidities and errors of bygone days are not elaborated and extended as the art develops. Ringers can, of course, go on calling methods by any names they choose, but if the Council in their printed publications refuse to recognise those which are not in accordance with their considered judgment, these 'irregular' titles, like the 'irregular' methods, will gradu-

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ally disappear, and we shall have a nomenclature which, at least, will not lay the Exercise open to ridicule.

A deeper and more far-reaching question, however, is still untouched, and possibly may never be fully dealt with, Mr. J. A. Trollope covers the point in his letter elsewhere in this issue. The whole thing is wrapped up in the complications of method extension, and one begins to wonder whether it is safe to give the original name of a method to any extension, when we get beyond the range of a comparatively small group which includes Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. This question, already involved in the plain methods, will become much more acute when the Treble Bob Major methods are taken in hand, but possibly before that time some definite lines of procedure may be laid down.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS	Treble	GEORGE LEWIS	7
* WILLIAM BARTON	2	* FREDERICK A. ADAMS	8
TOM O'HARA	3	† MAURICE E. WILSON	9
ALBERT H. WARD	4	JOHN THORPE	10
† ALBERT SMITHSON	5	HAYDN THORPE	11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS	Treble	* FRANK JENNINGS	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	7
* THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM	3	AMOS W. CLARK	8
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
DANIEL COOPER	5	CHARLES H. KIRPIN	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Royal. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd. Frank E. Darby has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST GOSDEN	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	6
THOMAS T. GORTON	2	EDWARD A. HERN	7
* ARTHUR TUGWOOD	3	STEPHEN V. STRATFORD	8
JOSEPH ROBERTSON	4	ADAM DEAS	9
* WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	5	ROBERT SKROCH	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung in honour of the Vicar of the above church, who was instituted Canon at Newcastle Cathedral earlier in the day.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Thursday, June 7th, at the Church of St. Leonard, the Hythe, 720 and 240 Bob Minor: F. L. Bumpstead 1, J. E. Rogers (first 720) 2, W. Green 3, H. Finch 4, P. Grimsey 5, W. J. Schofield (conductor) 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM S. LONDON 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 9
ALBERT A. HUGHES 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON.
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

FRED N. SMEATON Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
OLIVER SIPPETTS 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	*ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
*SAM HOLT 3	FRANK STONELEY 8
HAROLD JACKSON 4	†JOSEPH WILSON 9
TOM WILDE 5	RALPH F. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

*LESLIE WALSE, JUN Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 2	ALFRED PRIOR 7
JAMES ADAMS 3	†GEORGE DAWSON 8
†FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
†ERNEST W. FURBANK 5	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Tenor

Composed by R. MAYNARD, JUN. Conducted by A. PRIOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. HOLDING Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 7
JAMES H. RIDING 3	WILLIAM EDGE 8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING 9
HARRY F. HOLDING 5	JOHN HOLLOWAY Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of bells being put into this tower. The band, with the exception of Mr. Sperring, are Sunday service ringers at the church.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins., for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Thompson, B.A.: E. G. Swift 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, J. H. Lucas 4, W. Honer 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH, QUART BOB CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
ROBERT PICKERING 3	WILLIAM FISHER 8
JOHN PERRY 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT 5	BENJAMIN GOUGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich Caters on the bells and by all except ringers of 5th, 8th and 9th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN T. BROWN Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
*WALTER STAPLES 2	JOHN CURRY 6
JOHN G. AMES 3	CHARLES S. H. STILES 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	ARTHUR J. FARR Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by A. J. FARR.

* First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 92nd birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. Rowley, of Tipton.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
JOHN BREEZE 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
JOHN COOKE 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
JAMES F. SMITH 4	*JOHN LEATHER Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS GRIMSHAW Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Friday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Howard 1, Miss K. Wellers 2, W. Mansfield 3, W. A. Tack 4, J. W. Ward 5, R. G. King 6, R. Howard (conductor) 7, F. Harper 8. Rung previous to the opening ceremony of the children's ward at the local hospital by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS 1	...Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2		RICHARD J. STONE 6
LOWER R. TAYLOR 3		FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4		EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung as a welcome to the Ven. Archdeacon G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C., who was inducted to this living on the previous Wednesday.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 1	...Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2		FRANK BLONDELL 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3		CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4		ARTHUR HARDING ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BERNARD WELLS 1	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2		NELSON ELLIOTT 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3		OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CECIL NICE 4		ALFRED J. BULL ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ...Treble	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
*FRANK JENNINGS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of 'Old' Cambridge. Charles H. Kippin's 100th peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ...Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
WILSON RUSHTON 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
WILLIAM ROUGHTON 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of the Master of the Society, Mr. J. S. Hawkins, and for the silver wedding, on June 1st, of Mr. W. H. Pasmore.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...Treble	*THOMAS LOCK 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second and seventh. This is the 100th peal rung in this tower by the brothers Kilby.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD BOB, TWENTY-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ...Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD 5
E. HARRYSTONELEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDES 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM JOHNSON ...Treble	HARRY BARTON 5
WALTER SCOTT, JUN 2	SIDNEY MOODY 6
PERCY REYNOLDS 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
*ARTHUR DRAKE 4	*BERT SIBBECK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD C. HAY ...Treble	*PERCY PAGE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	†HARRY BAKER 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 7
*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method by the Romney Marsh Guild.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS C. FIELDS ... ..Treble	F. R. DENNIS 5
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
SIDNEY COLEMAN 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
* EDWARD GEO. COWARD 2	ALEXANDER EVANS 6
RONALD G. BECK 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies is Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The band regret that owing to illness Mr. J. T. Dyko was unable to take part.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
* ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

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

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE 5
JAMES HARRISON 2	JAMES MARSH 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK 3	* WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composition from 'Clavis.'

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	* GEORGE GOWER 5
* GEORGE CURSON 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

J. FREDERICK MILNER Treble	CHARLES R. BELTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHES 4	* RONALD RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Triples and first of Stedman.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. CARTER Treble	W. SMITH 3
* O. NEUSON 2	A. LING 4
	A. E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal, and belongs to Benhall.

HOLWELL, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM J. COOMES 3
PERCY F. SPENCER 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. COOMES.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS LUNN Treble	THOMAS WALTON 4
JOHN TODD 2	JOHN G. KINCHIN 5
JOHN FRENCHUM 3	GEORGE HOLMES 6

WALTER DOWNALL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLMES.

First peal as conductor and first peal by local ringers since 1910. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. Lunn.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BRINLEY JONES Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 4
HAWTHORN MORRIS 2	ALAC A. RACKHAM 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ALAC A. RACKHAM.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. D. Thomas, curate of the above church, who has gone to take up similar work at St. George's, Chm, Shropshire. He was a true friend to the above band. All the ringers are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HAUGHLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 16 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALPHEDS J. BERRY Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
RUSSELL E. WARD 2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL 4

WILLIAM FORSTER Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLANCELL.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of King George's birthday.

OFFLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

* D. C. MEARS Treble	† H. W. ELSE 4
A. E. SYMONDS 2	† GEO. T. CROFT 5
H. W. ANSTER 3	J. H. CONQUEST Tenor

Conducted by GEO. T. CROFT.

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

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	CHARLES BROWN 4
CHARLES H. WEBB 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
TOM ATKINS 3	FRED H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by C. BROWN.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to six by Taylor and Co. a few weeks ago. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Rushby and Mr. 'Mutt' Sharp, of Grimsby; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the tenor.

WARMINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

* HAROLD ASBURY Treble	† JOHN PARKER 4
† ERIC B. ALLMAN 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	† ALBERT ASBURY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. ‡ First peal on the bells. Arthur Allman's 50th peal for the Chester Guild.

NANTMEL, RADNORSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Cynllo.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, 12 being Pitman's and four Mr. Morris' arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE J. R. PRICE 4
WILLIAM EVANS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
CHARLES POWELL 3	* WILLIAM A. JONES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES P. HYETT.

* First peal. A birthday peal for H.M. King George V. First peal of Doubles by the treble man. First peal on the bells, a little known ring situated amongst the Welsh hills near Rhydyer.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising (1) Immanuel and Lightfoot, (2) Stamford and Wearmouth, (3) Hexham and Surfleet, (4) Berwick and Beverley, (5) Norfolk and Ipswich, (6) Priuross and Cambridge, (7) York and Durham.

GEORGE FULLER Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
BERTRAM LUCK 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in fourteen Surprise methods by the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Jose).

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: THOMAS H. KEEVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Smallwood and the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

The North and East District meeting, held at Stanmore on Saturday last, was an enjoyable affair. About 40 members attended and took part in some good ringing on the very nice peal of bells, now much improved in tone in the belfry by alterations recently made in the tower. Service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) gave the association his usual cordial welcome and his customary very helpful sermon. A bright feature of the service was a solo by Mr. Lawford, who sang 'Nearer, my God, to Thee.' Tea was served in the Institute, at which, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, General Anderson presided. Afterwards the business meeting was held. Messrs. R. Coles (High Wycombe), L. W. Wiffen (Braine-tree), E. E. Holman (Walthamstow), and J. E. Rookes (Oxhey) were elected members, and Finchley chosen as the venue of the next meeting of the district on August 18th. It was also announced by the hon. secretary that a practice meeting had been arranged to be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th, a joint meeting with the Herts Association at North Mimms on July 7th, and a joint meeting with the Essex and Herts Associations at Waltham Abbey on September 22nd.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) gave a report of the Central Council meeting recently held at Hereford, which he described as one of the most useful meetings of that body ever held.

The President (Mr. F. A. Milne) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Stanmore for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. S. Durham (Harrow Weald), whose bells were rung in the evening; to General Anderson for the use of the hall; and also to the organist and soloist who had so well added to the harmony of the proceedings at the service. This was carried with acclamation.

Ringing afterwards took place at both Stanmore and Harrow Weald, at the former tower most methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise being rung, whilst at the latter tower several Minor and Doubles methods were practised.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT TO MEET GUILDFORD GUILD.

An enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruishin on Saturday last, when some 40 odd members and friends attended. Good work was done during the meeting, Grandsire Triples and methods up to and including London Surprise Major being practised.

Service had been arranged for 5 p.m., but unfortunately the Vicar (Canon E. Cornwell Jones) was unable to get back in time from an adjoining village, where an induction service was held. Ringing was therefore continued up to 5.30, when refreshments were served at Fabbs Restaurant. Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master) presided, supported by the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary.

Routine business was transacted, and votes of thanks accorded to the Vicar and Messrs. Hunter and Bunce of the local band, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a success.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), inviting the district to co-operate with them at a meeting to be held at Egham in November. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation, and in return to invite the Guildford Guild to a return meeting at Acton in January, 1929 (if convenient), where the Middlesex Association would be delighted to welcome the members of the new Guild right in the midst of the Middlesex Association's district. It was left to the hon. secretary to make the arrangements in conjunction with the hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild.

The tower was afterwards again visited, where the Vicar gave a hearty welcome and a short address. He said how grateful he was to the association for the assistance it had rendered to his own band of ringers, of whom he was justly proud, and for the work generally done as a body of diocesan churchworkers.

Further touches in several methods were afterwards rung.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

Ringers rely largely on motor or pedal cycles to reach the towers where they ring. Those who contemplate purchasing a new machine, or who require accessories, should send for catalogues to Mr. Robert Whittington, general engineer, of Cranleigh, Guildford.

There are two special reasons for doing so. Mr. Whittington is a ringer, catering for ringers' requirements, and he has generously offered to hand over to the 'Ireneus Pistor' fund a percentage from list prices on all sales of motor and other cycles.

Ringers should read the advertisement which appears in another column, and then purchase their new mount through Mr. Whittington.

MUFFLED BELLS

On June 2nd, eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Warminster, with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Marchioness of Bath, who was interred the same day, but unfortunately the attempt came to an untimely end after 2 hrs. 20 mins. good ringing owing to an accident to the rope of the 6th. The ringers were: Master Heginbotham, Messrs. E. Kill, T. Holloway, F. Ashworth, F. Preecey, E. White, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) and E. Marlow.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING IN DUBLIN.**

The annual meeting of the Irish Association took place in Dublin on Whit Monday, when members attended from Belfast, Holywood, Drogheda, Bray, Arklow, Kilkenny, Limerick, and the local towers.

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Church of SS. Augustine and John were open for ringing, and were made good use of.

Sixty-four members sat down to luncheon in the Central Hotel, after which the business was transacted, the president, Mr. N. Robinson, occupying the chair.

Bray and Arklow, the joint winners of the challenge shield with 100 per cent. each, were presented with that trophy by the Dean of St. Patrick's. Arklow, who had held the shield in the two previous years, in a very sporting manner allowed Bray to retain possession for the full year, an action which was fully appreciated.

During the year the Northern Branch was formed in Belfast, and it was reported that solid work was being done.

Alterations in the rules for the shield competition were again suggested. The only change decided on was to count all towers with more than eight bells as eight-bell towers.

A set of medals was offered by Mr. Wills for any band ringing their first peal during the year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff.

Twenty-two new members were also elected, and the meeting closed with various votes of thanks.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, in honour of Mr. H. E. Wills' silver wedding, 1,008 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin: G. Lindoff, jun., 1, H. E. Wills 2, T. McMorran 3, W. E. Lynch 4, W. H. Wilson 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6, G. F. Wilmot 7, J. Lane 8.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**NEW SECRETARY FOR SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting of the above Guild was held at Southwold on Whit Monday, and ringers attended from Brampton, Barsham, Beccles, Henstead, Halesworth, Badingham, Earl Soham, Norwich, Kessingland, Wrentham, Reydon and the local company. Various touches were rung upon the bells during the afternoon, and a short business meeting was held in the tower to elect a district secretary for the Southwold District. On the motion of Mr. F. Launton, seconded by Mr. J. Spalding, Mr. E. Grindell was elected.

Further touches were afterwards rung. The Vicar sent an apology for his absence from the meeting. A very enjoyable time was spent.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.**A ROYAL MESSAGE OF THANKS.**

The King's birthday was celebrated in many places by special ringing, and a congratulatory message was sent to His Majesty by Mr. W. H. Hollier, from the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, after a peal at Isleworth.

An acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace has been received in the following terms: 'The Private Secretary has received the King's command to thank Mr. W. H. Hollier and the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers for their kind message of congratulations on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday.—June 4th, 1928.'

The following touches were rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, on Monday, June 4th: 504 Grandsire Caters: W. Welch 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, B. D. Buttress 3, A. T. Chenery 4, J. Taylor 5, C. Smith 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. Hazzell 8, A. G. Rivers 9, F. E. Kempton 10. Also 352 Grandsire Cinques conducted by S. J. Woods.

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, London, on June 3rd, for evensong and the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: John Lee 1, J. Walsom 2, C. J. Choost 3, A. Coles 4, Percy J. Clark 5, E. Brett 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Norton 8.

At Ashford, Kent, on Sunday, June 3rd, after the morning service, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Tabrett 1, J. Parsons 2, H. C. Castle 3, E. S. Ruck 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, D. Godden 8.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, and in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wright (first quarter in method) 1, W. D. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. The treble ringer hails from Nuneaton.

At Loughton, Essex, on June 3rd, for evensong and for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Thorpe 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, W. S. Carter 6, G. Carter 7, J. Rann, jun., 8. This was the 40th anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 11th of J. Rann, jun.

BATH.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service at the Church of St. Michael, Bath, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: H. W. Brown 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, T. F. King 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 6, G. H. Harding 7, H. Davis 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a young ringer scores Maximus for his first peal—twelve ropes are too many for most people to begin with. But Mr. Albert Smithson, who had not previously rung a peal, took part last week in a peal of Little Bob Maximus, and rang well throughout.

St. Martin's Guild said farewell to the present peal of twelve in the Bull Ring on Sunday. They were rung for morning and evening service and lowered in peal. The faculty for their recasting has been received, and the dismantling will begin at once.

Until the new bells arrive, St. Martin's Sunday band will ring together at other churches, and they will meet next Sunday at the Cathedral, ringing for service in the morning, and broadcasting from 7.50 to 8 p.m. in the evening.

Yorkshire and Birmingham ringers are to have another fraternal gathering at Duffield on July 15th. Last year's event was so successful that it is hoped to make it an annual 'do.'

In view of the fact that four trebles are now waiting to be added to the eight at Lincoln Cathedral, it is interesting to recall that the first peal at the Cathedral was Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, on June 15th, 1886.

The anniversary of another peal at Lincoln occurs next week. On June 20th, 1756, 5,040 'Carathan's' Triples (probably Garthorn's peal of Grainsire) was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches.

Jasper Snowdon, one of the greatest teachers of ringing of all time, was born at Ilkley, Yorks, on June 18th, 1844.

Owing to the repairs to the lightning-damaged wall of Lavenham tower, ringing is stopped for the time being. Notification will be given in our columns when the bells can be rung again.

Ringers who intended to visit Crawley to-morrow for the meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild are informed that the meeting is postponed indefinitely.

DEATH OF MR. FRED PITSTOW.

PASSING OF A SAFFRON WALDEN VETERAN.

There passed away on Tuesday, at Saffron Walden, one of the stalwarts of the Exercise, Mr. Fred Pitstow—a pioneer of change ringing in the eastern counties—and a large circle of friends, particularly among the older generation, will regret the death of a fine ringer and genial companion. He was 77 years of age.

The late Mr. Pitstow's connection with bells began when he was only 15 years of age, and at a time when change ringing in Saffron Walden, where for over 300 years there has been a ringing society, was at a low ebb. But he and his equally celebrated brother, Nathan, used to walk to the neighbouring villages for practice, and often would go as far as Bennington to meet and ring with the famous Surprise band there. Mr. Fred Pitstow also became a frequent visitor to London, where he rang with the Cumberland Youths, at the time George Newson was in the heyday of his career. Mr. Pitstow was one of those who made his own opportunities for practice, and once within the space of a fortnight he rang a peal of Cambridge in London, Superlative at Duffield, London Surprise at Burton, Stedman at Burton, and Double Norwich in London, all of them at the first attempt and without any practice whatever except the periodical visits to the Bennington men.

After this a young band was got together at Saffron Walden, and they succeeded in ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the Eastern Counties, and the first peals of London and Superlative in Essex. Mr. Pitstow also took part in a number of other interesting 'first peals,' and altogether his total was over 200 from Maximus downward.

He joined the Essex Association in 1886, and had been an enthusiastic member ever since, having served for many years as District Master of the North Western District. He was also a member of numerous other associations.

In addition to being an able ringer, Mr. Pitstow was an accomplished musician, and for a long period was bandmaster of Saffron Walden town band.

The funeral will take place at Saffron Walden cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th, a goodly number of members putting in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire towers. The bells, a ring of six, were rung in various methods during the afternoon, until a move was made to the Church Hall, where an excellent tea, most generously provided by one of the wardens, was enjoyed. The business meeting followed, over which the Rector presided. Various reports were presented, including one of the Central Council meeting.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and it was unanimously decided that the next Glamorgan meeting be held at Penarth.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for presiding, and also to the warden for his hospitality, and to the ladies for serving the tea.

Service was conducted by the Rector, who, after welcoming the association to Penarth, gave a most helpful address. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening, and this brought to a close a most enjoyable and exceedingly pleasant meeting. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Davies, of the 'Metropolitan,' who rings at Deptford.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 362.)

FLORAL TITLES CHANGED.

In the discussion which took place on the Methods Committee's proposals, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That the following names be substituted in the Treble Bob methods for those contained in the committee's list, viz.: No. 16 (for 'Shamrock') 'Waterford,' No. 17 (for 'Bluebell') 'Berwyn,' No. 20 (for 'Daffodil') 'Cheviot,' No. 21 (for 'Fuchsia') 'Chiltern,' No. 22 (for 'Foxglove') 'Cotswold,' No. 23 (for 'Hyacinth') 'Mendip,' No. 24 (for 'Marigold') 'Pennine,' No. 28 (for 'Dahlia') 'Quantock,' No. 28 (for 'Geranium') 'Snowdon.' He said this was the first time the Council had had an opportunity of giving a direct vote upon whether they desired an extension of the floral names, and he had limited the motion to deal only with those titles which had been introduced within the last four or five years. He did not suggest that they should touch those which had an historic interest, but he felt it was desirable that they should not encourage the application of the names of flowers to what was the product of a mathematical science. The names which he proposed to substitute were, he contended, much more dignified for the purpose for which they required them. The Council would notice that, with one exception, the proposed titles were the names of the ranges of mountains and hills in Great Britain. The exception was in the case of 'Shamrock.' In order that another injustice should not be done to Ireland, he proposed to substitute 'Waterford,' which was an historical name from a ringing point of view, inasmuch as the first peal in Ireland was rung in that city. As to the right of the Council to change the names already given to the methods, it was true that they had been rung under their present titles, and the Council could not prevent ringers calling them anything they liked. But he held that the Council had a perfect right to append to any method what name it pleased in any publication that was issued by it. In regard to these new floral names they were applied by a committee of the Council before the methods were rung or named by anyone else, and there was therefore no reason why the Council should not change them and give to the methods names which, he held, were much better suited to the purpose.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, and remarked that when the Council gave names to methods in one of their own publications they should remember they were dealing with a science.

Mr. E. W. Elwell created amusement among the members when he said this dead horse had been flogged more than any other dead horse he had ever met. The extraordinary thing about it was that each time it was flogged it managed to gallop half-way up the hill before it dropped again. He hoped the Council would not let it gallop any further this time. He believed that the people who wanted to get rid of these names were earnest and honest in their desire, but he asked the Council to do as it had done in the past and uphold the right of ringers who rang a method for the first time to name it. These floral names were not given to the methods by the Analysis Committee, but largely by the members of the association which he represented, the Chester Diocesan Guild, who rang these methods for the first time, and he hoped the Council would uphold the tradition which entitled those who first rang a method to decide its name. Even the proposer of these new names, he said, must, it seemed, have something to remind him of the countryside, but what was more beautiful than to hear the bells sounding across the fields where the bluebells or the daffodils grew, and to have these names to remind them of the methods that were rung? Ringing might be a mathematical science, but he did not see any improvement in substituting for floral names such titles as 'Arithmetic Minor,' 'Mathematical Major,' or 'Pythagoras Maximus' (laughter).

Alderman Pritchett said he could not see the slightest objection to floral names for methods, and there was a great deal in the principle that those who invented the methods and rang them should have the right to select the names, unless they were manifestly absurd. These floral names were very appropriate. 'But apart from that,' said Alderman Pritchett, 'I am an old Tory, and I like to support that which is in possession' (laughter).

Mr. A. D. Barker: Is it not a fact that these methods were not named by those who rang them, but were named by a small committee of this Council?

Mr. Cave: Is it not really the fact that the friends of Mr. Elwell rang these methods after they were named, chiefly out of loyalty to our old friend Mr. Beeston?

The President: I am informed on good authority that they were named first and rung afterwards.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston: They were named by the company who rang them. When the performance was published they expressed the definite wish that they should be named by the names given to them by the Analysis Committee.

On the motion being put, it was declared carried by 40 votes to 19.

OTHER ALTERATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then proposed that No. 5 of Treble Bob methods be renamed 'London Treble Bob,' No. 4 of 4th's-place Delight methods be named 'Clarence,' No. 14 of 3rd's-place Delight methods be named 'Barham,' and No. 36 of 3rd's-place Delights be renamed 'Windsor.' He said that No. 5 was the name given to the method by Shipway. The method called 'Rochester' in the old books was an entirely different method. With regard to the method now known

as 'Duke of Clarence,' he thought they might drop the two initial words, and that in No. 36 they might substitute 'Windsor' for Queen Victoria. He deprecated personal names being attached to methods unless they were the names of men who had rendered conspicuous service to ringing. He proposed the name of 'Barham' for No. 14 in order to do away with a possible cause for confusion. The method was at present called Kent Delight, but they already had Kentish Delight, and they did not want two names so nearly alike in the same class. James Barham was an historic figure in Kentish ringing, and they might well perpetuate his name.—Mr. J. Hunt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, the President remarking that it was the very first time the Council had been unanimous over anything connected with this subject.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had been asked to move the deletion of the words 'Castle' and 'Abbey' where they occurred in the names of Delight methods.—Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

The Rev. H. Law James said there was a very good reason for eliminating these words from the titles. When they used the word 'Delight' they knew the class of method that was meant, when they divided the class by distinguishing 4th's-place Delights by the word 'Castle' and 3rd's-place Delights by the word 'Abbey,' it led to the impression that there were two kinds of Delight methods, but there were not; there was only one, and he supported this alteration very strongly (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake said 'Castle' and 'Delight' were not names of methods but names for a class or description, and if they put them in they should go in as a description and not as a name. There was nothing in the report to show what the distinction was in these names. Was the word 'Bob' the name of a method or the name of a class of methods, or the name of a particular division of a class? In the same way with 'Castle,' 'Abbey' and 'Delight,' were they names for the division of methods into classes or merely put in at the whim of the person who named the methods? He agreed with the proposal that the words should be left out. If they were to remain, it should be made quite clear what they meant. Method No. 1 was Plain Bob, 1a was Reverse Bob. They ought to know what Plain Bob meant. Bob was an old word for dodge. Plain Bob meant that there was only one dodge in the method. Which was the name, was it 'Plain,' or was it 'Bob'? If they called the method 'Bob,' they could not call the class 'Bob.' They should make it clear in the report, before it was issued to the public, what were names of methods and what were names of classes, and, when they were the names of classes, the special definition of the class to which the names were given. He thought this should be done, even at the expense of a year or two's delay (laughter); if they did not do it they would regret it.

The Rev. H. Law James: May I suggest that Mr. Drake should read the Methods Report, where it was all explained over twenty years ago (laughter).

The Rev. H. Drake: I read that 20 years ago, and I should like to point out that it is twenty years old, and that is why I ask you to improve it.

The motion was carried.

DOUBLE SURPRISE METHODS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said his attention had been called to the fact that in at least two places Double Surprise Minor methods were being rung. He had seen the figures of some of these methods, and they did not come within the class which the Council printed in its Collection, because of a bell making 5th's place when the treble was not behind. He understood that there were quite a number of these methods being rung, but what appeared to him to be important was this: In the Preface to the Collection of Minor methods it was stated that Superlative Minor was not worth ringing, inasmuch as, in common with all other Double Treble Bob Minor methods, it would not produce the extent of the changes. If that statement were correct it would be well that the Exercise should know that Double Surprise Minor methods would not go to the full extent of 720; if it were not correct the statement should be modified to meet the new discoveries.

The Rev. H. Law James said there were only three Double Surprise Minor methods that would produce a true extent.

Mr. Goldsmith said he had been informed that the number of these methods that was being practised was much larger than this; he believed at least a dozen or 16.

Mr. T. Faulkner said he wished to point out that Mr. Trollope had recently given as the reason why the name of Primrose appeared among the Surprise methods was that it was included under that name in Mr. Davies' book on Surprise methods. This method had been previously known as Ringers' Surprise. Surprise method No. 3 was now given as Alnwick. It was formerly printed as Canterbury, but changed to Alnwick by the Analysis Committee. He suggested that they should return to the name of Canterbury as originally printed, and that the name of Alnwick should revert to No. 2, which was now called Canterbury. These two names seemed to have been changed over. In the peal of 22 methods which was rung recently by members of the Essex Association, a 720 of spliced Nos. 3 and 5 was rung and published as Canterbury and Newcastle. If the former name were now to be given to method No. 2, someone in a few years' time might come along and say the peal could not have been true, because those two methods (2 and 5) would not splice.

Mr. Trollope said the name Canterbury was given to the wrong method in the first edition, and the Analysis Committee who went very carefully into the matter corrected it. The question between

Ringers' and Primrose was rather different. Both were old names; probably Ringers' was the older, but, generally speaking, ringers knew the method as 'Primrose.'

Mr. E. Butler said the band who rang the Spliced Surprise Minor peal were anxious to erect a board in the tower, and for that reason he asked the Council to stick to the names under which the methods were rung and not to print them in a different order. If they had to change the name for the peal board, the record would not conform to the record of the peal which appeared at the time in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Trollope thought a way out of the difficulty would be to print an appendix to the Collection showing, where there had been duplicate names, what alternative names the methods had been rung under.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he simply took the name Primrose out of a list: he was not responsible for the names in the Surprise Methods book.

Mr. T. J. Salter proposed that 'King's Norton' should be substituted for 'Primrose.'—Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded.

Mr. Butler: We have rung it as 'Primrose' for years.

The proposal to change the name was defeated, and the Rev. H. Drake said he noted the Tory voted for the change (laughter). Mr. Drake questioned the origin of the name 'Bogedone' (No. 40, 3rd's-place Delight) and the introduction of the title of the Deity ('Immanuel', No. 22 of the Surprise methods). He thought this latter should certainly be changed.

The President agreed that they ought not to use the name of the Deity, and the Rev. H. Law James said the Committee would look into these points.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said 'Bogedone' was named by the people who first rang the method.

The President: Where is the place?

The Rev. A. T. Beeston: I don't know.

Mr. Butler said 'Immanuel' was rung spliced with three other methods, and if they were to go on making changes like this six-bell ringers would not know where they were.

The report, subject to the alterations agreed upon, was then accepted.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has been printed in 'The Ringing World.' He was sorry there was one mistake in it, in regard to the length of the record peal of Treble Bob. The report gave it as 17,284 instead of 17,324, and he wished to rectify that.—Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

The President said he hoped the members realised what labour that report meant to the members of the committee, Mr. Beeston, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. G. Williams and Mrs. Fletcher. It was a monumental work, which they undertook, and the Exercise could not be too grateful to them for what they did. He thought it was far more interesting than it used to be when they allotted points for dubious performances (hear, hear).

The report was adopted with thanks to the committee for their work.

METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The point you make in 'Belfry Gossip' is quite a good one, but we have to face the fact that a system of naming on strictly logical and scientific lines is not possible. It would require a much more thorough knowledge of the construction of methods than exists to-day, and a wholesale renaming which would be far more inconvenient than useful. Shipway did make an attempt at a scientific nomenclature, and, within limits, a thoroughly sound and successful one. But it was within limits, and while the Exercise in following him has gained much, it has also missed much. Shipway taught us to see the proper relationship between Double and Single Norwich Major and between Double Norwich Major and Caters, but there are other relationships quite as close, e.g., between Double Norwich Major and Double Oxford Major. To quote the Central Council 'Collection of Major Methods,' 'Methods are not isolated independent things. They are closely related to each other in a number of different ways.' Court Bob Minor and its variations have many derivatives on eight bells. For practical purposes it is better to treat these as separate methods with separate names, and not as extensions with the same names.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ST. SIMON'S OR ST. CLEMENTS?

Dear Sir,—I note your comments in 'Belfry Gossip' re the question of St. Simon's Doubles being St. Clement's on higher numbers. Perhaps the Methods Committee will correct this very obvious error in their new publication. St. Simon's is nearly a century old, and has the prior claim. The committee cannot very well leave things as they are, as they published their intentions in the pages of your paper, and one of these avowed intentions was to do away with such anomalies as one method having two names.

I discussed the question of the gentleman's waistcoat with 'ye beste of spouses,' and explained the St. Simon's-um-Clement's affair to her, and she assured me that though a cat might have kittens in a bakehouse and call them rolls, they wouldn't be rolls, though they might perhaps account for the sausage in them.—Yours sincerely,

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

THE MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Central Council meeting on page 362, in your last issue is this paragraph:—

The President: If the Midland Counties Association have been asked to place a bell in the tower and wish to obtain help from this Council, the Council should be approached in a proper way by the M.C.A. (hear, hear).

This I much resent. I have no time, nor inclination, nor do I think it desirable to place before the Exercise several copies I have before me of letters which passed between our worthy president, Alderman R. B. Chambers (who unfortunately is not at present enjoying good health), Miss Heywood, Mr. Alex. Young (hon. secretary, C.C.), Canon Coleridge (president, C.C.), Mr. Wilde, etc., on this subject of a memorial. I think if this correspondence was published, those who voiced, 'Hear, hear,' would say, 'Dear, dear,' instead. This matter has been thoroughly discussed both in our committee and general meetings on several occasions, and if only the reports of meetings (published in this paper) were read more attentively, it would be seen the M.C.A. did approach the Central Council, the correspondence on the matter going back to April, 1927. The very fact of the hon. secretary of the Council bringing the matter up proves this.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Gen. Hon. Secretary, M.C.A.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) and his wife celebrated their silver wedding on June 4th, having been married at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow, Bucks, on June 4th, 1903. It was only fitting that the society should honour its principal office holder on such an auspicious occasion, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Monday week.

On the following evening Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins entertained a small party of friends to supper, when 'continued health and happiness' to the bride and bridegroom of twenty-five years ago was enthusiastically drunk with wishes that they might be spared to see their 'golden' wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins' children were with them to celebrate the event, one daughter, recently married, having flown from Paris to be present.

The silver wedding of Mr. W. H. Pasmore was celebrated by the same peal, and it is noteworthy that Mr. Hawkins has been responsible for arranging a golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Pasmore, sen., and a silver wedding peal for the present Rector of St. Andrew's and his wife.

LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The 9th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Unfortunately, several members were prevented from attending, and only seven towers were represented. Various touches from rounds to Treble Bob were rung during the day, and the local tower is to be congratulated on its promising young band of both sexes.

The Rev. Crichton-Melville conducted the Guild service, and gave an interesting address.

The party then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where the usual splendid tea awaited them.

Mrs. Melville presided at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, all of Aldershot, viz., the Misses Margaret Scott, Edna Southby and Muriel Gill.

Miss Mills was asked to continue as secretary, the committee to remain as before.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wokingham on October 6th, if possible.

FAREWELL HALF-PEAL.

RADYR RINGER OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, June 4th, at Christ Church, Radyr, a half-peal (2,520 changes) of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) was rung in 1½ hours by the local band: E. Blackmore 1, J. Watkins 2, F. Brewer 3, A. E. Ray (conductor) 4, A. Watkins 5, A. Goodacre 6.

This half-peal was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, F. Brewer, who is leaving for Australia, and to whom a presentation of a silver bell pendant, suitably engraved, has been made by his fellow-ringers.

This was the longest length of Doubles to date by all the band, and was the first half-peal to be rung on the bells by an entirely local company.

As a matter of fact, the first six-score to be rung here by an entirely local band was only accomplished on January 30th of this year. Thus it will be seen that the band, with the exception of the conductor, is composed entirely of beginners.

While regretting the loss of so valuable a member, all his friends unite in wishing Mr. Brewer 'Good luck and every success' in his new home 'down under.'

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. VETERAN LEADER IN WINNING TEAM.

The annual cup competition held at Hoylandswaine, and promoted by the local company, took place on Saturday, June 9th. There was a large gathering of local ringers, and many were accompanied by their wives and lady friends, making up a goodly company in merry mood, all anxious to witness a good contest. The usual conditions prevailed, 720 Minor in any method being the test piece. Eight bands entered, and the judge, Mr. J. R. Brearley, gave his award as follows: No. 1, Penistone, rung out; 2, Wath, rung out; 3, Felkirk, faults 256; 4, Darton, rung out; 5, Shelley, rung out; 6, Darfield, faults, 203; 7, Cawthorne, faults 71; 8, Sandal, penalty 5, faults 165, total 170.

Cawthorne were therefore easy winners, with Sandal next. The first prize was the cup, held for one year, and six salad bowls and servers for the ringers; the second prizes, six sugar basins for the ringers. This was the fifth contest, and Cawthorne have won upon three occasions. Mr. Harry Crossland, their treble ringer, is 83 years of age. His striking and skill are marvellous, and withal he is of a very genial nature. Since he was 19 years of age he has never failed his company or his church when duty called. The ringers of 2nd and 3rd are his sons.

The afternoon was, on the whole, fine, and the proceedings enjoyable. The Vicar (Rev. J. Hewetson) and the Misses Hewetson extended their hospitality and courtesy, and their kindness was much appreciated.

DEVON ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL.

EIGHT-BELL COMPETITION AT ALPHINGTON.

The Devon Association, which is not to be confused with the Devon Guild, held the first part of their 1928 festival on Saturday at Aliphington, near Exeter, where there was an eight-bell competition. Six teams competed, and there were ringers from Northtawton, Crediton, Aliphington, Babacombe, Lustleigh, Southtawton, Zeal Monachorum, Bridford, Christow, Colebrooke, North Bovey, and other parts.

Trial peals were first rung. A service was conducted by Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector), assisted by Rev. A. F. McCarthy, Vicar of Zeal Monachorum, and hon. secretary of the association. A luncheon followed.

The judges were Messrs. W. Fewings (Northtawton), A. Darch (Torington), and R. G. Piddler (High Bickington). Results: 1, Northtawton, shield, 51 marks against mistakes; 2, Aliphington, first certificate, 100 marks; 3, Upton (Torquay), second certificate, 218 marks; 4, Babacombe, third certificate, 245 marks; 5, Moretonhampstead, fourth certificate, 360 marks.

The competition, under the rules, is limited to teams of church service ringers, and there is a similar contest for six-bell men.

INTER-ASSOCIATION MEETING AT STOCKTON.

A Whitsun Monday meeting was held at Stockton in beautiful weather, but it was disappointing in regard to the attendance. Those who did not attend are to be pitied, as it was a most enjoyable meeting, being a joint gathering between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. A service was held in Stockton Parish Church, conducted by the president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association (the Rev. A. Simpson), who welcomed the ringers to Stockton, and also gave an interesting address from the text, 'Seek that ye may excel.' Dinner was served at the Vane Arms.

At the general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, presided over by the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, two hon. members were elected.

The Rev. A. Simpson, who is also a 'joiner,' was prevented from attending either the dinner or meeting, as he had some important 'joinery' work to do, having to wed four couples.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's annual meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Newton. All the visitors much enjoyed ringing at Stockton on the ten bells, which were kept going before and after the meeting in different methods, including Kent Major and Royal and Stedman Caters, etc., and at Thornaby (eight bells), where Plain Bob and Kent Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Time did not permit the Newcastle visitors to ring at Middlesbrough, but the meeting with so many southern friends was thoroughly enjoyable.

MARRIED FOR SEVENTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, of Satterthwaite, Cumberland, have just celebrated the seventieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Egton-cum-Newland Chapel in 1858. Mr. Marshall is 93 years of age, and has been connected with Satterthwaite and Rusland for the last 48 years. He has been attached to the churches in these parishes as chorister, bellringer, and clerk, and is highly respected. Mrs. Marshall, who is 91, was a native of Kirby-in-Furness.

On Wednesday, June 5th, a number of friends and neighbours assembled at Middle Forge, Satterthwaite, to meet the aged couple and their family, and Mrs. and Mrs. Marshall were presented with a purse containing £21 19s. 3d. A complimentary peal was rung at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, in honour of the unique occasion.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE RESTORATION OF AMBROSDEN BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Piddington. The Vicar of Ambrosden (Rev. C. C. D. Oake) was the preacher at the service, and after tea at the Seven Stars the business was transacted under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Bicester, others present being the Revs. J. Amies (Edgecott), H. J. Edwards (Piddington), C. C. D. Oake (Ambrosden), Mr. E. A. Clifton (hon. secretary), and representatives from Bicester, Launton, Middleton Stoney and Piddington. The hon. secretary presented his report for the year, which showed that one new tower, viz., Stratton Audley, had been added to the branch, and the membership compared with 1927 was as follows: 1927, seven honorary and 44 ordinary members; 1928, seven honorary and 51 ordinary members. One hon. member had been added, and the branch had, by the death of the Rev. A. Brooke-Smith (Middleton Stoney), lost an hon. member who had always taken a keen interest in the work of the branch. Efforts had been made to get other towers and members to come into the Guild, but without result up to the present.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted the balance sheet, and pointed out that though progress was slow the branch was steadily going forward, and, compared with 1920, when he took over the office, the subscriptions had increased from £1 5s. to £8 3s. 5d., and the balance in the bank from £2 4s. 3d. to £13 5s. 6d.—The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. W. O'Reilly; hon. secretary, Mr. E. A. Clifton; Guild representatives, Mr. F. Neale and Mr. F. Sharpe. Mr. F. Sharpe, who kindly keeps the ringing records, gave his report of ringing done during the year, and stated that touches of Stedman had been rung for the first time by several members of the branch, where previously only Grandsire had been rung.

The Rev. C. C. D. Oake gave a detailed account of the proposed restoration of the Ambrosden bells, and said the bells would be going away during the next few weeks, and the old oak beams were being replaced by a steel frame for eight bells.—Several members spoke of the pleasure it gave them to hear of this restoration, as these bells are one of the finest rings of six in existence.—It was agreed that a grant of five guineas be made to this restoration fund.

Mr. Sharpe gave notice to move that the first Saturday in May (instead of the last) be fixed for the annual meeting of the district.—Stratton Audley was chosen as the place of the next meeting.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake for his sermon, the Rev. H. J. Edwards as organist and to the Vicar of Bicester for blowing the organ.

It was agreed to make a series of visits to towers not on the Guild list on alternate Thursday evenings, and the hon. secretary and Mr. Sharpe were asked to prepare a list of towers.—The chairman was thanked with acclamation, and after the meeting several touches were rung on the bells.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 2nd, when between 60 and 70 representatives from various towers in the branch attended. The bells were ringing from 2.30 p.m. A short service was held, the processional hymn being 'The sacred bells of England.' The Rector of Bletchley (Rev. F. W. Bennett) officiated, and the lesson was read by the chairman of the branch, Rev. L. Moxon. The Rev. Dixon, Rector of West Caddesdon and chairman of the newly-formed branch in Central Bucks, preached a very inspiring sermon. After service, all adjourned to the Rectory where tea was served on the lawn.

Mr. W. Sear, secretary, presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand, and stated that the branch was in a very healthy condition. Good work had been done generally, instruction given at two towers, other towers had rejoined, and the membership showed an increase over the previous year. He hoped this progress would continue, and felt sure that it would if loyalty and co-operation from the foremen of towers were given him.

The Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was again elected secretary and treasurer. Places of meeting for the year were chosen.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) congratulated the branch on the way it was progressing. He also gave a brief but interesting report of the Central Council meeting at Hereford, which was appreciated by the company.

Mr. Wright, treasurer, spoke on the finances of the Guild, and congratulated the branch on its sound position, which reflected credit on the management.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) spoke on several matters, giving good advice to the younger members, and asking the foremen of towers to support their secretary.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman to the preacher, the choir and the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing was then continued, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday, June 10th at St. Helen's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. Burnett 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, J. Honey 3, W. H. J. Holfield 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Nobes 6, G. Caudwell (conductor) 7, P. Fletcher 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: S. Smith 1, W. Bolwell 2, W. A. Swift 3, G. England 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, R. Swift 6, F. Green 7, F. Edwards 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th, when the Earl of Shaftesbury, now himself a practical ringer, presided over a good attendance.

The annual report of the general secretary (Rev. F. L. Edwards) stated that the past year had been one of quiet, steady progress in the various branches. One eminently healthy symptom was seen in the work of restoration that had been accomplished in quite a number of towers throughout the diocese.

The statement of accounts presented by the secretary showed a balance in hand of £70 15s. 9d.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The following officers were unanimously reappointed and thanked for their services: The Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master; the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. sec.; Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant hon. secretary; the Rev. A. D. H. Allen and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, hon. auditors. The following were also re-elected to the committee: The Rev. C. C. Cox, the Rev. C. Wood, Mr. J. R. Jerram, and Mr. E. B. Barter.

A NEGLECTED BELFRY.

The Secretary, introducing the question of the suggested sub-division of the Marlborough Branch, said he had received a letter from the secretary of the Marlborough Branch on this matter, which Mr. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch) would explain.

Mr. Heginbotham said it was no use to set the chairman or secretary of any branch a task which they could not possibly perform, and in one or two branches this was the case. It was chiefly the relieving of the Salisbury Branch of some of the tremendous amount of work and of looking after some of its towers that he had in mind when he brought the suggestion forward. If the Salisbury branch held a meeting every Saturday they would not get round all their towers in the course of twelve months. He thought it might be possible to rearrange the Marlborough Branch so that they might give up a few of their towers and to start a fresh branch in the Pewsey district, which would also take over some towers from the Salisbury Branch. Although members in the area were unanimous that something of that sort should be done, added Mr. Heginbotham, nothing could be done, because when they arrived at Pewsey they found great difficulties. They had a meeting there, something like 25 or 30 ringers turning up. The tower had a good peal of six in an iron frame, but the belfry was about the dirtiest and most filthy he had been in for the past 20 years. Mr. Heginbotham described the condition of the belfry in detail, remarking that there were birds' nests there and a leaking roof and rotten floor among other defects, and said when they got to the meeting they found there were no ringers from Pewsey at all. He did not know the 'local politics.' The Rector was away in Italy on a holiday for three months and the curate did not come to the meeting, so nothing could be done to start a branch in the Pewsey area. Those present at the meeting voted in favour of a Pewsey Branch, but there was no one there to take any interest, and so they had had to leave it.

Mr. Beams suggested that something would probably be done in regard to Pewsey if a letter were written to the Parochial Church Council pointing out the deplorable condition of their belfry and bells and the neglected roof and tower. Such a letter coming from the Guild ought to have some weight, with thinking people, at any rate, and he believed this was the first step they should take in trying to arouse some enthusiasm in the Pewsey district. He proposed that the Rector and the Parochial Church Council be written to. It was no use minding matters. They were neglecting their duty as churchpeople there. To let water through the roof, to allow jackdaws to build their nests in the tower, and to fail to keep the fabric in repair was sadly neglecting a duty. The Guild had a friend in the Archdeacon, and if he could help them he would, because it was his duty to see churches were in proper repair.

Mr. Heginbotham, seconding Mr. Beams' proposition that letters be written to the Parochial Church Council and the Rector of Pewsey, said he believed the secretary of the Marlborough Branch had approached the Rector, but he believed it would have more weight if a letter went from the Guild.

Lord Shaftesbury said he felt sure that if they wrote a nice, friendly letter, pointing out the interest the Guild took in all the towers in the diocese and especially in the Pewsey tower, and offer all the help they could, it would be well received.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The Secretary, referring to the Guild war memorial in the Cathedral, said last September he had an interview with the late Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum, and he came to an agreement with them, on behalf of the Guild, that the Guild should make an endeavour to pay off the whole sum of £200 by the jubilee year of the Guild, four years hence. He said they should go on steadily raising funds in the meantime, and then, with a great jubilee commemoration service in the Cathedral and a large collection, pay off the amount required. He asked them to introduce into the memorial in carved wood and gild the badge of the Guild, and the Archdeacon undertook to see that it was done.—Mr. Beams said the amount they had collected was £129 7s. 5d. He found there were still 35 towers who had not contributed to the memorial fund, and he hoped these would now respond. They were not asked for large amounts.

REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY BOARD.

The meeting next discussed the question of asking the diocesan authorities to consider the necessity of having representatives of the

Guild on the Diocesan Advisory Board, which deals with matters concerning the facilities for the restoration of bells and belfries, in which matters the expert advice of representatives of the Guild would be valuable.—Mr. Cook proposed that Mr. Hillier and Mr. Beams be nominated to the diocesan authorities as the representatives of Guild on the Advisory Board. Mr. Cook said they needed practical ringers on the board. They would then get tower work done better, 'because some of these old gentlemen would be afraid to go where a practical ringer is not.' Referring to the recasting of ancient bells, Mr. Cook said one felt that the church should not be turned into a museum. Bells were instruments of music.—Mr. Fletcher seconded, and the motion was carried.—The President said if he happened to be present when the Advisory Board was appointed he would take the earliest opportunity of recommending this proposal. If they could not get two representatives of the Guild appointed they might get one, and if they could not get one they might do what he thought would be extremely possible and advisable, insist that some expert from the Guild should be called in to give advice on the restoration of church towers.

LORD SHAFTESBURY 'A BROTHER RINGER.'

The Hon. Secretary said when Lord Shaftesbury first presided over their Guild he told them that he had essayed the handling of a bell, but had found himself in contact with a very wayward personality of unaccountable movements (laughter). They all very much appreciated the interest he had taken in the work of the Guild and the great and zealous support he had given them since he had been president, but he was sure they all felt that appreciation tenfold now that they were able to address him not only as their president and as a great supporter, but as a brother ringer (applause). Lord Shaftesbury had by dint of application, energy, and devotion to the exercise of the art, which must have been difficult to a man with so many public engagements, mastered that capricious temperament of a bell—a bell was always feminine (laughter)—and had reduced it to a proper state of submission. He had it upon the best authority that his lordship had handled the rope in a masterly fashion on a State occasion and that he was making the most worthy progress in change ringing. They regarded that fact as an honour not only to their Guild but as an honour to the ringing fraternity at large (applause). The Master and himself had allowed themselves the opportunity of making out a change ringing certificate to which his lordship was entitled (applause).

The Rev. R. H. Gundry endorsed the secretary's remarks, and presented the certificate to the president.

Lord Shaftesbury said it was quite a surprise to him, and he was overwhelmed with joy at having that certificate in front of him. He had longed to be able to address them as 'brother ringers.' He did not know that he was very far in the art at present. It was true he had mastered a bell, and his mind was a whirl of Bob Major and Minor, Triples and Surprises (laughter). He hoped, however, that it would come out of it and that he would see clearly to ring with the best of them (applause). He had to thank his Rector for having brought him into that position. The Rector thought it was high time he (Lord Shaftesbury) should be making up for all the time he had wasted as president of that Guild in not being able to take a part in the tower, and he agreed with him. The result was he had this certificate, which he was proud of. He hoped that all the ringing the members had been responsible for during the past year had brought them in return 'touches' of joy, comfort, and happiness (hear, hear). 'If,' added Lord Shaftesbury, 'we are a band of ringers let us always be a band of brothers in this Guild, always bearing in mind when we handled our ropes in the belfries that we do it to the glory of God and the glory of His Kingdom on earth and in Heaven, and that as much as we do that this Guild will flourish and we shall be a power and an influence in this diocese' (applause).

After the meeting the members attended a service at the Cathedral, when a sermon was preached by the Dean (Bishop Randolph). Two Bishops and three Archdeacons were present.

Following tea in the British Legion Hall, ringing took place in various belfries in the city and district, but owing to the serious illness of Dr. Kemp, St. Thomas' and St. Edmund's bells were silent.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 21st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important. —J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and 16c. —B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each). For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) at 3.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 p.m. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The meeting arranged for to-morrow (June 16th) at Crawley is postponed.—N. E. Hope.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at S. John's, Newhall (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Members make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Fillongley on the 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with their subscriptions? — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Benington on June 16th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rector is kindly providing tea free. Will all those who can do so notify me of their intention to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

NOTTINGHAM. — Society of Sherwood Youths (Established 1672).—C.E.M.S. Conference June 17th to 20th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunday, 10 to 11, 5.30 to 6.30. Other ringing by arrangement. — F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LEICESTER. — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. Would members kindly send names or numbers intending to be present to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, by June 19th? A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S., 2½ miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S., 1½ miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m. To enable adequate arrangements to be made for tea will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please let me know not later than the 20th inst.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3. It is important that members requiring tea (at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall) should send notice to Mr. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Fence Houses, not later than the 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service and tea. Names for tea must reach me by June 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, not later than June 19th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, free to those notifying me not later than June 19th.—A. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be arranged for at 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, June 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Wymondham District.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Tibenham. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Acting Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 23rd. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary before Wednesday, June 20th.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, June 23rd. Service in the Abbey Church at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea after service at the Fleur-de-Lys. All ringers and friends welcome. Kindly notify as early as possible.—Rev. P. H. Bown, The Rectory, Great Haseley, near Wallingford.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 305th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heatfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P.—Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 2s. per head, to those who notify Mr. G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than Monday, June 25th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (5) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th, at latest. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Miss E. Lawrence, 53, Armley Ridge Road, Leeds, by Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m.—Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Senning Deanery Branch.—It is not convenient to hold quarterly meeting at Wargrave on June 16th. Probable date July 7th. Due notice in 'The Ringing World.'—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 7th.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Fuller particulars later.—E. D. K. Fletcher.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

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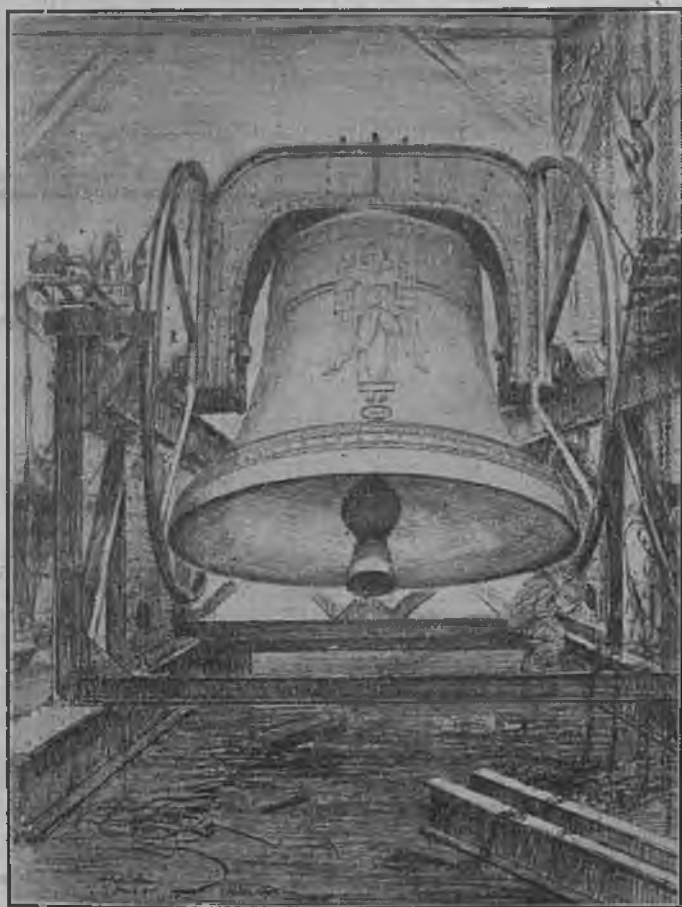
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BELFRIES; NOT MUSEUMS.

In a recent issue of 'The Builder' appeared an article by Mr. A. R. Powys, A.R.I.B.A., Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, in which, as part of a series of papers on the repair of ancient buildings, he deals with church bells and bell hanging. It is hardly to be expected, perhaps, that Mr. Powys should approach the subject with an entirely unbiassed mind, and while a good deal of his article is technically instructive to those who know nothing of the mechanics of bells, there are some things with which those with an intimate knowledge of bells and bell-ringing must profoundly disagree. His statement that 'bell hangers do not value old bells or old cages as they should be valued,' is as wild as his conclusions that changes in the method of tuning are not of necessity an advantage, and that 'many authorities prefer the irregularity of tone which the old bell founders seem intentionally to have given to their bells.' Columns might be written disproving these statements alone. Such assertions are unfortunately misleading, especially when they gain such a wide publicity through an important technical journal, and we are very sorry that Mr. Powys should have allowed himself even to touch on a side of the subject of which we are afraid he really knows nothing.

No one who has compared old bells tuned with hammer and chisel, or file, with a ring which have been tuned in a modern foundry on scientific principles has any doubt upon the subject. It is not a question of Simpson tuning or 'old standard' tuning; the old founders knew nothing of the one and were not accurate in the other. Their methods made accuracy impossible, and while they may have striven for good bells, they made them in only isolated cases and then by sheer luck. How many pre-Reformation bells are there which have anything approaching the quality of tone of those turned out by the leading bell founders of to-day?

Mr Powys, with the conservatism that often marks archaeologists, apparently refuses to believe that the art of the bell founder has advanced just as other crafts have done. His opposition to the destruction of ancient bells can be understood; but his energies are misdirected if he desires them retained in the ringing peals of to-day. Let church authorities keep them as relics if they choose, but harsh and discordant tones do not fit them for any place in a modern ringing peal. It is not as antiques that we want bells in our towers; they are there for a definite purpose and use, and the service of the church demands that the instruments of music shall be as perfect as skill can make them. After all, a belfry is not a museum, and for that

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reason also it is no place for an ancient frame whose life might possibly be preserved for a few years by tinkering. If a bell frame has reached the stage when it has become an object of antiquarian interest its place is not in the tower with a peal of bells swinging in it.

The point, however, to which we take the strongest exception in Mr. Powys' article is the invitation to those who contemplate improvements in their old bells or bell frames to call in the advice of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The installation of a modern peal of bells is an engineering job. If a local authority contemplated constructing, say, a new bridge, the S.P.A.B. is about the last body they would ask for technical advice. They would consult engineers who specialise in that branch of work; and that is what church authorities should do when they want a new peal of bells or to restore their old ones. The specialists in bell matters to-day are bell foundries, a pound of whose scientific knowledge is worth a ton of the S.P.A.B.'s fads.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*DENNIS A. WATTS 1	WILLIAM COLLETT 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK MESSENGER 6
RICHARD POST 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 7
FRANK BECKETT 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTER.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	EDWARD READER 7
COLIN HARRISON 4	JACK TOWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal in the method.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

ADAM DEAS Treble	*JOHN ROTHWELL 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	JAMES C. GRAY 6
*JOHN ANDERSON 3	ERNEST GOSDEN 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	ROBERT SKROCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WOEBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS W. F. BOLT Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
† WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	† F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
HARRY HOWARD 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FRANK BOREHAM 4	* JAMES P. HINTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in method. The Vicar kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	WALTER LAGO 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 4	BERTRAM L. JONES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

WHALLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* ALBERT YATES Treble	ARTHUR LORD 5
* WILLIE AARON 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 3	JOHN HIRST 7
JOHN BEATTIE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS Treble	FREDERICK E. STONE 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
WALTER J. NURTON 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
GWYN I. LEWIS 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Arranged for Mr. G. H. Perry, of Bridgend and Mr. G. I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, and a farewell peal for the treble man, who had left the district to live at Pembrey.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN P. FARLTON 5
MALRICE SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	HORACE F. STUBBS 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT 4	DAVID S. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	FREDERICK S. HAVLEY ... 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger after the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
* MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES LOLLETT Treble	JAMES DUFFIELD 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM DUNCAN 6
WILLIAM WASEY 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
* GEORGE BAILEY 4	† FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
FRANK CORKE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WALTER PARISH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

This peal was rung with fully-muffled bells by a representative band of the Essex Association as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Frederick Pitstow, after the funeral.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	ALBERT GORRINGE 5
ISAAC SCHOFIELD... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JOHN H. BRIERLEY 3	JAMES FERNLEY 7
ERNEST GARSIDE 4	FRED HOLT Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

This was a branch quarterly peal, and seven towers were represented, viz., Mossley, Oldham, Ashton, Stalybridge, Hyde, Norbury and New Mills.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
JAMES BETTS 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
DAVID WHITING 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

G. A. Blaxcell was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal. Mr. Poppy has now 'completed the circle' in this tower, thus bringing his total up to seven belfries in which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Treble	JOHN EVANS... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	THOMAS GOODCHILD 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Marquis of Lincolnshire.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE 5
*ARTHUR MINNS 2	†PERCY SWINDLEY 6
MARTIN HARRIS... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR WHATKIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob-making bell. First peal in the method as conductor. All are members of the local band.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	*FRANK SADLER 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	CECH NICE... .. 7
BERNARD WELLS... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK J. DAVEY Treble	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2	WILLIAM SHEARS... .. 6
TOM BARTLETT... .. 3	GEORGE LUXTON 7
*FRED M. ROGERS 4	WILLIAM BEDFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. S. LETHBRIDGE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. The best thanks of the band are offered to the Vicar, Rev. E. Kingdom, for the use of the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BUCKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
WILLIAM SHARPE... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
HAROLD HARDY 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the 'Pearl' wedding (70th anniversary) of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, of Satterthwaite, near Hawkshead.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	CHARLES G. BATES 3
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4

JAMES H. RAFTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAFTER.

The band wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to offer their thanks to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring on this and a former occasion.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Masters 1, W. Stenning 2, A. Backshall 3, A. Fiest 4, C. H. Courd 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, G. Mansbridge 8.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	WILLIAM H. PORTER 4
WILLIAM OLIVER... .. 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
ROLAND PARK 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

This peal was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. R. Busby, a member of the Holy Trinity band.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
CHARLES G. BATES 2	JAMES H. RAPER 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

COSBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED SLEATH Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
ALFRED BALLARD 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Minor for Messrs. Sleath, Ballard and Bodycote.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PERCY ALMOND Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JOSEPH BOWELL 3	WALTER ARNOLD... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Surprise Minor by treble, 3rd and 4th ringers. First peal on the bells for 19 years. The band were kindly entertained to a sumptuous tea at the Red Lion at the conclusion of the peal.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, MOSS SIDE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN T. BINESON Treble	HARRY FRANCE 4
JAMES MILLER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. BROWN... .. Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
REGINALD MIDDLE 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
HERBERT BABER 3	GRAHAM ASHLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

Arranged for J. Tossell, of Compton Martin, as his first peal attempt.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Thomas C. Ward.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford and three of Kent, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	† ERNEST DURRANT 4
* CHARLES HONEYWOOD 2	WALTER HONEYWOOD 5
* EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

WELTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* CHARLES GREEN Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW 3
JOHN CADD... .. 2	* ERNEST MARSH 4
	ROWLAND ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

* First peal. The first peal rung entirely by members of the Guildborough Branch.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK KIRK... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
JOSEPH SHARP 2	AMOS SMART... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

F. W. TURNER Treble	W. H. T. KING 4
E. JOYCE 2	W. R. DRAGE 5
J. BAILEY 3	E. C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by W. R. DRAGE.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

* GEORGE SLACK Treble	CHARLES V. SANDLAND 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	HAROLD G. SMITH 5
† ALBERT THOMAS 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the thirty years' incumbency of the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Mayne, M.A.

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

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES H. BAKER Treble	*MOSES BILLINGS 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	HARRY CARTER 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by the remainder of the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses Burchnall, who are twins.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. COOMBS Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 4
*ARTHUR G. ROSE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JIM RALPH 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

* First peal. First peal on six bells and first in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells. Specially arranged in honour of the jubilee of the Rev. J. Cross as Rector of the above parish. Also rung on the fourth anniversary of the wedding of A. G. Rose.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' TEN-PART, REVERSED.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5-6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3-4	*FRANK A. TURNER... .. 7-8

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* At second attempt. First handbell peal of Grandsire Triples in Lavenham and by all the band.

REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT SUNNINGWELL.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.

After being silent for some months, the bells of the Parish Church of Sunningwell, Berks, were again heard on Friday evening, May 25th. A complete rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton. The bells, a sweet-toned five, are now on ball bearings in a massive oak frame, with a spare pit for a future treble bell, an addition which ringers hope to see accomplished in the near future. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., with ringers from neighbouring towers, gave the bells a good test, numerous six-scores of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung. The 'go' is perfect, a condition to which the local ringers found it difficult to adapt themselves, so that stays also had their fair share of the testing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held on Saturday at Frensham (one of the beauty spots of Surrey) by the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was attended by 33 ringers and their friends. Ringing began soon after 2.30, and later the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. H. Collet), who gave a very interesting address.

After tea a very short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, with the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) supporting him. The District Secretary (Mr. B. Clark) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and the use of the bells, which was warmly accorded. The Vicar replied in a pleasant little speech.—Mr. F. Nye also proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the organist for the very able manner in which he carried out his duties, and mentioned that he is only 14 years of age.

After that meeting a district committee meeting was held, and approved of a series of combined practices put forward by the district secretary.

Ringing in the standard methods was afterwards kept up until 8.30 p.m. Members attended from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Chertsey, Farnham, Frensham, Haslemere and Seale.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.

A very enjoyable day was spent by a large number of ringers at East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall upon the occasion of the annual festival of the North Notts Association. The day was beautifully fine, and members were present from Anston, Barlborough, North Collingham, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Everton, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Wheatley, Warsop and Worksop, in addition to a large number of visitors from kindred associations, including Gainsborough, Misterton, Lincoln, Branton, Boston, Grantham, Treeton and Wortley. The touches included methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

The visitors attended service in the Parish Church, at which the preacher was the Rev. R. F. Gould, Vicar of North Codrington, who gave a forceful address of singular appropriateness.

Sixty-five members and friends sat down to a splendid tea, presided over by the Rev. A. Parkinson, Vicar of East Retford, supported by Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Rector of Ordsall), Rev. R. S. Curtis (Vicar of Everton), the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), the Crawford Cup secretary (Mr. H. Rooke), Misses Burchnall, Mrs. East, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Stenton, Mrs. Hibbard and many other ladies.

At the business meeting the annual report and balance sheet were duly adopted, and the hon. secretary was the recipient of a cordial vote of thanks for his work in this connection, and also for the Crawford Cup competition rules.

All the officers and vice-presidents were re-elected. The members stood in silence for a few moments whilst the secretary made allusion to the death of the Duke of Newcastle, the oldest patron of the association, who was being buried that day. Sympathy was also expressed with the Bishop of Southwell, who, after a long illness, had resigned his office.

A long discussion on the Crawford Cup rules followed, and, with a few slight alterations to the rough proof and a few additions, the rules were unanimously adopted. The first contest will take place in the autumn.

Three new members were elected, and the Rev. A. J. Lindsell, of West Retford, and the Rev. R. S. Curtis, Vicar of Everton, were elected vice-presidents.

A grant of £5 was made to the Anston Bell Committee, who are now carrying out the completion of the full octave. The tenor bell is to be recast and two new trebles added.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. F. Gould for his excellent address, to the Rev. A. Parkinson for presiding over tea and meeting, arranging the church service, and for use of bells, also the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall) and A. J. Lindsell (West Retford) for use of the bells and their attendance that day.

In the evening the three towers were again visited, and touches in various six, eight and ten bell methods were rung.

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT ALDINGTON.

An invitation was extended to members of the Kent County Association and Romney Marsh Guild by the Vicar of Aldington to attend the opening of the restored ring of six bells of this beautiful church, which, standing on a hill, overlooks Romney Marsh and the Channel.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Dover, and the hymns sung at the service included, 'The sacred bells of England' and 'Set them nobly in the steeple.' There was a large congregation, and immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung while the clergy and choir returned from the tower to the chancel.

Two of the six bells have been recast, and the texts upon these are: (3rd) 'May Jesus Christ be praised' and (tenor) 'Draw nigh to God.'

The bells are hung in a new oak frame on ball bearings, the work having been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The manner in which the restoration has been carried out was much appreciated by the ringers present, including Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who afterwards presided at tea and the business meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild which followed the dedication service.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the Guild, and spoke of the work of the parishioners, and especially of Mr. C. Slingsby, who was among the most active, even at the age of 91 years, having been a ringer upwards of 80 years.

Hearty cheers and best wishes were given to Mr. Slingsby on completion of the bell restoration work on his 91st birthday. Rev. Canon Helmore and Mr. Fright were elected members of the Guild, and New Romney was selected for the next meeting on June 30th.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Portishead, Somerset, on May 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins. in honour of the marriage of Mr. Frank Nisbet (son of Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet, of Portishead) to Miss Myrtle Shephard, at Bentleigh, Australia, the ceremony having taken place on March 17th: Miss V. Hyman (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 4, Miss H. Orchard 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, O. Berg 8.

BRISTOL AND HEREFORD INQUIRIES.

The following are some of the things which a correspondent would like to know about the recent gatherings at Bristol and Hereford:—

Whether those present could really express their appreciation of the courtesy extended to them, both at Bristol and Hereford; and whether they are going to get 'Younger' instead of 'Georges,' in order that they may attend the centenary at Bristol?

What the 'President elect' will look like on that occasion?

Whether a certain secretary, who met the Wells party at 'great expense and personal inconvenience,' has yet refunded the surcharge on the postcard?

If it is true that the postcard in question is to go amongst the ancient archives of St. Martin's, Birmingham?

Whether a certain gentleman has now recovered from the eye strain caused by viewing the sights 'at Weston-super-Mare'?

Whether the remedy given by the touring 'fiddler' has been tried by the ladies, and what were the results?

Whether Yorkshire pudding would be better in a hat than butter?

Whether the 'draught' in the Ship was slightly damp?

Whether a certain Essex ringer took the wrong train to Hereford by accident or design, and how he felt when he found himself in Welsh Wales?

Why Mr. Elwell's horse did not run at Epsom?

If it is advisable to mention 'boots' to 'a terrible big parson'?

Whether 'the clock that Uncle took a fancy to' is still going, and if it has been found necessary to replace it?

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Swynnerton on June 2nd. Although the little village is rather an out-of-the-way place to get to, there was a very good attendance, over fifty being present from Stoke, Leek, Uttoxeter, Kingsley, Cheadle, Norton, Burslem, Biddulph, Stone, Lawton, and Brown Edge. The Rector and local ringers gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and the Rectory gardens and bowling green were placed at their disposal.

A service was conducted by the Rector, and afterwards tea was served in the schoolroom. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for the tea, also for throwing his grounds open. A vote of thanks was also given to the ladies who served the tea.

Ringings were kept up until 9 o'clock, the methods rung being London, Cambridge and York Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

THE FIRST PEAL AT NANTMEL.

Nantmel, a remote village about six miles from Bhyader, amidst the mountains of Radnorshire, has a population of less than 500, with a well-preserved church in the Norman style, consisting of nave, chancel, and western tower—all in line—and a south porch, which is dedicated to one of the many saints of the Principality, St. Cynllo.

A fringe of ancient yew trees, similar to those at Llanfagan, surrounds the churchyard, and the sundial bears the date 1773, a quite recent one compared with the age of the yews. On the north wall of the nave is a brass tablet recording:—

'In thankful remembrance of Thomas Powell Humphreys, a great benefactor to this church. He gave, amongst other things, five of the six bells. 1899-1900.'

The bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, and go fairly well, but very little ringing has ever been done upon them except rounds and chiming. The Vicar is the Rev. Edgar E. Davis, formerly of Brecon, who had invited the Brecon ringers to pay him a visit. The King's birthday was selected as a most fitting occasion. Accordingly a party of 14 ringers and friends drove by charabanc via Builth Wells and Llandrindod, on a perfect June day so far as the weather was concerned, and with beautiful scenery for about 30 miles each way through rugged hills, by winding rivers and overhanging woodland.

The visitors considerably augmented the usual congregation attending evening service, at which the Vicar officiated, and afterwards enjoyed a homely tea and welcome at the Vicarage by Mr. and Mrs. Davies. Mr. C. Powell returned thanks to them for their kindness and for the opportunity of ringing the first peal on the bells.

As the local bell ropes were decaying, the Brecon ringers left a few spare ropes for the use of the Nantmel band. The tenor, suffering with an acute diameter of the mouth, awaits the attention of Dr. Shepherd, of Swindon. Birmingham ringers, who appreciate their city's water supply, will be interested to hear that the name of the parish signifies in Welsh, 'Honey water.' From the great Elan Valley reservoir, twelve miles away, water is conveyed in huge iron pipes through the parish of 'honey water' to Birmingham, a graceful group of nine tall arches supporting this pipe line across a wide ravine immediately below the church.

The homeward journey, thanks to the care of Mr. F. Thomas, was safely made by 10.30 p.m., passing en route the cave at Aberedw, where Llewellyn, last of the Welsh princes, was captured soon after having his horse's feet reshod with the shoes reversed to mislead his pursuers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day we reach our 900th number. How many people 900 weeks ago thought that this would happen!

Bristol, with 26 peals of bells already, is now to have an additional light peal of eight at St. Ambrose. The bells are being installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are to be dedicated on July 14th.

The Misses Katharine and Grace Burchall, of the Lincoln Guild, have the unique distinction of being the only twin sisters to ring peals together. They celebrated their birthday last Saturday with a peal in seven Minor methods at Branston, Lincs.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was Grandsire Triples, rung at Derby on June 23rd, 1882.

The back ten bells at Taunton were opened on June 25th, 1885. A 'peal' of Caters was rung upon them, but was afterwards disclaimed. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, died on June 24th, 1924.

The repairs to the tower of Loughborough Parish Church, after the damage done some time ago by a storm, are now almost complete, but before ringing is possible the bearings of the bells have got to come out for cleaning.

Ringings at Long Stanton, Cambs, will be suspended for a time while the steeple is being restored.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask any members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association or ringing friends who may wish to subscribe to the above fund, kindly to send to me on or before June 30th, on which date the fund will be closed?

A. E. PARSONS,

Hon. Treasurer.

Upwey, Barrs Road,
Old Hill, Staffs.

AUGMENTATION AT GREAT GADDESSEN.

As a memorial to the late Sir Frederick Halsey, Bart., and his wife, the family have placed a treble bell in the church of the village of Great Gaddesden, Herts, where for many generations the Squire of Gaddesden has, with his family and friends, regularly worshipped.

The bell, supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, weighs 4½ cwt., and has inscribed round the crown: 'M.I.H., Hæc Vox Mea Honora Patrem et Matrem. T.F.H. MCMXXVII. (M. and S., London).'

In addition, they have also borne the cost of rehangings the old five bells in ball bearings.

The following inscriptions are to be found on the old five:—

Tenor: 'Chandler made me. 1723.'

5th: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

4th: 'Isaack Halsey, William Young, churchwardens, 1662.'

3rd: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

2nd: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

Chandler was a Hertfordshire bell founder.

The dedication on Friday, June 15th, was performed by the Rural Dean, Rev. R. H. Pope, in the presence of the Vicar (Rev. A. T. Hollis), the Revs. F. and G. Halsey, other members of the family and a large congregation of villagers and visitors. The congregation assembled to the tune of Bob Doubles rung by the local band assisted by the district secretary (Mr. W. Ayre).

After the dedication and prayers, an address was given by the Rural Dean, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the late baronet and his wife. Then was sung hymn 296, followed by prayers and the Blessing.

The new bell was then raised and tolled for two minutes. After this, rounds and call changes were rung by: W. Ayre 1, F. Rance 2, Reg. Russell 3, G. Mortimer 4, E. Upton 5, L. Chennells 6, all belonging to the local band except the treble ringer. The first method on the six was Kent Treble Bob, a 720 being rung: H. Golding 1, A. A. Hughes 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Gates 4, W. Ayre (conductor) 5, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake 6. With help, the local ringers then rang 120's of Bob Doubles, after which a 720 of Oxford Bob was rung: J. Stopp 1, H. Golding 2, J. Floyd, sen. 3, J. W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. More Bob Doubles concluded the ringing.

The bell founders were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and are to be credited with having made a very good splice, while the 'go' of the whole peal is excellent.

This augmentation will make a very welcome addition to the Western District of the Herts Association, and with very little help the local band should soon make progress.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE—WHAT IT IS !

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged if Mr. Trollope would tell us whether or not St. Clement's Minor and Triples are the correct extensions of St. Simon's Doubles, and, if they are the correct extensions, will he tell us whether or not the committee he has the honour to represent are going to correct this instance of duplication of names or leave the job for a future committee? As to altering Primrose to King's Norton—well, I never heard anyone ridicule the name Primrose League, which is composed of good churchpeople.—Yours sincerely,

'THE WILY OLD BIRD.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 378.)

BELFRY ACOUSTICS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, for the Towers and Belfries Committee, said they had not met as a committee, but individually the members had been pretty busy, at any rate he and Major Hesse had been. In his own Guild there had been much good work done, and all the leading bell founders and hangers had been engaged. He had one suggestion and one proposal to put before the Council. The suggestion was this, and he asked the Council to take it up for what it was worth. It was unsatisfactory when, after bells had been taken to a foundry, the founder reported for the first time that a bell was cracked. He did not blame the founder, because it was impossible to examine bells in a dark tower and be absolutely certain that a bell was cracked in the crown. When the bells were down and under a strong light, then the founder, with the local authorities, should make an examination and determine, then and there, whether a bell was cracked or not. He thought this would be very much more satisfactory to the authorities and to the bell founders alike. Secondly, his proposal was the outcome of another experience. They sometimes found when the bells had been put into perfect ringing order, and sounded very nicely outside, inside the ringing chamber it was exceedingly awkward for the ringers to hear properly because of the noise. Then there was also the question of the ventilation of towers, but he thought the first thing to consider was the acoustic conditions. He did not ask members to give their experiences as to what prevailed in their own towers, because no one tower a thing might be all right, but in another the same thing might be all wrong. He thought, however, that the Council, through the committee, might proceed to inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with acoustic difficulties in the ringing room.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded and welcomed the resolution in view of painful experience in many belfries.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the committee would accept with that resolution a reference to deal with the acoustic conditions outside. The two things came together, and the committee should consider both aspects.

Mr. G. Williams supported the motion, and said he could endorse all that Mr. Jenkyn had said with regard to the difficulty of inspecting bells for cracks in the tower. It would be much more satisfactory if the inspection were carried out as Mr. Jenkyn had suggested, and have it made before the bells left the place.

Mr. E. A. Young said the Council had many copies in the library of that useful book, the 'Report upon the preservation of bells,' and he thought they would find a chapter dealing with the deadening of sound in the ringing chamber. He added that as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee it was his privilege during the year to inspect a tower in the New Forest and advise as to its stability. The members of the committee were always pleased to give their advice where it was deemed to be helpful, and it would be to the advantage of the Exercise if their advice was sought more often than it was (hear, hear).

Major Hesse said he agreed that what was all right for one tower in regard to the regulation of sound, was all wrong for another, and they could not possibly lay down any rule. It was a case of trial and error. A lath and plaster ceiling would be successful in one tower, but not in another, but the thing was how were they to find out? Experiment would be costly.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his idea was that the committee should compare their own experiences. In his own Guild there were certain towers where he had made inspections and knew the conditions. Other members of the committee made similar inspections, and they could compare notes. That was his idea; he did not see that that need cost money.

The president then put the motion that the committee inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers.

The motion was carried.

Mr. J. Hunt said the most effective silencer he had found was to put 2lb. lead, that was lead weighing 2lb. per foot, over the floor under the bells. It was just as cheap as a lath and plaster ceiling, and was not liable to tumble down.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said it would be helpful to the committee to receive any such information as this.

WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the committee were going into the question of the welding of mediæval bells. He thought it was a question for this committee to consider. He knew of a number of cases in which bells had been welded successfully. It was certainly possible to weld bells for chiming, but it was not so certain that they could be successfully welded for ringing.

Major Hesse said last year he saw a bell that had been welded, and it was quite sound as regards its tone, but the question was, Would it stand the strain for long? He had not heard the history of this bell since, but he had heard the history of others which had come to grief.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he could hear out what had been said by Major Hesse. From his experience he could say that the tone of the bell referred to after welding was, as far as he could judge, exactly as it was before it was cracked. The bell had since been in use for roughly twelve months, and he believed it was still sound, but how

long it was going to stand up in ringing he could not say. He knew of another case where it took just over twelve months for a bell to become cracked again.

Major Hesse said he did not think they ought ever to advise people to have their bells welded until they had something much better to go on, and he undertook to consult a well-known firm of welders about the matter.

Mr. Hunt said there was a case near Taunton where a bell was cracked and a firm of welders were asked if they would guarantee it if it were welded, but they said they could not guarantee the bell to last. As a result that bell was now down in the church, and a new one had been got to replace it.

The Hon. Secretary said it was possible that the process might save to them bells that would otherwise be lost by recasting, but it must be remembered that a bell went on decreasing in strength as it was hammered. If they went on setting up stresses in the molecules beyond the elastic limit, the metal would not stand it, whether it was brazed or cast. They had to bear in mind that the cost of welding was probably only one-tenth of that for recasting, and he did hope, as a great lover of mediæval bells, many hundreds of which had been lost to them in the last half century, that if this process was practicable it should be utilised to save them from further loss.

The Rev. H. Drake said at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, the bell founder had reported that two of the bells were cracked. One was one of the newest, the other the oldest, almost a pre-Reformation bell. The Parochial Church Council called him in to advise them, and they adopted his advice that they should not try to weld the new bell. It was not worth it; it was ringable as it was, for the crack was not very perceptible. He suggested, however, that the old bell should be welded by a firm who welded another bell in his Guild eighteen months ago and made a great success of it, although that bell was not subjected to great stresses. What he suggested was that at St. Mary-le-Tower they should try and see whether welding the old bell seemed likely to be a success, and, if not, to keep the bell as a curiosity and get a new bell in its place. The estimate for welding the bell was £10, which was considerably less than the cost of recasting. He thought they ought to try and save their old bells, not merely as curiosities which could not be heard, but they ought to try and get them welded whether they used them or not.

A member raised the question as to whether the Council kept in touch with the Central Board of the Bishops' Advisory Committees, but this appeared to be a body unknown officially to the Council. Mr. A. A. Hughes said the body referred to was at South Kensington, and Mr. F. E. Eales was the secretary.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was accepted, and the Council then adjourned for lunch.

THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

On resuming in the afternoon, the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the following report of the Records Committee:—

First peals of new methods and of progressive lengths in other methods rung from April last year to the end of March, 1928.

First peal of:—

Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5,230 changes, at Ipswich, by Suffolk Guild.

Spliced Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes, at Cambridge, by C.U. Guild.

Ipswich Surprise Major, 5,162 changes, at Newchurch, by Lancashire Association.

St. Blaise Surprise Major, 5,024 changes, at Guildford, by Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Spliced London, Superlative Cambridge and Bristol, 5,408 changes, at Warnham, by Sussex County Association.

Kent Treble Bob Royal (Cam variation), 5,040 changes, at Leeds, Kent, by Kent County Association.

Pershore Bob Major, 5,056 changes, at Pershore, by Worcester and Districts Association.

Londonderry Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, at London, by Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Bob Major and Stedman Triples, 5,055 changes, at Northfleet, by Kent County Association.

Lincolnshire Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, at Nuneaton, by Warwickshire Guild.

Kent Treble Bob Major. Liversedge variation, 5,280 changes, at Liversedge, by Yorkshire Association.

Little Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5,008 changes, at Loughborough, by Midland Counties Association.

Spliced Bob and Mixed Treble Bob Major, 5,008 changes, at Dartford, by Kent County Association.

Progressive lengths include:—

17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Heptonstall, by the Lancashire Association.

5,104 Little Bob Maximus, at Canterbury, by the Kent County Association.

9,600 Kent Treble Bob Major, Worcester variation, at Loughborough, by the Midland Counties Association.

5,120 Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, at Loughborough, by the Midland Counties Association.

A 'minority report' had been added by the Rev. H. Law James that 'The Superlative Maximus is only a variation of the original extension.'

The report was adopted.

LEGAL COMMITTEE.

The next report was that described as the 'Legal Liability' Committee's report, but Mr. F. A. Milne, who acted as spokesman, said he could not quite understand how it got that title. The Council would remember that at the last meeting Alderman Pritchett, Mr. Elwell and himself were appointed to draw up a report on the legal relationship between bells, ringers and ringing on the one hand, and the incumbent, churchwardens, and Parochial Church Councils on the other. During the past year he had done a little, Mr. Elwell had done a little, and Alderman Pritchett had now got their two little bits, and by that time next year he hoped they would be able to present a report. He, therefore, had to report progress for the time being. The report was accepted.

A BROADCAST TALK ON RINGING.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards reported for the Broadcasting Committee. He said in consequence of a letter from Mr. Young he met him and Mr. Matthews, representing the committee, in London, and after they had discussed the matter Mr. Young put him in touch with the B.B.C. He went to Savoy Hill and had an interview with the announcer, went through a little test and received a little fatherly advice, the main purpose of which was that he should maintain a conversational tone in the 'talk,' because they wanted above all things to avoid the 'clerical voice.' One thing occurred to him as essential, and that was that the talk should be given at a time of year when people would be listening, and not in the summer when they had other attractions. They wanted to get to the dark evenings before anything of the kind was likely to prove acceptable, and towards Christmas the subject of bells was a little more seasonable. Bearing in mind that an interesting gathering of ringers took place in London at that time he suggested to the announcer that the second week in November would perhaps be an appropriate time, and the matter was left at that for the present. They would have to have at least one rehearsal at Savoy Hill with the handbell illustrations, and they would want one thorough private rehearsal before going there, so that they would have to make careful preparations. In a talk such as this, one could only touch the outside fringe of the subject, and it would have to be of the most elementary nature in order that the general public could grasp it. Ringers who listened, therefore, would have to imagine that they knew nothing about the subject beforehand.

The Hon. Secretary said before they were able to get the B.B.C. to listen to them they had several meetings of the committee, and he wrote several letters to the Broadcasting Corporation. At first the B.B.C. tried to turn them down, but eventually they succeeded. They told him that Mr. Chalmers Bell was going to give a series of talks on this subject, but he replied that as far as the Exercise was concerned they had never heard of Mr. Chalmers Bell. It transpired that he was Vicar of Lower Peover, in Cheshire, and was an old ringer who belonged to the Oxford Guild, and formerly rang at St. Giles', Reading. He (Mr. Young) replied that they did not know this gentleman, and they felt that one of their own Council should be asked to give the talk in the way they wished it to be done.

Mr. T. H. Beams hoped the committee would try to get the B.B.C. to give enough time for those touches rung before broadcast services to be finished (hear, hear). They frequently had a touch cut off perhaps a dozen changes from the end.

Mr. R. Whittington said they got a full quarter of an hour of the horrible row of chiming from St. Martin's, but when they got a decent band to give the public some proper change ringing they did not get two minutes of it.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said in Birmingham they had succeeded in educating the local station, and on the last few occasions they had been given the full time to bring the touch round. The same educational process should be tried at the other stations.

The report was accepted.

PEAL DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry Admiral Walter is heartbroken over the peal diploma vote. If he had been at Hereford and heard the different views expressed he would have realised the difficulty members had of judging what young ringers really want. Even the four members of our own Guild who were present were not united. One representative was not at all happy in voting for the motion, yet in nearly the next motion he persuaded the different Guilds, through the Central Council, to act as a sort of nurse to young ringers. Both motions, though good for the purpose intended, in my own opinion ought not to be necessary.

As to the first, I try to teach my friends to ring peals purely for the pleasure of ringing, and think they will agree I am just as happy after losing a peal as after ringing one.

With regard to the second, they ought to realise that ringers are real friends, and they ought to visit them as they would their other friends.

I may tell Admiral Walter that a motion had been sent to our general secretary before his letter appeared on the subject of peal diplomas in our own Guild. May I suggest to him that he applies to his district Ringing Master to arrange a peal for him, and then, when he has rung a peal, if he obtains the same enjoyment as I have had, he will have something better than a peal diploma to last him through life—that is, memories of happy friendship.

May I finish on a personal note. It is to advise friends to ring peals while they have the opportunity. It is only when we are stopped that we realise what we are missing and look forward longingly to resuming our happy meetings on Saturdays.—Yours,

A. H. PULLING

Guilford.

A CORNISH VIEW.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see the young ringers of the Guildford Guild have been upset over the decision of the Central Council in regard to granting diplomas for first peals. Although the Guildford Diocesan Guild is a newly-formed one, it is by no means a 'young ringers' Guild.

If we in Cornwall do not want diplomas, surely no other ringers should be brokenhearted over the Council's decision. I venture to say it would break the hearts of old ringers, never mind young ones, if they came to Cornwall to live where one is surrounded by old round ringers who are in our Guild, and money prize ringers, who will not come into the Guild.

It is true we grant certificates and medals to ringers to encourage them to take up change ringing, but it has had no effect on the 'stoney ones.'

As young ringers we have to thank the older ones for bringing the Exercise to what it is to-day, and we have only to keep it going. Surely, we do not want to be spoon fed.

I should like to point out to the young ringer of Guildford that I noticed those who voted in favour of granting diplomas were mostly the good old ringers, so that it was unfair to say they were against any change. I can write as a young ringer, as I have only rung peals in one method, and I appreciate all that has been done to help young ringers, but let us follow in the paths of the good old ringers, some of whom have passed out of this world, and do our ringing for the love of it, always remembering that our first duty is to see that the bells we love so much are rung regularly for divine service.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. SOUTHEARD.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

TWELVE TRUE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—From the remarks made at the Central Council meeting, it appears there is a complete misunderstanding about these methods.

The first to be published, which will give the extent, appeared on page 131 of the 'Bell News' dated May 20th, 1905, under the name of 'Thomsett Surprise,' two years before the issue of 'Legitimate Methods.' It is as follows:—

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Some time after the publication of 'Legitimate Methods,' an article appeared (I think in the 'Bell News'), pointing out that the statement contained therein regarding Double Methods was wrong, and giving examples. In effect it showed that if more than two blows in one place is to be avoided, and truth secured, the places within the six bracketed rows cannot be altered. This, of course, confines the variations of the placemaking to A, B, C and D—a very narrow range. In spite of this there are twelve methods which will give the extent of the changes. Five of these have the Bob Minor lead-ends, and no objection whatever can be made to the ringing of them, for while fifth's place when the treble is not behind may be undesirable, it is perfectly regular. Personally, I think the Methods Committee are right in excluding Single Methods with this feature, but Double Methods are not possible without it.

For this reason, and because they are interesting enough to be placed on record, I think a Collection of Minor Methods will be incomplete without the five 'Legitimate' Double Methods.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

A 'RIDICULOUS OBJECTION.'

Dear Sir,—In the report of the C.C. in your last issue the Rev. H. Law James is reported to have stated that only three Double Minor Surprise methods would produce a true extent. May I inform him and any others concerned that five with regular lead-heads, and at least six with irregular lead-heads, can be produced and will give a true extent.

In the preface of the C.C. 'Collection of Methods' objection is taken to this class of methods because they bring up the tenors the wrong way, but why this should be so seems to me ridiculous, as at least thirteen methods in the collection do exactly the same thing, and to as great an extent, all the methods from No. 1 to No. 11 in the Surprise class, and No. 1 and 2 in the Fourth's Place Delights, being culprits.—Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

TWELVE METHODS RUNG AT NORTON.

Recently, for both Sunday service ringing and practice, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Norton, Staffs. twelve Double Surprise Minor methods have been rung, viz., 720 each of Converted London, Milton, Stafford, Longton Stoke, Dublin, Uttoxeter, Brownedge, Cheadle, Kingsley, Audley and Hanley. The following took part: H. Wibberley, J. Mountford, O. Williams, J. E. Wheeldon, J. Walley, W. C. Lawrence, G. E. Lawrence, F. Triner, C. S. Ryles, W. Corfield and J. W. Walker.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK PITSTOW.

FUNERAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

The funeral of Mr. Frederick Pitstow, who was for fifty years the conductor, and for the last twenty years Master, of the Saffron Walden company, took place on Saturday, there being a representative gathering of townspeople and ringers to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. L. Hughes), and the interment took place in the cemetery. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by G. R. Pye 1-2, W. J. Nevard 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, F. Denci 7-8. The other ringers present included Messrs. York (Green, T. R. Dennis, and John Taylor (Cambridge), Walter Prior and Wm. Prior (Stansted), J. Waghorn (Tottenham), E. Pitstow (brother of deceased), A. E. Pitstow and F. J. Pitstow (sons), A. F. James (brother-in-law), W. Parish, C. Freeman, R. A. Strong, G. H. Sparrow, H. Sketchley, A. L. Simmonds, and Police-inspector Ridgewell (members of the Saffron Walden Company).



THE LATE MR. F. PITSTOW.

There were many floral tributes, including wreaths from the Essex Association, the Saffron Walden Society, and the Saffron Walden Borough band.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

We referred last week to Mr. Pitstow's ringing career, which began in 1867, when, with his brother Nathan, he was elected a member of the Saffron Walden Society.

Outside the Exercise Mr. Pitstow was a man of versatile attainments and interests. As a musician, Mr. Pitstow had outstanding qualities. He could play every kind of instrument, and was a first-class tutor. For some years he was musical-director to the Saffron Walden Musical Society, and conducted the society in many leading oratorios. He was also music master of the Leys School, Cambridge. He took part in the Royal Choral Society's Handel festivals, also the annual festivals at Ely and Norwich Cathedrals, being the possessor of a fine bass voice.

Mr. Pitstow's musical interests also had to do with the conductorship of bands. He was an original member of the 17th Essex Volunteer Band and eventually he formed the Saffron Walden Excelsior Band, being its bandmaster for many years. In 1900 he formed the Saffron Walden Town Band, which he conducted until the outbreak of the war.

His other activities were divided among the Volunteers—he was an excellent shot—the Saffron Bloom Lodge of Oddfellows, of which he was a Past Grand Master, the Fire Brigade, he being one of the first of the four members of the brigade to receive the Long Service Medal. Whilst a member of the Volunteers he secured the Lord Braybrooke Challenge Cup for shooting. In politics Mr. Pitstow was a staunch Conservative, and in his younger days he took an active share in election campaigns.

AN APPRECIATION.

Through the death of Mr. Frederick Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, the Exercise loses one of its finest exponents. He belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in the town, and could trace his ancestors back in the records of Saffron Walden for 300 years. He might well be termed the father of Surprise ringing in Essex, for Surprise methods on eight bells were rung at Walden years before anyone else thought about it. He had travelled to London, Burton and Bennington, and made himself proficient, and then set to work to graft it into his own band. Being well built, he presented a fine figure on a tenor box. He also possessed the rare gift of infusing keenness into those who rang with him by sheer force of example, and at his own tower this must have had a wonderful effect. I have visited a good many towers during my career, and I must say that I have never heard a local band strike better than they did at Walden. Many ringers had their first touches of Double Norwich and Surprise methods at Walden, including myself. I well remember asking him if he could fix me up for my first peal of Double Norwich. I expected he would offer some lame excuse, as several I had previously approached had done. That, however, was no game of our departed friend. He fixed me up, and the peal was rung within fourteen days. He believed in the old adage that what is worth doing is worth doing well, and nobody has done more to raise the standard of ringing than he has. He was a delightful companion, and the more one had of his company the more they wanted. I shall always cherish the happy hours I have spent in his company. May he rest in peace. W. PYE.

YORKSHIREMEN'S JOINT GATHERING.
SOCIETIES FRATERNISE AT ECCLESFIELD.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was favoured by a glorious day, and all the societies were well represented, upwards of 60 being present. Short touches were the order to enable all present to have a pull. The gathering was held at Ecclesfield on Saturday last, and a splendid tea was served in the Gatty Memorial Hall.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. G. Lewis presiding, supported by Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary, Barnsley and District Association), Mr. H. Walker (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District), Mr. R. Harrison (hon. secretary, Sheffield and District), Mr. Halksworth (Ringing Master), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), and Mr. E. Willey (late vice-president of the Southern Division, whom all were pleased to see looking very much better after his serious illness). Two new members, Messrs. D. Smith and A. Kelsall, of Pelkirk, were elected, and it was very gratifying to enrol them, as it brings another tower into affiliation with the Yorkshire Association.

On account of the association's annual dinner taking place in September it was decided to hold the next meeting on October 20th, Penistone being selected.

Mr. Potter, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, and to the ladies for the tea, referred to the cup competitions held in the Barnsley area a fortnight earlier, and said he had heard that an attempt was to be made next year to get the cup to Ecclesfield. He hoped that was correct, and that other companies would try and prevent them. The more that came the better they would like it.—Mr. Walker seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, and this brought the meeting to a close.

The members were then entertained to a short month organ recital, which was excellently given, and most heartily applauded. A course of Cinques followed on the new handbells belonging to the local company, who are to be congratulated on the possession of such a fine peal. The return to the village of the hospital parade was the next attraction, and deserves special mention, for a good many hours must have been spent in the preparation of such an excellent display. The evening concluded with an enjoyable social at the Bull Hotel.

A £60 SHIELD CONTEST.

DEVON ASSOCIATION'S 'STRAIGHT PULL' COMPETITION.

Sixty-six changes 'straight pull,' with a time limit of 20 minutes, including rise and fall, constituted the test piece for the six-bell contest of the Devon Association at Southtawton on Saturday for the Ross Shield, a trophy valued at £60. It was the second part of the association's festival, and sixteen teams entered, Laptford winning the shield with 87 points, Kingsnympton being second with 92.

There was a service and luncheon, and a great deal of local interest was taken in the event.

Although the Devon Association is an organisation of church service ringers, it makes no attempt to introduce or encourage change ringing. 'Scientific' is taboo among them, but it must be admitted that what they do these bands do remarkably well.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Wednesday, May 23rd, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,137 changes): T. E. Wase 1, J. L. Stanier 2, W. D. Wase 3, R. Evans 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, A. S. Bayley 6, W. Lago 7, J. Wm. Saunders 8, J. Garbett 9, B. L. Jones 10. Composed by John Carter and conducted by Wm. Saunders. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. C. Fox-Davies, barrister-author, and expert on heraldry, who was interred at Coalbrookdale Churchyard during the afternoon.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The compilation of this directory, which is being undertaken by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, is now well in hand. As we are very shortly going to press, may I appeal to all ringers who have not already done so to send in their names to our hon. secretary in order that the first edition may be as complete as possible? Details as to its scope and purpose have appeared in your journal, and an advertisement in your notice columns explains what is required.

The names will be arranged alphabetically, and will be duplicated on a county (or county borough) basis. This will add to the usefulness of the directory, and will certainly save general secretaries much trouble, and much correspondence on the part of ringers when arranging for any ringing on outings or during holidays.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. WHITFORD,

Chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guild.

WHITSUN WANDERINGS.

The members of the High Wycombe belfry spent an enjoyable and interesting time on Whit Monday, the occasion of their annual outing. The party, numbering 26, left the 'Chair Metropolis' in a well-appointed motor coach. Rickmansworth Church was the first to be visited, the route taken being via Beaconsfield, Gerrard's Cross, etc., through some of the most gorgeous scenery it is possible to conceive. The trees and hedgerows, clad in the full burst of their glorious beauty, the leafy lanes, the soft breezes, and the sweet singing of the feathered choristers brought vividly to one's mind Keble's inspired words: 'There is a Book who runs may read . . . and read Thee everywhere.' By a happy coincidence a pretty wedding party were emerging from the 'dim religious light of the hallowed edifice' to the brilliant sunshine. 'Happy is the bride whom the sun shines on.' This added additional pleasure to the visit, and the ringers soon had the bells pealing out their cheerful message, giving joy to the happy pair as to ringers themselves. Cordial wishes for the continued success of the outing was expressed by the Vicar and one of his ringers, who were there to meet the party.

Watford Church was the next stopping place, but previous to ascending to the belfry an impromptu lunch was partaken of in as free and easy a manner as it would have been by a bevy of happy and irresponsible youngsters. In the belfry, Mr. Oakley and friends welcomed the visitors, and after various touches, a look round the church and its surroundings, especially the famous fig tree growing through a tomb, the order was given for 'Bushey, please.' True to time, the conveyance was outside this church, Mr. Maurice Hibbert and friends being there to meet them with the bells ready for action. They were soon set going, several good touches being rung. The church and village having been explored, the journey was continued to Bushey Heath.

Mr. W. J. Simons here gave them a hearty welcome, and the bells were kept going for three-quarters of an hour. The coach was then steered for Aldenham, the last church to be visited. Mr. W. Gilks and Mr. H. Jones cordially received the visitors at this place. In passing, let it be here recorded how very much the excursionists appreciated the kindness and good fellowship that had been met with at each stage of the journey. To each of the gentlemen concerned a simple but a real and hearty 'Thank you' is given. At Aldenham Mr. Jones had in readiness a first-class 'knife and fork' tea, served with daintiness and charm. This was a thoroughly enjoyable meal, in which everyone seemed to concentrate all their abilities, so that there should be no bad striking, trips, or false course-ends, and by the time 'That's all, stand,' was sounded, the tables presented a somewhat forlorn appearance. The meal over, a move was made to the church by some of the enthusiasts, while others were interested in a cricket match and other diversions. Some good ringing was indulged in and enjoyed. This village is a wonderfully old-world place, and its rural scenery greatly appealed to the visitors, so that it was with reluctance that they had to leave it. The homeward route was through Harrow, Uxbridge, Denham, etc., and after a couple of hours' run the party were 'back in England' in good time, all safe and sound, having spent a very happy time, and thankful they had been favoured with such magnificent weather.

G. T.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on Saturday, June 2nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Walter Pullen and Miss Dorothy Ann Gilliver, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung: S. A. Martin (first quarter) 1, A. E. Clayfield 2, L. Woodburn (first quarter) 3, Wm. Martin 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6.

At Overseal, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor in honour of the wedding of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton and Miss Doris Parker (two members of the local band), who were married at this church earlier in the day. Unfortunately the peal had to be brought round half-way owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers after 1 hr. 25 mins., good ringing: P. W. Grice 1, W. Brooker 2, W. E. Clayfield 3, L. Woodburn (longest length) 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6.

At Old Bradwell on Saturday, May 26th, 720 Stedman Doubles: C. Alderman 1, W. French 2, J. E. Whitlock 3, T. C. Walters 4, A. Coley (conductor) 5, T. H. Bird 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss A. Whitlock, sister of the ringers of 3rd, who was married at this church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor on back six: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service at St. Leonard's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: H. Cooper 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. A. Lewis 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. Gladman 6, H. Belcher 7, F. Blondell (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, June 17th, for divine service, and as a mark of respect to the late Marquis of Lincolshire, 1,174 Stedman Cinques (with the bells half-muffled): F. Hayes 1, G. White 2, E. R. Coles 3, G. F. Hinton 4, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Boreham 6, D. Boreham 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. W. Boxell 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, A. E. Butler 12.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, H. L. Cook (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.—On a previous Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun. (age 14, first quarter-peal) 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. L. Cook 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5, F. J. Lewis, sen., 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

FIRST PEAL AT BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

At a ringing contest for a shield recently held near Exeter, it was reported that a severe blow had been struck in the camp of the scientific ringers, but had those who made the remark been at Bridgerule and heard the peal rung recently on the bells, they would have felt extremely sorry and uncomfortable, for they would have had to admit 'there's as good fish in the sea as ever have been caught.'

By way of helping a ringer to ring a peal in his native village, a band was got together, and with the ready help of the Vicar in permitting the use of the bells, the attempt was made, although from information 'received from our special correspondent' there appear to have been keen speculations as to the length of time the ringing would last—a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes at the outside being thought to be the longest possible. But somehow the changes still rolled on and on for hours together, sending forth their music to perfect striking from the band until the first peal became an accomplished fact.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. Kingdom, heartily congratulated the band on their excellent ringing, and to the credit of the speculators on both sides they joined with the local ringers in offering congratulations, and admitted the bells had been well and truly rung. Without taking any credit for the difference between half-pull and call change ringing, it is hoped that any injury caused by the 'blow' is healed over, and all are still brother ringers again.

PUBLICATIONS.

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NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (monthly) will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Abson. Bells open from 3 p.m.; service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.0 p.m. Will members make a special effort to attend?—G. Way, Hon. Sec., 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, to-morrow, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S., $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S., $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service and tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be arranged for at 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Wymondham District.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Tibenham. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Acting Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 23rd.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, June 23rd. Service in the Abbey Church at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea after service at the Fleur-de-Lys. All ringers and friends welcome. Kindly notify as early as possible.—Rev. P. H. Bown, The Rectory, Great Haseley, near Wallingford.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 24th, at evening service, 6.30, a new ring of 8 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. A band of ringers have been invited to open the bells at this service. On the following Saturday, June 30th, the bells will be available by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. V. Hibbert, from 3.30. All ringers welcome.—Clarence Jesson, Enderby.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 305th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Eagle (5) Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 1.15 and 3 p.m.; returns to Lincoln 6.30 and 9 p.m.—Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Secretary, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Desborough on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will members kindly make a special effort to attend? Visitors welcome. Please notify me by Tuesday previous those requiring tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Secretary, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 30th. Bells at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — The 117th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. Symonds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells of St. Peter's and St. Sepulchre's from 2.30 during the afternoon. Service at St. Peter's at 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. per head, and business meeting in St. Peter's Church Rooms at 5 p.m. All who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, June 28th. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.30.; service at 5; tea 5.30. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2.30. Will those who require tea let me know by Wednesday, June 27th? — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Heatfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members. — G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P. — Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (15) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th, at latest. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. — R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Miss E. Lawrence, 53, Armley Ridge Road, Leeds, by Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m. — Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District). — A joint meeting will be

held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned by Wednesday, 4th, please. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while. — W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Shepshed St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. Will all who wish for tea kindly notify Mrs. L. W. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts, before Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m. All who require tea may have same at 1/6 each, by sending word not later than July 2nd, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6). Parties wishing to ring during the morning should write Mr. G. Williams, West End, Southampton, by July 2nd, who will make arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify me prior to July 4th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth). Will all wishing to attend please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. — R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Saxmundham District. — A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be

provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11 $\frac{1}{4}$), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Please note the monthly meeting arranged for June 30th at Great Longstone is postponed until July 28th, owing to quarterly meeting at Melbourne.—Charles Draper, Local Secretary.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. Page, late of 11, Upper Alma Place, Pentre Rhondda, has removed to 28, Elizabeth Street, Pentre Rhondda.

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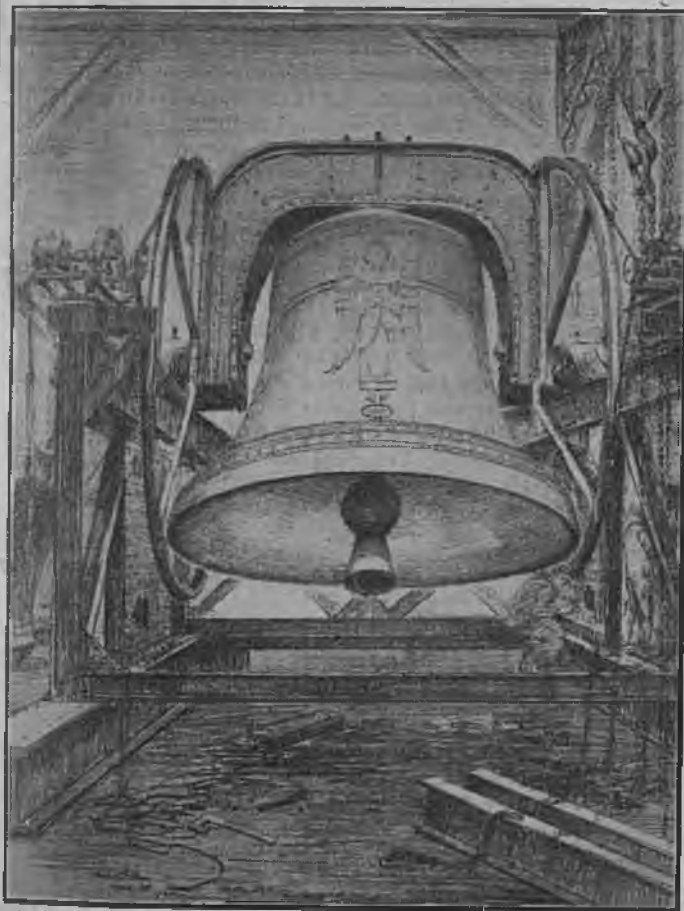
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A pertinent question is raised by a correspondent as to the position of members of the Central Council under the ruling of the President at the recent Hereford meeting. Canon Coleridge took exception to the use of the word 'delegate,' and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies emphasised the fact that in the rules that word is not to be found. Without splitting hairs as to the exact differences in these terms—strictly there is very little, if anything, between them—the real point at issue is whether the members of the Council are sent to the meetings to give effect to their own views, or to the opinions of those who send them. With the greatest respect to the President, we venture to suggest that the Council to-day is on a different footing to the Council of thirty years ago, and it is this change of basis which has saved the Council from death by inanition, and given it the new life which has been infused into it in recent years. At the outset it may have consisted of an assembly of men, who, having been appointed, merely aired their own views and voted as they chose, and, in our humble opinion, it was that attitude of detachment from the Exercise that, had it continued, would have led to the Council's complete undoing.

There may be—indeed, there obviously are—some old members who still hold that early view, but we are quite sure the majority of the members of the present Council take a different standpoint. While they are quite ready to apply themselves to any question and vote on it according to their personal lights, when they are requested by their own members to vote in a particular way they would feel—as our correspondent felt at Hereford—that he would be disloyal to the members who sent him, if he had not given effect to their wishes. After all, the associations can make or break the Council, and in these democratic days ringers would quickly ask why they should send representatives to the central body if they could not rely upon them to support their views.

This is the only possible foundation upon which the Council can stand, if it is to be representative of the affiliated bodies. Whether the members call themselves 'representatives' or 'delegates' seems to us a small matter, so long as it is recognised that their votes on any special subject—particularly in the case of a matter like the peal diplomas, which had been referred to the associations by the Council itself—shall be given in accordance with the wishes of the association that elects them. Either they represent the association or they do not. If they do not then there is little or no use for the Council. If they do, then it is as well to acknowledge that they must, in loyalty,

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carry out their instructions. It is quite certain that, in many associations, representatives who refused to do this would be replaced at the earliest possible moment. The tradition of the Council may point to 'free and unfettered' voting, but practical politics require that representatives shall 'represent' the people who elect them. They must vote as much according to 'orders' as the Member of Parliament obeys the crack of the party whip—or someone would want to know the reason why.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	DANIEL COOPER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FRED ATWELL Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 6
JOHN BULLEN 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
SAMUEL JONES 4	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 9
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Arranged specially for P.C. Davis, who hails from Deptford. This was his first peal on ten bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	REGINALD G. USLEY 5
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	† WILFRED J. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	JACK TOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 990th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Gladys Baum and Mr. Hubert Lane, of Stoney Stanton. The 200th peal by the conductor, who is only 20 years of age.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE ... 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
CHARLES J. FRAY ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of great respect to Mr. A. W. Pearce (Rector's Warden), who died very suddenly on the previous Saturday. Mr. A. J. Pitman hails from Port Talbot, South Wales.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON ... Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN RANGLES ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS GRIFFITH ... 7
JAMES ALDERMAN ... 4	ARTHUR FILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and as a wedding peal of Mr. W. Catterall, secretary of the above association.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBRY ... Treble	HENRY FLETCHER ... 5
PERCY H. TATE ... 2	CHARLES SMITH ... 6
PERCY DUDLEY ... 3	JACK BAILEY ... 7
ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Freebry, also in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Bernard W. Wittell, for many years Ringing Master at above church, this being the first opportunity to ring, owing to repairs to the spire, etc.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4	THOMAS W. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY. Arranged to oblige Miss Willers while on holiday in the district.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	* FRANCIS BIBBY ... 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOTT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL ... 5
HARRY MORGAN ... 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the association. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Walker, secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, who, much to the regret of all the band, is leaving the district.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... Treble	REGINALD JOHNSON ... 5
* FRED N. SMEATON ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
† BERNARD WELLS ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
STUART SANDFORD ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. S. J. Poole, M.A., Vicar of St. James' in this parish, who died on June 22nd, and to the late Mr. T. C. Holiday, late bass soloist of Rochester Cathedral, who was interred the same afternoon.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss V. Hymun 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, A. Berg 4, Miss H. Orchard 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Thomas 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bowl, of Victoria, Australia. Mrs. Bowl (nee Dorothy Willett) was for several years a regular Sunday service ringer at Portishead Church.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK BRADLEY Treble	LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 5
HENRY HARRISON 2	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
PERCY PRICE 3	GEORGE WEST 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spiced Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This peal contains 428 7's.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES A. BOWYER ... Treble	JAMES RANDLE 4
WILLIAM E. BREWER ... 2	JAMES P. HVEIT 5
GEORGE J. PRICE 3	*EDGAR A. JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. J. PRICE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

HERBERT FULCHER ... Treble	GEORGE CARSON 4
ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE GOWER 5
JOHN SNELLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, June 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	*GEORGE GARDNER 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN ... 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD ... Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ARTHUR G. KING ... 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Arranged for Arthur G. King, who hails from Great Yarmouth.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six 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, each called differently.

WILLIAM HOLDEN ... Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
*STANLEY L. WALLACE ... 2	TOM BARTRAM 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM H. BEVAN ... Treble	CVRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4
JACK BEVAN 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
*GEORGE H. LOVELOCK ... 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

* First peal.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2	JOHN E. MORETON ... 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, 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 Bob and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN COOKE 4
JOHN BREESE 2	*JOHN HUGHES 5
JAMES F. SMITH 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal. This was J. Breese's first peal on six bells, and also his first 720 of Cambridge Surprise and of Oxford Treble Bob.

ANSTLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT HOWARD ... Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
*WALTER MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

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

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*BERTRAM C. POND ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... 4
JAMES UPTON 2	JAMES H. RAPER 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal of Minor. This, the conductor's fiftieth peal, was rung to honour the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the wedding of Mr. Langford and Miss Jones. Mr. Langford is a prominent Coventry Corporation official.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
Mr. Fred Price heard most of the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At 16, LIME GROVE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES	...	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	...	3-4	FREDERICK PAGE	...	7-8
*PETER LAFLIN...			...	9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal and first attempt.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

For the next two months the bells of Newcastle Cathedral will be laid off while Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are overhauling the whole ring and recasting the fourth bell, which has always been somewhat of a 'weaking' in the peal. They are to be fitted with ball bearings, and many other improvements and additions provided.

The bell founders hope to have the bells ready for two important weddings fixed for September 1st one that of Dr. Phyllis Routledge, eldest daughter of the Ringing Master, and the other that of the son of the senior verger, Mr. Dick Thompson, a prominent member of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

The appeal for funds which was made in 'The Ringing World' in November last, and by circular letter sent to all towers in the area of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, has met with good response, and the sum in hand amounts to £81 5s. 8d.

There are, however, several prominent towers connected with the old Winchester Guild, both in Hants and Surrey, who have not yet subscribed, and in view of what Mr. Matthews did for ringing it is felt that the members of those towers will desire to be connected with this memorial.

As the fund will shortly be closed, all those intending to subscribe should do so without delay.

The old ring of five bells at Milford-on-Sea are now at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have secured the contract. They are to be replaced by a ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. in G, hung in a new iron frame. The probable date of dedication is November 3rd. It is hoped to obtain sufficient subscriptions to offer the two treble bells as the Guild memorial.

A full list of subscribers will be given in 'The Ringing World' when the fund is finally closed. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. G. Pulinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

'AFTER MANY ROVING YEARS.'

Some of the older generation who may remember the late Paul Cashmore, of West Bromwich, may be interested to know that his eldest son, Edward, is back in the old country for a short stay, after an absence abroad of 38 years. He is now 77 years of age, and it says much for his keenness and good health that at that age he undertook the journey home from Vancouver, a distance of over 6,000 miles, bringing his wife with him—and he is going back!

In his younger days Mr. Cashmore was an enthusiastic ringer, and rang peals with the late John Carter.

On Sunday evening last he had a pull at his old Parish Church at West Bromwich, and read the lessons at the service that followed. He also occupied his old seat in the choir. He is very proud of having had this privilege in the church in which he was christened nearly 77 years ago. Two of his nephews rang with him, Mr. S. W. Smith and Mr. A. Paddon Smith, and the former, not having touched a rope for thirty years (having given up ringing for singing), promptly broke a stay!

Mr. Cashmore wishes, through this medium, to thank Mr. Pagett and his young band at West Bromwich for enabling him to have a pull once again in the tower in which he learned to ring as a boy.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An innovation in connection with Diocesan Conferences has to be recorded. At the Ely Diocesan Conference a report was asked for on the work of the Ely Diocesan Association, and the three minutes allotted were made good use of. It has already had good results by bringing the existence of the association to the notice of incumbents, and it might be well if other Diocesan Conferences could be induced to follow the same plan.

What is the meaning of the following note in the rules of the Central Council: 'A "representative member" is not necessarily a member of the society which he represents'? It is as good a conundrum as any with which the Methods Committee have provided us.

The peal rung at Warrington, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 2nd, was the first peal of Doubles on the bells. The first peal on the bells was a peal of Treble Bob Minor (three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent) rung on July 22nd, 1911.

There were high 'Jenks' at Liverpool on Saturday week, when several ringers from Crewe, Chester and Bolton-cum-Warrington rang Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the first time, under the leadership of the 'lightning conductor.'

The peal at Southwark Cathedral was the first of Cambridge Maximus by D. Cooper and F. E. Collins, who have both rung peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in this method.

Elijah Roberts, a marvellous exponent of method 'tapping,' tapped a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells at Birmingham on June 30th, 1833. It was conducted by Henry Cooper, and there was no doubt as to the authenticity of the performance.

The first peal at All Saints', Poplar, was rung by the Cumberland Youths, for the consecration of the church on July 3rd, 1823.

Mr. Harold Walker, who for some years has been hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, is shortly leaving Doncaster to take up an appointment at Boston.

COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a letter from your correspondent, 'Campanologist,' in a recent issue, he asks what ringing associations are going to do to interest the competition ringers in change ringing and the affairs of the Exercise.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, ever since its formation, has had as one of its principal objects the cultivation of change ringing, and debars its members from taking part in any competitive ringing under penalty of exclusion.

The recently-formed Devon Association of Ringers, who are promoting these competitions, are content to hold as the summit of their ambition, rising, falling, and ringing a set sequence of call changes with precision at a certain rate within a specified time.

The Guild has no feeling of animosity towards these round ringers, but rather a feeling of compassion, and it says to the round ringers in effect, 'Why don't you aim higher, study and practice half-pull change ringing, and make yourselves eligible to join us?' To which the round ringers reply, 'Our system, we think, is better than yours, the public prefer it, and we are not going to bother our heads with studying your complicated methods.'

As long as they maintain this obstinate attitude any attempts by the Guild to persuade them are hopeless. Further, it was openly stated at one of their competitions recently that their purpose was 'carrying war into the enemy's camp,' evidently meaning the Devon Guild. Why they should adopt a fighting attitude is inexplicable, as the Guild has no antipathy towards, or desire to interfere with them.

The only thing the Guild can do is to encourage its members to visit outside towers as frequently as possible, and exhibit half-pull ringing for the round ringers to become convinced of its superiority by their own observation.

I would like to ask 'Campanologist' what he would suggest the Devon Guild could do further to overcome the opposition and prejudice which he mentions.—Yours faithfully,

T. LAVER,

General Secretary, Guild of Devon Ringers.

SURPRISE MINOR IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. R. Newton's letter re the peal of Surprise Minor at Wallasey, I would like to say that the footnote was added after consulting Mr. Elwell, secretary of the Chester Guild, who informed me that it was the first for the Chester Guild.—Yours faithfully,

THOS. A. ROGERS.

VETERAN MILVERTON RINGER'S DEATH.

An old member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has passed away in the person of Mr. William Andrews, of Milverton, Somerset, who for more than 44 years was sexton. Failing health caused him to give up ringing some time ago, but in his day he was a very reliable change ringer. It was his wish that muffled bells should be rung at his funeral, and this desire was carried out after the interment on Thursday, June 21st. The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday morning, when a quarter-peal was rung by: J. Sweetland 1, E. Chapman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout 7, S. Sharland (first quarter-peal) 8.

BELFRIES, NOT MUSEUMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must congratulate you on the views so ably expressed in your leader under the above heading appearing in last week's issue. I think you have voiced with wonderful precision the views of many thinking ringers of to-day, who look for something more from their hobby than the mere exercise of pulling a rope, or the fascination of intricate methods. They are listening for the music. Especially would I thank you for the sound opinion expressed in the third and ultimate paragraphs of the article. Many hundreds of ringers must feel as I do that if copies could be circulated to incumbents, churchwardens and parochial church councillors who may have the restoration of their bells under consideration, nothing but good could result.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Birmingham.

IMPERFECTIONS IN OLD BELLS.

Sir,—Allow me to offer congratulations on the splendid leading article, 'Belfries, not museums,' in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' It is well-timed and reasoned, giving food for thought to the faddists and those ignorant few who refuse to march with the times, and who keep their heads (and ears) buried in the sand. The old peals of bells cannot possibly compare with a modern ring in shape or tone. The only feature of old peals of bells is that they possessed in some few instances one good bell (cast by accident probably), such as Lavenham tenor, Bow tenor, Exeter 11th, and so on, and it was this which made the belfries containing them more or less renowned. Nowadays, we get in a modern peal of bells uniformity of weights and a perfect balance in tone between one bell and another, which was not possible under the old methods of casting and hand tuning.

It would really surprise a good many if they knew of the imperfections as regards weights and tones in the twelve bells now being taken down from St. Martin's tower, Birmingham. Each of the three chief foundries who inspected and reported on our bells would bear this statement out, and each strongly recommended that all the twelve bells be recast into a modern peal of bells, which, happily, is now to take place. It is up to our associations throughout the country to see that their representatives on the Diocesan Advisory Boards are men who can give good, sound advice and reason, when called in to report on peals of bells about to be restored, and insist that they are cast and tuned on modern lines, and that a thoroughly good job is made of the erection and hanging of the bells on engineering lines. Ball bearings then may be dispensed with, and swivel, self-oiling, plain bearings could be substituted by those who prefer them.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT WALKER.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS.

Dear Sir,—One must congratulate you on your leading article of the 22nd inst., and hope that it will be brought to the notice of the secretary of the S.P.A.B., but I do think that you should have included certain prominent members of the Central Council. One can find a little excuse for Mr. Powys, but none at all for those who have been too long connected with bellringing. If we are to have the belfries turned into museums, I would suggest that not only antiquated frames and bells be left to stare at, but also a few of the ringers with antiquated ideas might also be relegated to a similar position.—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

King's Norton.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to read the two letters from Mr. Parker and Mr. Severn in your last issue concerning the theoretical standpoint of these Double Surprise methods, and I should be very glad if you would find space in your valuable journal for me to add my meed of praise for these methods from a practical point of view. As reported in 'The Ringing World' last week, we have rung twelve of them at Norton, and I may say that we simply revelled in them. When we had rung about one half of them, one of our ringers said, 'Mr. Wheeldon, I can feel these methods making a better ringer of me.' I replied in the words of a well-known advertisement, 'Yes; they are worth a guinea a method' (not box), and all the band concurred. Speaking personally, I have taken part in the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung, and in 'band conducted' peals, and have also taken part in the present record lengths for our association, both Minor and Major, but none of these have thrilled me to the same degree as the ringing of these twelve methods. Surely they must be worth preserving when they are capable of gripping men in this fashion, and, should the Central Council fail to include them in the new book which they contemplate issuing, it would be a thousand pities, for it would be a grievous loss of most excellent material to the Exercise in general.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY'S RETURN TO BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

A very successful and enjoyable quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd, when about 40 members attended from Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bramley, Heckfield, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Gilchester, Winchester and Yateley. Disappointment was expressed at not seeing any visitors from the adjacent towers in the Guildford diocesan area.

Service was held at 4 p.m., and the Rev. E. Jones (district secretary) conducted the Guild form of service, assisted by the Vicar of Yateley.

A splendid tea, provided by the generosity of the Yateley ringers and friends, was enjoyed in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Yateley, and expressed the wish that the visit would soon be repeated.

Mr. S. J. Riddell, the genial leader of the local band, gave a short and interesting history of the bells, in which he mentioned that Yateley at one time in the Basingstoke District, was afterwards transferred to the Yorktown District, and now again found itself in the Basingstoke District, to the great satisfaction of the local ringers.

The Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Kingsclere on September 15th, and urged all who intended to attend to let him know early. Full particulars will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the bells, and touches of Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major brought round.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

ELKSTONE HOPES TO HAVE ANOTHER BELL.

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Elkstone on Saturday last. The weather was delightful, and a good number of ringers were attracted to this fine old church, situated on one of the highest points of the Cotswolds and noted for its Norman architecture. There is a ring of five bells recently rehung. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, whose father presided at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. G. A. Noth (churchwarden). A splendid tea was served on the lawn adjoining the church, and given by the good people of Elkstone.

Mr. G. A. Noth presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rector and Mr. Tonkinson, Mr. W. H. Hetch, Mr. J. H. Shephard (Swindon), Mr. Bond (Cirencester), and some 45 members from Leckhampton, Prestbury, Alderton, Winchcombe, Swindon, Dumbleton, Badgeworth, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), and the local tower.

The following members were elected: Rev. Tonkinson, Messrs. C. Gibbs, Ayers and W. Leach, all of Elkstone. Leckhampton was selected for the annual meeting.

It was decided that the names of all captains of towers in the branch should be inserted in the Ringers' Directory out of the funds of the branch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. G. A. Noth. Mr. F. Blowing (head ringer), the lady helpers and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful. This was supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Yeend), who expressed the hope that another bell would be added in the very near future, with the kind assistance of Mr. W. H. Hetch.

On the way home, the neighbouring tower of Cowley, with its nice ring of six, was visited, but it was found that the 'go' of several of these bells was, to say the least, bad, for the want of using.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO WORPLESDON BELLS.

Much useful work is being done in the Guildford Diocesan Guild by the system of combined practices which is being carried out through the districts.

Last Saturday there was an especially pleasant gathering of the Guildford District at Worplesdon, where the Rector and Mrs. Bruce entertained a party of about 30 to a sumptuous tea on the Rectory lawn.

The work in the belfry was devoted to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and excellent use was made of the opportunities. After the labours in the tower, the Rev. J. C. G. and Mrs. Bruce's hospitality was specially appreciated, and they were thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker for the kindness and particularly warm welcome extended to the visitors. Mrs. Bruce, it may be mentioned, is one of the local ringers.

Worplesdon has a peal of six bells, with a tenor of about 18 cwt. When they were rebung in 1908 provision was made in the new frame for two trebles, and efforts are now to be made to raise funds for these additional bells.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples for morning service: H. W. H. Strickland, C. T. Coles (conductor), S. W. Crabb, W. R. Madgwick, C. Rutton, J. E. Nash, E. A. Hull, H. Ellis.

GREAT CARILLONS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

WONDER BELLS FOR AMERICA.

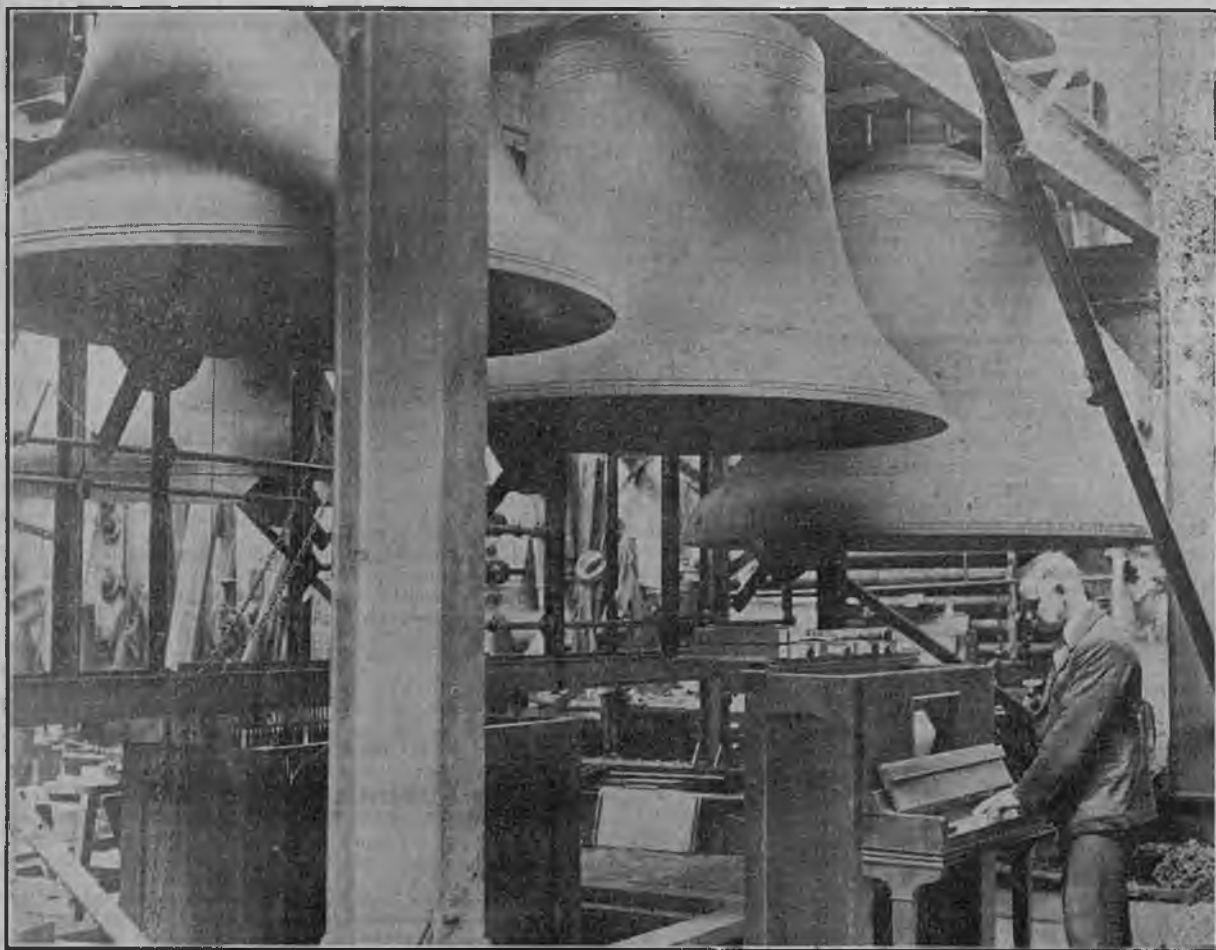
MESSRS. J. TAYLOR & CO.'S BUSY FACTORY.

England is providing America with its newest form of music, although it is a music centuries old on this side of the Atlantic. The Americans have recently discovered the beauties of the carillon. Having found it, they are out to get the biggest and best the world can provide, and that, they have realised, can only be obtained in England.

At this moment there is in the celebrated foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough, a carillon which, both in weight and number of bells, is the greatest ever assembled together for one order by any firm of bell founders in the world. Its 48 notes cover four chromatic octaves, with the exception of the largest semitone, and the thirteen notes in the top octave are duplicated to give more power at this end of the scale, so that in all there are

timed for Mountain Lake, Florida, where it is to take its place in a beautiful white marble tower, which is being erected in the Bird Sanctuary, by the American Foundation Incorporated. This tower, about 200 feet in height, is to be of most graceful proportions, and the bells will be hung 160 feet above ground level.

The carillon can, of course, be played by the usual clavier, but, in addition, it will be possible to operate it from an ivory key board at the foot of the tower. The lightest touch upon this instrument will cause the hammers to strike the bells, for the power is derived from an electro-pneumatic installation, which is also used in connection with a most wonderful automatic player. The application of this latter was the outcome of the genius of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor. What this automatic machine will do is, almost



The three largest bells and the keyboard of the Mountain Lake carillon.

61 bells. And such bells! Better bells were never produced by anyone, at any time. They are 61 perfect specimens of the bell founder's art, and in point of size they range from a mere 14 lbs. up to a gigantic E flat bell which weighs more than ten and a half tons, and whose majestic tones smite the ear like a grand chord from a great organ. The harmonics throughout this wonderful collection of bells are perfectly blended, and even the little ones, so difficult to tune with accuracy, are a sheer delight. There is nothing 'brassy' or harsh about them; their tones are pure and true.

This wonderful carillon, a climax, if we may say so, among the many remarkable productions of this world-famed foundry, is des-

human; in fact, it is in some respects more than human, for, when properly set, it cannot err. In principle it is an adaptation of the pianola, but with this difference; it has to overcome resistance of the many hundreds of pounds in bringing the hammers into contact with the bells, the hammer of the bass bell alone weighing nearly 4 cwt. That the mechanism of this latest instrument is the last word in carillon building may be judged by the fact that even the trackers and the hammers are made to move on ball bearings; and so quick acting is it that the stroke on the bell is practically instantaneous with pressure on the keyboard.

A representative of 'The Ringing World' had the privilege of hearing this magnificent carillon tried out a few days ago by Mr.

Eric Jordan, the able municipal carillonneur of Loughborough. The effects which are possible from this perfectly tuned instrument are really wonderful, for the harmonics have been brought under extraordinary control. Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary will undoubtedly have a carillon unexcelled in quality anywhere in the world.

In the foundry at the same time was an almost identical carillon for Springfield Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Mass., the only difference being that it has one semi-tone less. A feature of this carillon is that, while the carillon is in the tower, the bells can be coupled with the organ keyboard by the mere operation of a stop. There is thus no limit to what can be done in the playing of carillons, except in the compass of the bells themselves, and in future developments it would almost seem that the old style of carillonneur, whose task under the old methods requires great physical exertion, will disappear, although it must be said that the small effort required in playing from the clavier of these new Loughborough carillons is in striking comparison with the labour that is necessary in operating the manual of the old carillons of Belgium and Holland.

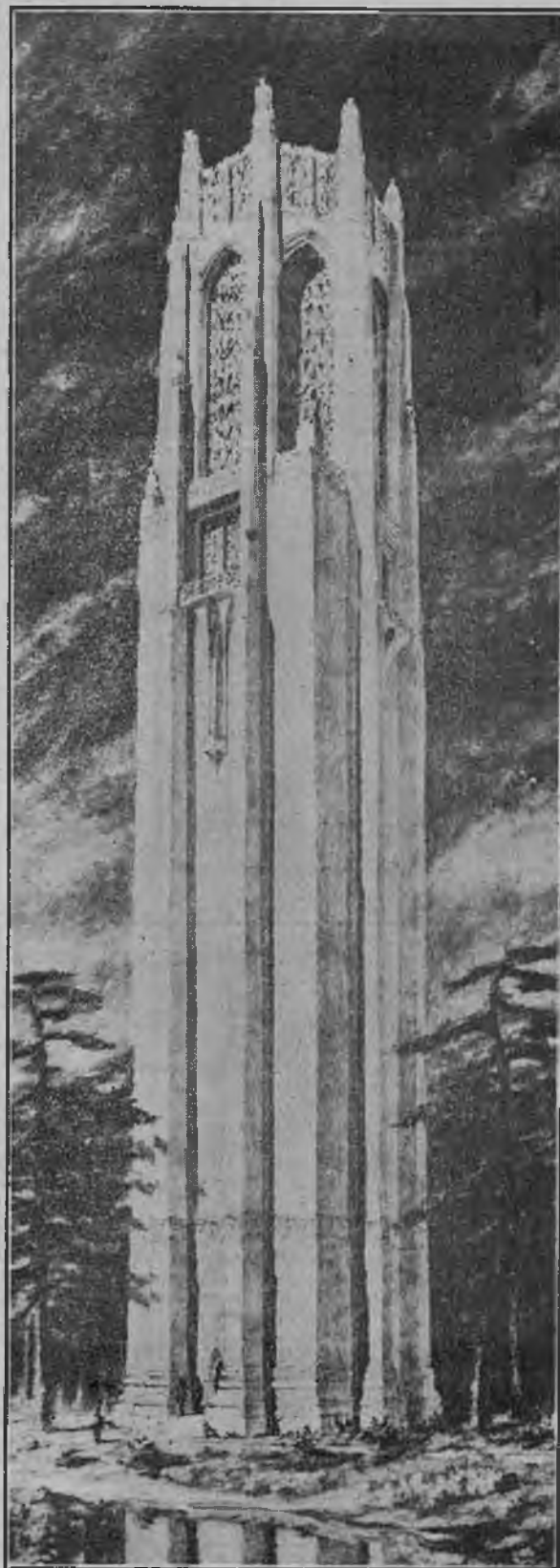
Carillon work at Loughborough has grown immensely in the last two or three years, and the fame of John Taylor and Co. has become world-wide. Among the carillons completed within the last twelve months or so have been one for Germantown M.E. Church, Philadelphia, with a compass of 48 notes, but making, with a duplicated upper octave, 61 bells, the largest of which is three tons; another for Albany City Hall, New York, with a compass of 47 notes, and, with a duplicated upper octave, 60 bells, the bass bell being five tons; another for Christ Church, Cranbrook, Michigan, covering 46 notes, with 59 bells, the largest being three tons; and Sydney University War Memorial, consisting of 62 bells, with an octave duplicated.

The Springfield and Mountain Lake carillons are shortly passing out of the foundry; but two other great instruments are in progress, some of the bells of which are completed, or rapidly reaching that stage. One carillon is for a fine new cathedral now in course of erection at Indianapolis, and is to be given by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (a branch of Freemasonry). This will comprise 62 bells with a five ton G as the lowest note, and covering 49 notes. For Bathurst, a carillon of 35 bells and notes is in preparation, the largest bell being 1½ tons.

This, however, is only one phase of the activities at Loughborough Foundry, which to ringers is best known as the source of many of the finest bells in our English churches; but before going on to refer to what Messrs. Taylor and Co. are doing in this direction, it is interesting to note that they have recently cast a 10½ ton hour bell and four quarter bells for the new Nottingham Exchange. This hour bell has the deepest tone of any bell in England, not even excepting Big Ben, which is three tons greater in weight. It is a remarkable example of what bell founders can do in these days, with their improved knowledge of bell shapes and tuning. For Brisbane Town Hall, Australia, Messrs. Taylor and Co. are making a 4½ ton hour bell in A flat, and quarter bells; for Pretoria Boys' High School, South Africa, an hour bell and quarter chimes; and for a new Nonconformist church at Alfreton, Derbyshire, a chime of twelve bells, with tenor 12½ cwt., to be automatically operated.

Turning to the ringing peals for English churches, it is gratifying to know that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have no fewer than 30 of these in hand, the most interesting, perhaps, being Worcester Cathedral. The ringing peal of twelve and three extra semi-tone bells are to be recast; and the five-ton hour bell is to be tuned to harmonise with them. Our representative saw the old bells as they stood in the foundry yard before breaking up, and when one heard them tapped one realised how far Lord Grimthorpe's ideals fell below the standards of to-day. They lack all the characteristics of modern shape and tone. Among the other restorations which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have in hand are the following: Recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight the five bells at Milford-on-Sea; rehanging and supplying two new trebles to make a peal of eight at Great Bardfield; rehanging and augmenting to eight bells the peal of six at Higher Walton; rehanging the thirteen bells at Newcastle Cathedral (on ball bearings) and recasting the fourth bell; rehanging and adding two new trebles to make a peal of six at Wisborough, Sussex; rehanging and adding two new trebles to the ring of four at Churston Ferrers, Devonshire; recasting the five back bells at Crich, Derby; rehanging the peal of six at Kirk Ella; recasting the peal of five and augmenting to eight at Enderby; the peal of eight at St. George's, Dublin; the peal of five at Great Easton, Essex; the peal of five at Kirby Bellars; the peal of six at Hinton Waldrist; the peal of six at Swimbridge Parish Church, etc. They have, of course, also just completed the casting of the four trebles to increase the bells at Lincoln Cathedral to a ring of twelve.

Such activity is a splendid testimony to the vigour of the bell founding industry. It is no longer a happy-go-lucky enterprise; but embraces all that modern science and knowledge can devise to produce bells that have never been approached in quality at any time



The magnificent white marble tower in which the Mountain Lake carillon will hang.

in the world's history. Fortunately indeed are those folk who in these days have new bells cast by firms with resources such as those which are behind the work turned out at the Loughborough Foundry, with which the name of Taylor is synonymous.

The history of this business is indeed an interesting one. The first of the long line of founders, it would appear, was one Johannes de Stafford, Mayor of Leicester in 1366 and 1370, and a famous bell-founder in his day. He was followed by William Miller, whose three sons, in partnership with another founder, cast the old tenor bell for Loughborough Parish Church. Then came Edward Newcombe, who also had three sons associated with him in the business; and one of these, again in partnership with another founder, cast 'Great Tom' of Lincoln. This was in 1610, and the Newcombes were followed by the Watts. The foundry had been moving about somewhat, first at Leicester; it was subsequently moved to Nottingham, and in 1717 it was at Kettering in the control of the Eayre family. An apprentice of the latter, named Arnold, started at Leicester again, and there then appeared the first of the Taylors. Robert Taylor, born in 1760, was apprenticed



A contrast: The largest and the smallest bells in the carillon.

to Arnold at the latter's foundry at St. Neots, and subsequently acquired the business. He had two sons, William and John, the younger of whom (John) went to Buckland Brewer, Devonshire, in 1825, there to build a bell-foundry, having previously been operating a foundry at Oxford. Eight years later, however, John Taylor returned to Oxford, only to establish himself anew at Loughborough in 1840; and here the Taylor foundry has since remained. John Taylor died in 1858, leaving his business to his only surviving son, John William Taylor, justly esteemed as one of the greatest bell-founders the world had ever known. Followed in succession his sons, John William Taylor, junr., and Edmund Denison Taylor, who, since the lamented death of his brother in 1919, has been in control. The development of the business, which began in marked degree in the days of John William Taylor, senr., who cast many noble bells and famous peals, including 'Great Paul' and the ring of twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral, has proceeded apace in later years, until to-day it is so busy that even the present enormous factory can scarcely keep abreast of the work.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent gathering of East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Farnham Royal was well attended, and after tea a committee meeting was held to determine the jubilee celebrations of the formation of the old society, from which this branch came into existence. The first quarterly meeting was held on April 28th, 1879, and the first annual meeting on July 26th of the same year. The committee are meeting again on September 30th.

FORTY YEARS A RINGER AT DUNSTABLE.

The death has occurred of Mr. F. Franklin, for forty years a ringer at Dunstable, Beds. As a mark of respect the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, and for matins a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) was brought round in 50 mins.: B. F. Calcott 1, G. H. Sentance 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEAL DIPLOMAS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn brought forward the motion which had been adjourned from the last meeting, 'that the Council shall issue at a small charge peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.' He said it had been adjourned because they thought it was their business to talk to their Guilds and Associations upon the matter and get their opinion. In his own Guild he had reviewed the situation with the secretary, Mr. Tom Hibbert, and they had come to the conclusion that they had turned the corner with regard to the difficulty of getting young ringers. They had more beginners now than they had a year ago; the outlook was more hopeful, though there was still room for improvement. He had spoken on the matter of diplomas at every branch meeting of his own Guild, and also to the Committee, and at every meeting there had been an almost unanimous show of hands in favour of the diploma being granted. One branch only did not vote in favour, and their idea was that it savoured too much of cups and trophies—that was the only thing against it. He was not going to take up the time of the Council by repeating what he said at the last meeting, but he would ask someone to second the motion and see what the opinion of the Council was this year, after having discussed it with the members of their own associations.

Mr. J. Hunt seconded. He said the delegates from the Bath and Wells Association had direct orders to support the motion. It had been thoroughly discussed throughout the diocese, and their members were universally in favour of the proposal. Moreover, their association was in favour of it being extended, not only to those who rang their first peal, but eventually to conductors when they got a young band through their first peal. If this proved successful it might also be applied to the men who got their ringers through successively their first peals of Doubles, Triples and Major.

Mr. James George emphatically condemned the proposal. It was nothing but a farce, he said, to get young ringers through their first peal just anyhow, in order to get them a diploma. He knew a case of a person who was got through a peal, because something had been promised beforehand if the peal was rung. The peal was said to have been rung, but when he (the speaker) got the same person into another belfry to try to ring a touch that person could not ring a course, or even two leads. He was afraid that diplomas would lead to very bad peals being rung. It was quite an honour for anyone to ring their first peal, and to have the record of it published, and see their name in print. When he started they never thought of diplomas and he condemned the whole practice.

Mr. F. Hopgood gave the resolution his hearty approval. It could not possibly do any harm, and if it would do any good, as he claimed was possible, let them try it.

Mr. C. Edwards said the motion had the support of the Hereford Guild. They were in a rather remote part of the country, and few people realised the difficulties they had in getting young fellows to take an interest in ringing. A certain number would go so far, but would not go to the trouble of trying to reach the peal ringing stage. He thought the Council might do something to give them an object in view. If this proposal were adopted it would be one means of bringing the Central Council before the young ringer and an incentive to him to go on in the art. It was all very well for Mr. George to condemn the motion; he had his ringers already made for him when they came to Birmingham, but in that part of the country they had to make the ringers to send to him (laughter). They had taught about 30 or 40 ringers at his tower, but they had all gone, and ringers must be getting very thick in some parts of the country (laughter). He thought the diplomas would encourage young ringers to go on in the art, but he agreed that the peals for which the diplomas were awarded should be creditable peals. The proudest day of a ringer's life was when he rang his first peal, and if in Mr. George's day diplomas had been awarded he was quite sure one would have been hanging in his house to-day, and Mr. George would be proud of it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he considered the Council was being invited to do something which ought to be the primary function of the societies affiliated to the Council (hear, hear). In his young days—and he was not an old man yet—they used to find that the old ringers attached a great deal more importance to good striking than they did to the achievement of peals, but they found that in later years the standard of a man's ringing was judged by the number of methods he could ring. What they had to ask themselves was whether, with these diplomas, they would be setting up a definite standard of advancement to the young ringer. In the Yorkshire Association a man had to be able to ring 720 changes before they admitted him as a member. He thought it would be equally logical for the Council to discuss whether they should award medals to those who ring a thousand peals. When they awarded a diploma for a first peal it did not necessarily set up a standard. It depended, for one thing, on what sort of a conductor they had got—and he could speak feelingly. In this motion the Council were proposing to undertake a function that should be the job of the societies which were affiliated to the Council. It was their job to give advice on the technical side of the science, but he did not think

it would be wise to interfere with the individual business of the associations (applause).

The Rev. E. S. Powell said on the previous day this matter was brought before a meeting of 170 members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, when a unanimous vote was given against the proposal. Like the Hereford Guild, they were somewhat isolated and far away, and in addition they had to face a very determined effort of the 'Churchyard Bob' or 'stonev' ringers, who had set up an association which bore a colourable name to the change-ringing Devon Guild, and they had established in it a competition for round ringers. What mattered most, however, was this, the more a competition of that kind could succeed the less chance there was of getting a man to take up the higher art of change ringing. The Devon Guild might have a very big fight in front of them, and that was the feeling behind the vote given the previous day—that anything which encouraged competition or reward for ringing was, in the view of his Guild, lowering in tone, and he was instructed very earnestly to vote against the resolution.

Canon Helmore said in the Kent Association the subject had been brought forward in district meetings, and he must say that, so far as he could judge, his members were for the most part completely apathetic with regard to it. They had an old certificate which was never asked for, and that was for a man who could ring so many changes. He was never asked for a copy of that, only for the certificate of membership.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said it seemed to him that if they could combine with that idea another that was very similar to it, it might commend itself more to the backwoodsmen (laughter). If the diplomas were issued in different colours, and could be obtained in blank form, on which they could record ordinary peals, and which could be put together in a kind of loose leaf ledger, special peals being distinguished by different colours, they would have interesting peal books for themselves and for the younger members. Even Mr. James George, of England, probably kept a peal book, although it might by now be rather an extensive one. Personally he would like a book on the loose leaf ledger system, so that peals could be entered up on a standard form and put therein. If they had different coloured papers for different methods they would see from the book itself what sort of a standard the ringer had reached.

Mr. George Williams said the Winchester Diocesan Guild members were in favour of the proposal, and he had been asked to support the motion. Those of them who had rung hundreds of peals ought not to oppose the young ringers' wishes.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the Guildford Diocesan Guild supported the proposal, and, personally, he gave it his support, because it would be a little reward to a ringer. He felt, however, that there should not be any charge made to the ringer, but that the Guilds should pay for the diploma, if the Central Council could not do so. No doubt very soon all roads would lead to London, or some other great centre, to celebrate the one-thousandth peal of a well-known gentleman, but he had no hesitation in saying that when a young band rang its first peal of Grandsire Triples it would be a more creditable performance than Mr. James George's one-thousandth.

Mr. W. A. Cave thought rather too much stress was being laid on the peal ringer. Why should they not encourage and give a diploma to the young ringer when he proved himself by ringing for Sunday services? That was the man they wanted; not the peal ringers.

The Rev. H. Drake said that at the meeting of their Suffolk Guild they did not want to turn this resolution down, but they did not see that it was practicable, because it had not been put before them in sufficiently definite form. It was the local association which was in a position to say whether a peal was worth recording or not; the Central Council was not in a position to say so.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson agreed that the issue of the diplomas should be in the hands of the local associations, but he took it that if that were done the associations would obtain their supplies from the librarian or secretary of the Council, and the issue would be in the hands of the association officials. Whether or not the young ringer paid for the diploma would depend on the association. Personally he thought the scheme should be carried out, and carried out by the Council, whose business it should be to do all it could to promote the art of ringing. A thing issued by the Council would be of very much more value to the ringer and of a great deal more value to the Exercise. It would help the young ringer to realise what an enormous body of church workers he belonged to, and in that way he thought it would be of great educative value to the lads in the country parishes. A certificate issued by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers would be much more valued than one issued by an association.

Mr. F. A. Milne said that at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association, which was very largely attended, there was an almost unanimous vote to oppose this resolution.

Mr. F. Wilford, who next rose to speak, began by saying that at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild the delegates—but he got no further when the President interrupted him by saying that members were not delegates. They were not there as Trade Unionists sent to a conference to vote as they were

told, but were there as representatives, perfectly free to vote exactly as they liked after listening to the arguments. The word 'delegate' had been used three or four times that day—they were not there as delegates, but as representatives.

Mr. Wilford then proceeded that the representatives to the Council from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were not given any instructions from their Guild. It was left to their own discretion, but they were of opinion that the matter belonged to the Guilds, as Mr. Johnson had already said.

Mr. R. Whittington said the representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were instructed to vote for the motion, although he was personally opposed to it. He should, however, vote as his members wished him to do.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said they would not find the word 'delegate' from one end of their constitution to the other. He always contended very strongly that everyone came there to express his own judgment; not to vote this way or that at dictation, but to exercise his own common sense in voting after listening to the arguments.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said Mr. Whittington and Mr. Pulling had expressed their views as representing the Guildford Guild; as Master of that Guild, although not one of its representatives, he thought he ought, therefore, to say what he felt about it himself. In his view diplomas were the wrong kind of encouragement to give a man. If a man wanted to ring for the honour of ringing, the peal books were enough to see his peals in. They wanted men who would ring without any reward for it (hear, hear).

Mr. W. Southard said that in Cornwall they already gave medals and certificates, but these did not seem to encourage young ringers very much to go in for the art of change ringing.

In replying to the discussion, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said the idea behind the scheme was that the diploma should come from the Central Council, as being the most important body. When a young ringer had rung his first peal, which would have to be a genuine peal, and the record had been published, he would apply through his branch or general secretary to the secretary of the Central Council, and the diploma would come in due course. It was thought that if he paid something for it he would value it more. The idea was also that the diplomas should be all of one size and colour, and only be issued for first peals in any method. He brought the scheme forward because it was something suggested by young ringers themselves, and the diplomas should be given as an encouragement, and not as a reward.

A vote was then taken, and the motion was lost by a considerable majority.

REPRESENTATIVES OR DELEGATES?

To the Editor.

Sir,—On several occasions during recent years you have, in your 'Leaders' deplored the lack of, and pleaded for more interest to be shown by ringers generally in the doings of the Central Council. You have advocated individual ringers bringing up for discussion at their district and annual meetings subjects which are of general interest to the Exercise, and which are also subjects which their representatives could introduce for discussion at the Central Council meetings. This advice has, I think, been more or less acted on. It certainly has in my own district. Now, sir, at the Central Council meeting at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday an incident occurred which, in my opinion, has a bearing on the question of how much interest we can get ringers, as a whole, to take in what the Council is doing—it has, at any rate, a positive and direct bearing as to the amount of interest they are going to take in what their own representatives are going to do, and through them, what the whole Council is doing. I believe I am correct in stating that at the 1927 meeting of the Council the suggested 'Diplomas for Young Ringers' scheme was purposely deferred for a year, in order that the subject might be discussed at district meetings, the feelings of ringers generally regarding it ascertained, and, as a result, representatives would come to this year's meeting knowing exactly the feelings of the people who sent them there, and vote on that motion accordingly. That is exactly what has happened in my own Guild of Guildford. Both before we were divided from Winchester, and since we have been a Guildford Diocesan Guild, this question has been debated at our meetings, and the voting has been in favour of the adoption of the scheme, and we were requested to vote at the Council meeting for its adoption.

During the discussion which took place at Hereford on this motion I stated definitely that, personally, I was against the idea altogether, but the question had been debated at our Guild meetings; and as the feeling was generally in favour of the scheme we were requested to vote for its adoption. I certainly intended to do so. And there is the point to which I wish to draw the attention of ringers generally. The statement that representatives had a mandate, so to speak, from their Guild members as to how they were to vote on this motion, brought the president quickly to his feet, and he said, 'You are not here as delegates to a Trade Union conference; you are here as representatives of your Guild, and should come here with an open mind, listen to the discussion, and then vote according to your own conscience.' Now, sir, had I obeyed our honoured president (and I am truly sorry that I could

not) I should have been disloyal, and, I think, very unfair to the people who were sending me to Hereford; so, in order to be loyal to them, I had to be disloyal to the president and to my own conscience.

However, the point I particularly want to raise is this—if that is how we are expected (by the Council) to vote, on a subject that has been deferred for a year in order to find out the feelings of members of the Exercise generally, may I ask what is the use of the year's discussion. This particular question might just as well have been settled in 1927. We, here, have been discussing it off and on during 1927-28. I, personally, was against the idea from the first, and all our discussions have failed to convert me. I am sent to Hereford to represent a Guild which, as a whole, approves of the scheme, and, naturally, expects the representatives to vote according to their expressed wishes. Yet there, we are told, we must not give effect to the result of the decision of 1927 to defer action for 12 months in order to find out the wishes of ringers generally, unless it also agrees with our own personal opinion. I contend that such a position is impossible and intolerable, and will certainly not be conducive to getting ringers generally to take an interest in the doings of their representatives, or of the Central Council at all.

In conclusion, I should like to make it quite clear that I certainly have no wish to interfere with any traditional practices of the Central Council, or to oppose, in any way, any ruling of our president, but I certainly am concerned in getting ringers generally to take a lively interest in the actions of their representatives on the Council. In order to illustrate my way of thinking and looking at this matter, I will put it in this way—supposing that all the associations had done as Guildford did, discussed this question at their meetings during 1927-28, and that there was, in all of the associations, a majority of the members in favour of the adoption of this scheme, and also that they had all requested their representatives to vote in favour of it. Suppose, again, that all the representatives were, personally (as myself), against the motion. The discussions in the Council would, under such circumstances, be all against the motion, and if we all carried out the president's ruling, we should all vote 'according to our own conscience,' and, of course, altogether against the expressed wishes of a majority of the ringers of the whole Exercise. I contend that such a position is untenable, and tends dangerously near to the ridiculous, and that the time has come when, if we are to get ringers generally to interest themselves in the Central Council and its doings, representatives must be allowed actually to consult their members as to their opinions on debatable subjects, and be prepared to vote at the Council's meetings accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON
(Guildford Diocesan Guild).

METHOD NAMES.

'IMMANUEL' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to give an explanation of the title 'Immanuel' Surprise which was referred to at the Central Council meeting. Being the composer of the method, and having given it its title, it is very amusing to see this part of the 'dead horse' flogged to life at intervals by the Rev. H. Drake. The method was produced in 1906, and rung by the Immanuel Church company, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on May 27th, 1906. There was no intention of profanity in the mind of the author when the name was given, only just a kindly wish that the church, which had witnessed the struggles and rise of a band of raw recruits by their own efforts to a position of eminence in Minor ringing, should be held in remembrance with a Minor method of similar name. Being also the composer of Oswald Treble Bob, imagine my relief when it did not turn out a dead horse, but stood the test. I would like to remind the Methods Committee that a peal of Immanuel was rung a few months ago, by the Ely Association, I think. Mr. Butler remarked that if they were to go on making changes the Minor ringers would not know where they were. He can rest assured that for a long time they have not known where they stand regarding many of the names. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith says he does not suggest they should touch these method names which have an historic interest. If Immanuel is not yet historic, I think I can claim it is becoming established as a popular Surprise Minor method. A last word, if the Methods Committee decide to change the name, I ask them to give it Oswaldtwistle.—Yours faithfully,

C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Eagle (5) Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 1.15 and 3 p.m.; returns to Lincoln 6.30 and 9 p.m.—Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Secretary, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Desborough on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will members kindly make a special effort to attend? Visitors welcome.—H. Baxter, Branch Secretary, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby) A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 117th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells of St. Peter's and St. Sepulchre's from 2.30 during the afternoon. Service at St. Peter's at 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. per head, and business meeting in St. Peter's Church Rooms at 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.30.; service at 5; tea 5.30.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P. — Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m.—Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (5) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Will members please note that the meeting arranged at High Easter for June 30th has been cancelled, owing to the bells not being in a fit state to ring.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., S.E. Division.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The meeting at Brighouse fixed for June 30th has been postponed.—F. Hutchinson, District Secretary.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing at St. George's 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special business meeting re resignation of Hon. Secretary.—H. Walker.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 2nd, quarterly and special meeting to discuss addition to rules, 6.30 p.m.; 16th and 30th at 7.30, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 10th, at 8.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14 Gt. Bland St. S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 5th and 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned by Wednesday, 4th, please. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 7th. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. Will all who wish for tea kindly notify Mrs. L. W. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts, before Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m. All who require tea may have same at 1/6 each, by sending word not later than July 2nd, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6). Parties wishing to ring during the morning should write Mr. G. Williams, West End, Southampton, by July 2nd, who will make arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify me prior to July 4th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth). Will all wishing to attend please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepsbed St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Yeovil. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bells available: Yeovil (10), East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6). Would those who require tea kindly notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The meeting arranged for July 7th at Wimbledon is unavoidably cancelled.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Barlborough on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready early. Short service 4.30 p.m. for unveiling of marblette peal board for peal rung on February 4th, in honour of Miss Lampson's 21st birthday. Mr. Locker Lampson has given consent for all ringers and friends to go through Barlborough Hall and grounds. A good attendance is desired. Tea at 5.15 p.m. on Rectory Lawn, weather permitting. Doncaster to Chesterfield, East Midland Buses, pass the church; Retford to Chesterfield will change at Clowne on to No. 3 or 4 bus, to Barlborough, one mile hence. Advise P. E. Hibbard, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, nr. Chesterfield, those who require tea, not not later than July 4th.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available after 2.30. Hoping to have a good attendance.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. The bells at North Bradley (6) and Hilperton (6) available for ringing in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. A special bus will run from the Duke of Edinburgh, Caversham Road, at 2.30. Tea will be provided for all members. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 4th, of numbers hoping to attend, and numbers for bus.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Alconbury on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 4th. Bus leaves Huntingdon Market Square 2.30 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Service in church 5 p.m., tea 5.30. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, not later than July 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bradfield, July 7th. Ham tea provided free to all who write Mr. C. H. Gillett, Bradfield, on or before Wednesday, July 4th. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. Buses leave Malin Bridge car terminus at 2.30, 3, 4.15.—R. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11½), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells (8) available after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send word by July 10th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5, tea 5.30. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the Institute followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary by Tuesday, July 10th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, July 14th. The bells, a recast and augmented peal by Taylor & Co., will be available from 2.30 p.m. A frequent bus service runs to within five minutes' walk from both Chorley and Preston. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's View, Brownedge, not later than July 12th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ulcombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector after service. Kindly notify as early as possible.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each, which must be applied for before July 10th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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DOUBLE NORWICH v. COURT BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Deliberate lying' is one thing; repeated blunders is another; and persistently adopting the wrong point of view is a third. The last is all that I have accused Mr. Trollope or anyone else of doing; and though the second suggestion may not have been excluded from my letters, the first certainly was, and I am sorry Mr. Trollope should have brought it in; and if any of my words justify his, I unreservedly withdraw them and apologise to him.

Having said this, I must point out that there is no inconsistency in the two extracts which he quotes in your issue of June 8th. The only way in which they can be made to clash is by reading the words in my letter, 'We... never mentioned Norwich at all,' as though they stood by themselves, whereas the chief word of those I have represented by dots, is 'alteration,' and it should be clear that I meant we never mentioned any alteration of Norwich at all.

In our report, as quoted by him, we say, 'Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words, Court Bob.' There is no suggestion of any alteration here: it is a mere statement of fact showing that long titles get shortened in practice. We did not even say whether the method ought to be known as Court Bob rather than Norwich. I understood from Mr. Hunt, at Hereford, that it was because we did not say that that he opposed our report.

This, however, was not our job. We left the fact that the method is now usually known as 'Norwich' untouched, and suggested alternative names for those others in which Norwich appears.

Now that this sentence has been for the first time shown up, by being quoted in Mr. Trollope's letter, I must agree that it has been made so concise as to lead to a misunderstanding, which is probably the cause of the opposition to our report. In the quotation it appears as if we proposed doing away entirely with the words 'Pleasure, Court, Delight and Bob,' as being non-essential and meaningless. What we wanted—or, at any rate, what I wanted—was to suggest that they should not be used when they are non-essential and meaningless, or either. With such a suggestion as this I am quite sure Mr. Trollope and Mr. Law James would agree.

As I have not the report here, I cannot say how far the context justifies this misconception. But I can fairly ask why, if Mr. Trollope objected to this sentence, he did not move an amendment directly referring to it, instead of his wrecking and obstructionist amendment.

Although the actual names we suggested have not been adopted, the question has been settled to everyone's satisfaction on the general lines of our report. We brought that report up at Chester, and agreed to a year's postponement for the very purpose of having such an alternative report before us as Mr. Trollope brought up at Hereford. If he had done this at Ipswich, the matter could have been settled courteously and without two years' unnecessary delay.
JUAN LES PINS, June 16th, 1928. HERBERT DRAKE.

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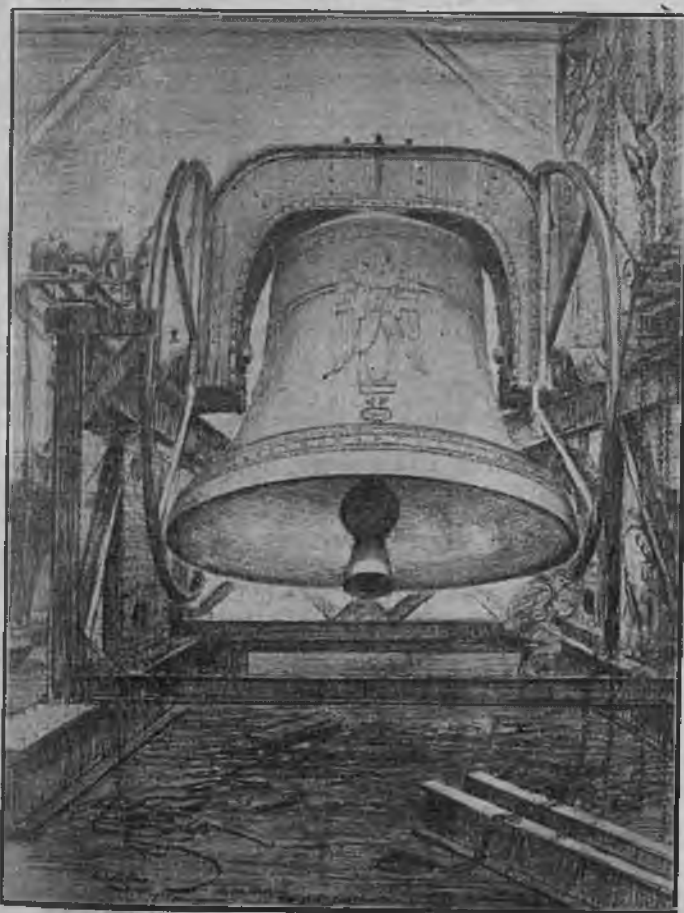
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What has been done upholds the standard of what is required for a peal on these lower numbers of bells, inasmuch as it demands that each extent, whether of Doubles or Minor, shall be true in itself—and most ringers will agree that in a peal nothing less should suffice. In our opinion there is no more justification for a repetition of changes within an extent of Doubles or Minor, when it forms part of a peal, than for repetition in an extent of Triples. It is true that we are bound to have each of the 720 changes seven times in a peal of Minor, but that is no excuse for having certain changes more than once in each 720. And the same applies to the forty-two six-scores which go to make up a peal of Doubles. One speaker, however, put forward the view that as long as no change occurred more than forty-two times in a peal of Doubles, it should be recognised, no matter where the repetitions appeared. Thus, carried to its logical conclusion, a 5,040 would have to be recognised as a peal of Grandsire Doubles, if the first lead were rung forty-two times over, as it could be by merely plain hunting, and then, after making a third's place, the next lead were rung forty-two times over, before calling the first bob, and the operation repeated through the twelve leads. A peal of Grandsire Doubles could thus be rung with only four bobs and two singles. To risk, in this way, the lowering of the standard required would bring peal ringing into contempt, at any rate on five and six bells, and the suggestion of treating the seven 720's of Minor or the 42 six-scores of Doubles as a 'unit' met with no support. It is well to encourage in every way possible those who are struggling at the bottom

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On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble	*HERBERT KNIGHT 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS... .. 2	*STEPHEN H. WOOD 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	*ERNEST STITCH 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOHN BURFORD 9
*ALBERT J. PITMAN 5	HARRY BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	GEORGE E. WILLSON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*MONTY FELTHAM Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
†ALEX PARKER 3	NORMAN COOMES 7
LEWIS MOORE 4	*STANLEY JAMES Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. W. Simmonds was elected a life member before the peal.

BRISTOL.

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On Tuesday, June 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA JORDAN ... Treble	ISAAC LONG... .. 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	WILLIAM C. HUNTER 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	EDWIN J. BROWN 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	*ERNEST THOMAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Albert Brown, the one-year-old son of the ringer of the seventh. J. Thomas hails from London, H. Knight from Clapton-in-Gordano, and E. Thomas from Winterbourne.

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Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY TYSON Treble	ALBERT E. ADAMSON 5
GEORGE WALL 2	JAMES C. GRAY 6
EDWARD A. HERN 3	*ADAM DEAS 7
JAMES E. SCOTT 4	ROBERT SKEOCH Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.
* Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

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

On Wednesday, June 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST PARSONS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN LLOYD 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member of the association before starting. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band except the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Old Hill.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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F. HORACE E. STUBBS Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	CHARLES ALLSOP 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
The conductor's 25th peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
JOHN BURLS 4	JOHN H. CHRESMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

*FREDERICK DEARING Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
JOHN HALL 3	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 7
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN I. BROWN Treble	JOHN CURRY 5
WALTER STAPLES 2	RICHARD SMITH 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	CHARLES S. H. STILES 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. G. AMES.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on his departure for Rothwell.

KIRBY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	ERNEST J. BOTLER 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
FRANK CLAYDEN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 56th birthday.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. ROBERT MARLEY Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	HARRY SMALE 7
JOHN CRYER 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.
Arranged for Mr. H. Smale, of Essex.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. HARRY BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
*GEORGE KING 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
JOHN WHEATON 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Bob Major. 100th peal as conductor in 40 different towers in Kent and Sussex. Rung as a birthday peal for Frederick J. Lambert, jun.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	PHILIP SPRINGHAM 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	CHARLES NORRIS 6
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At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES,
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROWN ... ..Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 6
ALFRED ROWLEY 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN POTTER ... ..Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JOHN BOOTH... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. SHUKER... .. 6
STANLEY ROBINSON 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JOHN R. TAYLOR... .. 4	†ERNEST BIRCHALL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* 100th peal for the association. † First peal in the method.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... ..Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON 5
WALTER TAYLOR... .. 2	ALEC J. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the recently-appointed Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Hodgson, and Mrs. Hodgson. After the peal the Vicar and Mrs. Hodgson kindly provided refreshments, which were highly appreciated.

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

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED T. GODFREY ...Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 6
HENRY CHANDLER 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal away from the tenor behind. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect and affection for Charles Edwards, who was buried that morning in Heston Churchyard. Mr. Edwards was for many years a regular ringer at Heston, and six months ago a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the belfry.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK... ..Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	*SIDNEY HILLIER 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	FRED LAMBETH ... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES HONY.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. Mrs. A. E. Lock, Messrs. A. E. Lock, J. Honey and G. Caudwell were elected members of the Guild before starting.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, 14 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 18 of Grandsire, 24 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DENNIS J. SHARPLES...Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 5
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†GEORGE J. PRICE 4	*RICHARD J. EASTTenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK DEARING...Treble	WILLIAM HOWARD 4
CHARLES HOWARD 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
HORACE PEPPER... .. 3	ALFRED H. WATSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal and first attempt. The band wish to thank the churchwarden (Mr. Armstrong) for so kindly providing refreshments at the conclusion of the peal. These bells are a very fine-toned ring, but sadly require the attention of a bell hanger.

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

On Friday, June 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS M. HEWITT ...Treble	*CHARLES A. LYON 4
JOHN T. BARTRAM 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 5
*ALBERT HARDING 3	ARTHUR BALDWIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BERTRAM PILGRIM ... ..Treble	WILLIAM K. NORTH 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	FRANK HARPER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

First peal as conductor. William K. North was elected a life member of the association in the tower.

HANDBELL- PEAL.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 16, Lime Grove,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 24 in D.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	*WILLIAM EDWARDS 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Umpire: PETER LAFLIN.

* First peal in hand, and first attempt.

COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the letter on the above subject by the hon. secretary of the Devon Guild in reply to the one I wrote some time ago. I agree it is a sound policy for the Guild to visit outside towers as frequently as possible, to demonstrate half-pull ringing to the round ringers.

Mr. Laver enquires whether I have any further suggestions to make. I have at least one. For example, in the case of the Devon Guild and the Devon Association, is it not possible for these two organisations to hold a few joint meetings in some central places such as Exeter and Newton Abbot? They could then have a 'friendly' discussion or talk together. I venture to think that, perhaps, some little good might be done in this direction.

Perhaps there may be others interested in this subject who might have some suggestion to put forward also.—Yours faithfully,
'CAMPAÑOLOGIST.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION VISITS NORTH OCKENDON.

A large number of members and friends attended the meeting of the South-Western Division, held at North Ockendon on Saturday, June 23rd, and, being favoured with beautiful weather, thoroughly enjoyed themselves in this old out-of-the-way Essex village. One might pass through North Ockendon and easily miss the church. The little parish can hardly boast of a street, and to reach the church one must leave the main road and take the turning which leads through a green 'chase' to the hall. In olden times the church, hall and Rectory were surrounded by a moat, part of which still exists, and it is one of the beauty spots of the district. One must not be misled by the exterior of the church. It looks new, for it was restored in 1858, with the exception of the tower, which has kept its picturesque chequer work of stone and flint, and the original tracery of the west window. The church was probably built round about 1170: the Norman doorway has a curious stilted arch with chevron and billet mouldings, which also show the restorer's hand. The church also boasts some very fine monuments. One of the finest in Essex is that of Sir Gabriel and Lady Audrey Ponitz, the last of the Essex branch of a great English family. A unique feature of the Lady Chapel (under which Sir Gabriel constructed a vault for his family's interments) is the series of eight little mural tablets which commemorate seven generations of his family. They are all of the same type and size, with interesting little effigies and Latin inscriptions.

This is a very brief description of the church selected for the meeting. Some members who arrived early had the pleasure of ringing for a wedding, which was taking place, after which the bells were soon going to Plain Bob, etc., until 5 p.m., when the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. E. F. Evans, was held, during which Miss Dawson the well-known solo, 'Open the gates of the Temple,'

After the service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage garden to partake of a sumptuous repast, which was followed by the usual business meeting. The Master, Mr. A. Prior, presided over by the Rector, supported by the District Master, Mr. W. Nevard, and also the District Master of the North-Eastern Division.

The provisional election of Mr. L. R. Welch, of the Walthamstow St. Mary's band, was confirmed, and South Weald chosen for the place of the next meeting. The hon. secretary was also asked to write and convey to Mr. F. J. Pitstow (hon. general secretary and treasurer) the deepest sympathy of the members present at the great loss he had sustained by the death of his father, Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. E. F. Evans, for allowing the use of the tower and bells, also for personally conducting parties round the church and explaining all the objects of interest, to Mrs. Evans for so kindly providing the tea, to Miss Dawson, the daughter of the hon. secretary of the Leytonstone band, for her splendid rendering of the solo at the service, and to Mrs. Cole for so ably accompanying the hymns and responses on the organ.—The Rector suitably responded. He said that he was only too pleased to do all he could to assist the association in its work, and hoped that another visit to North Ockendon would be paid by the association in the near future.

During the afternoon members were present from Bentley, Brentwood, Barking, Great Bentley, Leytonstone, Romford, Shenfield, St. Botolph's (Bishopsgate), South Weald, West Tilbury and Woodford, and many six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung.

A VISITOR FROM AMERICA.

Mr. A. Cryer, late of Selby, and now of Detroit, U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, and leaves again for the other side of the Atlantic on July 6th. At Hemmingbrough, Yorks., on June 13th, he took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob with ringers from Selby and Hemmingbrough: F. W. Hinton, jun., 1, G. C. Terry (conductor) 2, H. S. Morley 3, A. Cryer 4, R. Fenton (first 720 in the method) 5, F. Terry 6. The treble ringer is only 15 years of age, and it was his first attempt to ring Treble Bob.

PEAL DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note that two members of the Central Council have given their views on the diploma question, and, personally, I fail to see their objection to the scheme.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, replying to Admiral Walker, says that ringers should be friends together. Does he suggest that diplomas will allay friendship? Mr. W. H. Southard admits that in Cornwall they issue certificates and medals to ringers to encourage change ringing, but object to the scheme because the ringers of old carried on without them.

Surely the time has come when something should be done to encourage the ringer of the future, and so keep up a bit with the times.—Yours faithfully,

F. NEALE.

Bicester, Oxon.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th, the towers being well represented. A service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Dunn, Rural Dean, officiated. The Vicar, in the course of an address, gave the branch a very cordial welcome to King's Norton. Mr. W. E. Moore officiated at the organ.

Tea was served at the Bull's Head Hotel, and at the business meeting the Rev. T. S. Dunn presided, supported by the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. De la Hey) and Mrs. De la Hey.

Mr. H. Mason said how pleased every one present was to see Mr. T. J. Salter with them after his severe illness. Although not quite up to 'concert pitch,' he hoped he would soon be restored to good health again.

Mr. A. E. Parsons made reference to the Worcester Cathedral bells restoration, and impressed upon those present who had not already subscribed the great opportunity they were missing of helping on the good work of the association.

Mr. T. J. Salter, the Central Council representative, laid before the meeting suggestions which had been discussed by the Central Council at their meeting at Hereford. He first mentioned the ringing of the curfew, and then referred to the suggestion that young ringers leaving one district to go to another should be kept in touch with ringing by correspondence through the branch secretaries.

On the suggestion of Mr. H. Mason, it was decided to leave the matter of the next meeting in the hands of the Rector of Belbroughton and the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of King's Norton for arranging the service and allowing the meeting to be held at King's Norton. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Moore for presiding at the organ and arranging the tea.

A COMBINED PRACTICE.

On Saturday, June 16th, at Bardsley, a combined practice was held, when 120's of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Canterbury Pleasure, Doubles and a plain course of Stedman Doubles, also 180 of Bob Minor were rung, the following ringers taking part: Trevor Jones, Wm. Evans, Alf. Gooding, Wm. Richards, G. J. Price, D. Sharples, B. Cadman, and J. P. Hyett.

THE LATE MR. F. PITSTOW.

On Wednesday, June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Stansted, Essex, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Fred Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Bird 1, H. Watts 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, A. Wadman 5, W. T. Prior 6, T. J. Watts (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

PEAL CENTURIES.

MR. ALFRED HACKETT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Forward Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7, Stedman Triples 37, Stedman Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 14, London Surprise Major 11, Bristol Surprise Major 2; total 100.

MR. J. F. BALLINGER'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 6, Grandsire Triples 14 (conducted 1), Grandsire Caters 22, Grandsire Cinques 17 (including 13,001 record), Bob Minor 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 6, Bob Royal 3, Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Triples 20 (conducted 4), Stedman Caters 7, Stedman Cinques 1. Rung at 21 churches.

MR. J. BURLS' 100 PEALS.

Minor, 1 method 5 (conducted 1), 2 methods 1, 3 methods 3 (conducted 2), 4 methods 3 (conducted 2), 5 methods 3 (conducted 2), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 24 (conducted 3), 10 methods 2; Grandsire Triples 4; Stedman Triples 18; Bob Major 5; Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3; Double Norwich Major 5; Bob Major and Double Oxford (spliced), 1; Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major (spliced), 1; Bob Major and Stedman Triples (spliced) 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major (spliced), 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; total, 100 (conducted 10).

GIRL RINGER'S FUNERAL. IMPRESSIONS SCENES AT DORE.

A few months since the pretty little church at Dore was crowded on a fine spring morning to witness the marriage of a lady ringer. The afternoon of Midsummer Day (Sunday, June 24th) saw it again even, perhaps, more filled to witness one of the most touching ceremonies it has known—the funeral of a girl ringer.

Miss Kathleen Reynolds was only 15 years of age, and a novice at the art, but, during the few months in which she had been connected with the belfry, she had made herself popular with her fellow-learners by her happy disposition and her eagerness to learn. She could control a bell quite well, and was making earnest efforts to fathom the mysteries of Grandsire. Her sudden death, after only a few days' painful illness, came as a shock to her colleagues.

The funeral took place as above stated, and at the earnest wish of her relatives she was accorded a ringer's burial. Six sister-ringers bore her to her rest, none of them being above 17 years of age, and all learners in Dore belfry. One wonders if the like has been seen before. The bearers were Misses M. Benton, M. Elvidge, E. and K. Revill, B. Shepherd and G. Watkins, and they presented an unusual and impressive sight, as, dressed all in white, they carried the coffin to the chancel steps, preceded by the Rev. F. A. Miller (in the absence of the Vicar), the wardens (Messrs. H. E. Buggs and J. E. Lewis Cockey) bearing their wands of office, and followed by the choir.

A few words of hope and comfort by the Rev. F. A. Miller, a few moments of silent prayer, a portion of the beautiful children's burial service, and the immortal 'Abide with me,' preceded the procession to the graveside. The grave itself had been beautifully lined with flowers and evergreens by Mr. A. F. Farnsworth (organist).

Following the committal, the Rev. F. A. Miller announced that, although only a novice, it was desired to follow ancient custom at the burial of this young girl, and to afford her the usual ringer's requiem. Amid impressive silence, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, with clappers half-muffled, was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: F. Hector Bennett (Chesterfield) 1-2, W. J. Thyng (Chesterfield) 3-4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) 5-6, and Walter Bingham (Dore) 7-8, the handbells being a new set specially brought over by Mr. Bennett.

As the mourners left, the church bells, too, rang out their requiem, half-muffled rounds being rung by a band of learners, none more than 17 years of age: G. Revill 1, Miss E. Revill 2, F. Elvidge 3, Miss G. Watkins 4, Miss K. Revill 5, Miss M. Elvidge 6, Miss M. Benton 7, and N. Westlake 8.

A beautiful wreath, composed of bluebells, harebells, etc., and subscribed for by nearly all the members of the belfry, was placed at the head of the coffin.

Those charged with the arrangements are particularly appreciative of the kindness of Messrs. Bennett and Thyng, of Chesterfield, in coming over at some inconvenience and so readily, to pay tribute to the memory of a young girl. To the many who showed their sympathy in divers ways, by ringing on tower and handbells, in the preparation of the grave, and in many other ways, the heartfelt thanks of the relatives will be sufficient reward.

GRIMSBY RINGERS' OUTING.

Although Whit Monday, 1928, has passed and gone, numerous are the happy and pleasant recollections that will cling for some time to come in the memories of those who participated in the eighth consecutive annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers. The places visited were Tattershall, Coningsby, Horncastle and Wragby. Starting at 7.15, in one of the large Enterprise and Silver Dawn buses, the journey was commenced for Tattershall, via Lincoln. Being favoured with every prospect of beautiful weather, the contingent, numbering thirty-nine, including wives and friends of the ringers, were in good mood to enjoy the day's outing. Both the outward and return journeys were enlivened by handbell ringing, flute solos, ukulele solos and a variety of humorous songs.

On arrival at Tattershall, the visitors were much interested in the fine old church, which became a collegiate church in 1438-9. It is of cruciform shape, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, transepts and a massive tower.

After a few short touches on the five bells, a large number of the party were conducted round the famous and historical old castle. Apart from feeling a little tired by climbing the 181 steps leading to the top, those who did so felt amply repaid for their ambition. A great deal more could be said respecting these two places of interest, but time and space forbid any further comments.

Having attended to the wants of the inner man, the journey was resumed to Coningsby, where, as at Tattershall, the party were welcomed by some of the local company. After taking part in various touches on the six bells, they proceeded to Horncastle, and, after standing at 'attention' to one of the company with his camera, steps were wended towards the parish church, which contains a number of monuments and brasses, including one to Sir Ingram Hopton, 'who paid his debt to nature, and duty to his king and country in the attempt of seizing the arch-rebel (Cromwell) in the bloody skirmish near Winecoby, October 8th, 1643.'

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN RINGERS' SERVICE. BISHOP'S WELCOME AT THE CATHEDRAL.

By invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of the Cathedral, a special service was held in St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5), were open to visitors during the afternoon and evening, and good use made of the opportunities offered. At the service some 500 attended, and—from the writer's personal knowledge—there were at least 43 parishes in the diocese represented, and possibly more. Among the congregation were veterans like Messrs. J. Wilson, of Knighton, H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, J. S. Needham, of St. Saviour's, present, and it was also a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilford and others of Northampton, Mr. R. G. Black and friends from Kettering, Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Burton-on-Trent, and a number from Chilver's Coton and Nuneaton. The service was fully choral, and conducted by the Provost, Archdeacon F. B. Macnutt, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., assisted by the Archdeacon of Loughborough, Rev. Canon Harper, of Great Easton, and other clergy.

After the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' the Lord Bishop, Right Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D., welcomed the ringers in these words: 'Brethren, I bid you welcome to our Cathedral as fellow-workers for God in your sacred office as bellringers. It is yours to call to worship with your glad peals the people who dwell in the towns and villages of our diocese. And now to-day you have assembled here to dedicate your service to God, and yourselves to offer to Him the prayers and praises to which in the fulfilment of your vocation it is your wonted task to summon others.'

The lesson was read by Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., from Numbers x. 1-10. After appropriate prayers and the ringers' hymn, which comprises five stanzas from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' beginning 'Ring out the grief that saps the mind?'

The Bishop gave a very inspiring and comprehensive address, and at the conclusion of the service shook hands with all present, and kindly enquired of their home towers.

Owing to another engagement he could not be present with those who partook of tea—about 150—but came in for a few moments and gave all the visitors a hearty welcome to Leicester. He hoped that, the first, would be the forerunner of even greater gatherings to be held annually.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by R. G. Black 1-2, J. Morris 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, R. F. Elkington 7-8, F. Wilford 9-10. Dispensing to the various towers again, further ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m., when sundry of the 'elite' gathered together for a convivial at the Fountain. Songs by the veteran Joe Needham, with his old favourite, 'The fine old English gentleman,' J. Morris, H. Mansfield, C. H. Webb and others enlivened the proceedings, with interludes on the handbells by W. Willson, A. H. Ward, R. F. Elkington, C. H. Webb, J. and E. Morris.

It was declared by all who joined in the proceedings to have been a most successful day, and, should the promise of making it an annual event be carried out, perhaps the beginning of greater things in the future.

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Near to this monument are a number of scythe-heads—now reduced to 13—nailed to the wall above the doorway of the south chapel. They are said to have been used in this battle, but, it is stated, 'they much more likely pertained to the Lincolnshire rising of 1536.'

Owing to a slight error, ringing at this church had the appearance of being doomed to failure, but, after a good deal of 'hunting and dodging' the necessary article was acquired, and the ringers were enabled to have about an hour's ringing on the six bells, after which the whole of the party, including Mr. W. Alcock, Branston, who, with the aid of his motor-bike, had joined them at Tattershall, adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where tea awaited them.

At the conclusion, Mr. C. H. Baker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr. H. Torr) for the excellent way in which he had organised the outing. Mr. T. Clark seconded, and in addition included the caterers and driver.—This was unanimously carried and duly responded to.

After a brief visit to the public gardens and other places of interest, the journey was once again resumed, this time for Wragby, the last place for ringing on the programme. Here is a pretty church, containing a nice ring of six bells. These were, undoubtedly, the best bells, both in respect to tone and going order, that had been handled during the day. Shortly after eight o'clock the party were once more seated, now homeward bound, via Market Rasen and Caenby Corner, and Gainsborough was reached at 10.15 p.m.

Having been favoured with glorious weather, nice scenery and safety from accidents, this was declared to have been one of the most enjoyable outings by the party. The Vicar (Canon Morris) had hoped to take part in the day's proceedings, but, to the regret of the ringers, was unavoidably prevented from doing so. Best thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and all others who had helped to make the outing such a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT VISIT SNAITH.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, June 16th, at Snaith, situated in the West Riding between Goole and Pontefract, close to the famous Carlton Towers, the seat of the Baroness Beaumont. There was an attendance of between 45 and 50 members and friends, from Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Thorne, and the local tower. A very agreeable day was spent, the glorious weather adding no little to the enjoyment. Short touches were rung on the ring of six, which would be greatly enhanced by the addition of two trebles, and one hopes ere long some generous benefactor will come along and supply the deficiency, thus fulfilling a much desired improvement.

A service was held in the very interesting old church of St. Lawrence, with a short address by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Moxley, M.A., and was followed by an excellent tea, which was served in the schoolroom.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), who regretted his inability to be present. A letter was read from the daughter of the late Mr. J. S. Calvert, J.P., thanking the members for their expression of sympathy on the decease of her father.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Kirk Ella, a delightful village nestling at the foot of the East Yorkshire Wolds, and situated some five miles out of Hull, where the bells, a peal of six, are at present under restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and will be opened in time for this meeting.

Ten new members were elected: Miss Florence Tate, Goole, Messrs. R. Coldwell, A. Ward, C. Fish, G. Hodgson, H. North and J. Bullock, of Snaith, and Messrs. H. Dyson, A. Atkinson, and H. Brown, of All Saints', Pontefract.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his address, service, use of bells, and for presiding at the meeting, also to Mr. H. North for the admirable arrangements. One cannot help but feel gratified by the success of this, the association's first visit, which had been anticipated with interest both by the Rector and ringers, and hope the stimulus thus aroused will be maintained.

A FIRST 720 OF LONDON.

At Hayes, Kent, on Monday, June 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: G. Harwood 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First 720 in the method as conductor and by the remainder of the band, on the bells and in the Lewisham district. The band wish to associate Messrs. H. Reader and T. R. Flint with this 720, as they were unlucky to be standing out when success was achieved.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. J. Simons 1, G. S. Morris 2, C. H. Jennings 3, F. C. Benger (conductor) 4, J. Morris 5, C. B. Hurst 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8. Arranged for Messrs. J. and G. S. Morris, of Leicester, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. Ringing in this tower every Sunday at 5.30 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 24th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Bennett 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8.

APSLEY END.—On Sunday morning, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob, in 42 mins.: R. Bruce 1, F. Kirk 2, C. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, F. Elliott 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 of Wells Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, C. Todd 3, G. W. Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, Roland Park 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Dr. Waters, formerly curate of this parish, and now Rector of Aldbourne, Sussex, and hon. Canon of Chichester Cathedral, who was on a short visit to Darlington, and who preached at the above service.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. E. Morgan (conductor) 1, J. Phillips 2, G. Day 3, T. Ford 4, H. Morgan 5, C. Davis 6, J. W. Jones 7, H. Amos 8. Mr. Davis hails from Deptford, London, and this was his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On May 20th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter (conductor) 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 20th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Gregory 1, E. A. Gregory 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, A. Mays 4, H. C. Mulford 5, W. Seymour 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The great carillon and clock made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for Louvain University, the former being the largest in the eastern hemisphere, with 48 bells weighing 31½ tons, was opened with great ceremony on Wednesday.

In connection with the event, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have printed, in three languages, a delightfully interesting and well-produced souvenir booklet.

For recasting the bells of the Church at Sulgrave, Northants, where George Washington's ancestors were born, the American Sulgrave Institution has given £250, Sulgrave friends in England have contributed £100, and Mr. Harry Godfrey, of Sulgrave, has presented a clock. The five bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6.30 p.m.

As there have been many inquiries on the subject, it may be well to explain that the postponement of the East Grinstead Guild meeting at Crawley on June 16th was due to a broken gudgeon of one of the bells. There was no other reason.

'Simple Simon' would like to know, after an experience at Leicester, why Cambridge Surprise Maximus cannot be rung with an eight-bell compass, and what is the man behind who makes 11th's place under the treble, to do, if the treble doesn't get behind at all?

The first peal of Double Oxford Bob, a length of 6,000, was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 6th, 1832.

Holt's original was rung for the first time on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Holt himself called the peal from manuscript.

James Barham rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817. He was then 91 years of age, and the peal was Leeds Treble Bob at his home church of Leeds, in Kent.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

REPRESENTATIVES OR DELEGATES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that you have not got the matter quite right? The position of members of the Central Council is similar to that of members of Parliament, and not of delegates to a Trades Union Congress. They are bound to respect the wishes of those they represent, but they should not (save in very exceptional cases) go to a meeting already pledged to vote in any particular way. Otherwise, what would be the good of having any debate at all? Their position is that they are men who, from their ability and knowledge, can be trusted to do their best for their association and the Exercise in general, and this surely implies that they would put the interests of their association before their private prejudices. It also implies that there might be cases where they would put the interests of the Exercise at large before those of their association.

I am not a representative member, but if I were I should certainly claim to be myself the final judge of how I should vote, and if my association were dissatisfied, why then I should cease to represent it, and the members would have the usual remedy.—Yours,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE COUNCIL'S POWERS.

Sir,—Your leading article, 'Times have changed,' in to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be welcomed throughout the ringing community. Hon. secretaries who are representatives on the Central Council are in a very difficult position. The fact, however, that the Central Council have no powers to enforce their decisions leaves the association and ringers to do just as they choose. (I mean, of course, in the ringing of methods, etc.)

For the Central Council to have powers is a very open question, but I feel sure that if the associations sent delegates as delegates ringers would gradually gain confidence in the Central Council, and in a short time, if that Council repeats the question as to powers, I believe they will be successful.

After all, we should have a central governing body or national organisation, and it is only by this means that the Council could speed up publications for which expense is too great now.

In conclusion, might I point out that in the new issue of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' on page 5 it is stated that at the inaugural meeting there were present 74 'delegates'?—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Please make known through your paper that the peal of Little Canterbury Pleasure Major, rung at Loughborough, and said to be the first rung in that method in the list of records published June 22nd, is not the first. This was rung by the Kent Association in October, 1924. With apologies for the oversight, yours faithfully,

A. T. BEESTON,

for the Records Committee.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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TRADITIONAL BELLS.

The following motion was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the discontinuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish alike on historical, spiritual and practical grounds, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their efforts individually or collectively to prevent any such breach with ancient usage.' In the course of a lengthy speech Mr. Edwards said there were in different parishes bells traditionally rung. In some cases the origin of the bell was known. There were, for instance, a number of cases where a bell was rung, in consequence of a bequest, during the winter months of the year to guide travellers through the darkness. In many other cases the origin of the ringing was not known. In his own parish there were two bells traditionally rung—what they knew as the 'Eight o'clock bell' on Sunday mornings, Christmas Day and Good Friday, and a bell rung immediately after morning service on certain days. There was a speculative reason of their origin. There were parishes where a bell was rung in the early morning and in the evening, and in some cases in the mid-day. In such cases that bell was a survival of the Angelus. The most numerous class was where the bell was rung in the evening, in most cases at 8 o'clock, and in a few at 9 o'clock. Wherever that bell was rung it was generally known as the Curfew. It might be safe to call it the Curfew, but it may have been even of earlier origin than the days of William the Conqueror. From inquiries he had made he had rather come to the conclusion that the origin of the curfew was firstly not secular, but religious. In places where there was a monastic establishment the bell was rung as a signal for the monks to chant their last canonical office and retire to rest, and the priests in charge of the parishes around the monasteries encouraged and instructed their parishioners, at the sound of the bell, to say a prayer, put out lights and retire to bed, and as the Ave Maria, in addition to the Lord's Prayer, was the most familiar form of devotion, they were instructed to recite the Ave Maria for their evening devotion. Hence the bell became known as the Angelus. When the Conqueror came to the throne he made a decree that throughout England a bell (which in his, the speaker's belief, had been rung in many places for religious purposes) should be universally rung at eight o'clock, and at the ringing it should be compulsory to cover the fires, by raking the ashes over the embers, and putting out the lights. That ordinance of William the Conqueror did not remain in force for more than a century, but when the restrictions were withdrawn the bell continued to be rung, and that fact very strongly supported the view that the real significance of it was not civil but religious, for it continued to be rung by those in charge of the church. Already, before William the Conqueror, a bell had been used for a similar purpose. It was on record that Alfred the Great, a century or so earlier, had ordered a bell to be rung at Oxford, and that was the signal to the students to retire to the various colleges and remain there for the night. It was very fascinating to reflect that the 101 strokes tolled by 'Old Tom' every night came in direct lineal descent from the bell ordered to be rung by King Alfred for a similar purpose. There had been periods of intermission, but that bell still had its force in different ways in the different colleges. It was his belief that the evening bell which was known as the Curfew originated as a signal for devotion, and it was adopted by William the Conqueror for a civil purpose. It was an historical fact that after the ordinance had been withdrawn that bell continued to be rung practically all over the country and in many parishes until the nineteenth century. He was sorry it had been discontinued during the last half century or so, but there were still a considerable number of parishes where it was rung. It was most deplorable that after the bell had been rung for a thousand years it should be discontinued for the merely parsimonious and mean reason of saving a slight expenditure on the rates or church expenses. But besides having an historical significance he held that the bell had a spiritual significance and spiritual value from the fact that it was a church bell and sounded from the church. In these days of gross materialism and universal absorption in the things of this world for pleasure or profit, it was of great value if in any way it compelled attention to those spiritual realities which called the church and the bells into being. The speaker then went on to deal with the practical aspect of the question. The ringing of these traditional bells, he said, ensured that at least one man in the parish would know how to ring. There were many parishes in this country, and many more in Wales, where bells remained silent year after year. Bells were just chimed for service, and sometimes not for that. The one thing that kept the art of ringing alive to a small extent in some parishes might be the traditional bell, for one man at least would have learned to ring a bell because it was part of his duties. Then when dawned a better day, when an incumbent came to the parish who was interested in the belfry, the fact that they had in the parish one man who could ring enabled them to start a new band. For the same reason, where the Curfew was rung the bell frame and fittings were bound to be kept in order. Many a boy had been taught to ring by going to help to ring the Curfew, and he considered that it provided ringers with a most valuable means, ready to hand, for training young ringers. He had endeavoured to prove that the ringing of these traditional bells had an historical, spiritual and practical value, and in view of the fact that so many of them were being discontinued, he would ask the Council to call upon its officers and

members, wherever they heard of the discontinuance of such a bell, to prevent such an act of vandalism being carried out. It was also a matter in which the Literature Committee might be of use in being asked to write on the subject to the local newspapers in places where such a bell was discontinued.

Mr. T. H. Beaumont, who seconded, said that many of these traditional bells had been rung through the liberality of people in olden times, but the use of that money had been turned to other purposes and not used for the ringing or upkeep of bells. He mentioned a case where the money had been diverted, and said they should be on their guard to prevent this where possible.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said he had found it difficult for the last 25 minutes to imagine he was at a ringers' meeting. He thought they had come to a lecture on the ancient uses of bells. He hoped the resolution would be defeated most decisively ('Oh!') It was all very well for those who lived in a quiet country village, far from the noise and bustle in which some of them were compelled to live in the cities, where they endeavoured to keep alive the art of change ringing in thickly populated districts, to talk of keeping these traditional bells going. From time to time they had outbreaks of protest in their daily papers about what was generally called the church bell nuisance, and almost invariably the thing started from the clanging and jangling of single bells. Then it grew and grew until someone came along and dragged in the ringing at some church where, perhaps, the bells were properly rung. He would like to move as an amendment: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the continuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their utmost efforts to prevent the continuance of such practice' (laughter).

The President: That is a direct negative.

Mr. W. A. Cave was extremely sorry to hear the speech of Mr. Paddon Smith. He (the speaker) also lived in a city, and he had never heard a word against the Curfew. People looked for its chiming every night. In Bristol they would be sorry to lose it.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said this surely could not be a contentious question. One newspaper during last summer published an enormous number of letters about the use of the Curfew and different bells rung traditionally through the centuries, and the conclusion was arrived at that there were at least 300 or 400 parishes in this country where the Curfew was still rung. There was not one word of complaint about it.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett asked the Council not to take his friend, Mr. Paddon Smith, too seriously; when he spoke most gravely he was very often laughing inwardly, and he suspected that his speech on this occasion was one of that kind (laughter).

Mr. R. Whittington said he did not think the jangling complained of referred in any case to the Curfew. He would like to substantiate what Mr. Edwards had said about the Curfew having a tendency to keep the bell frames in order where there were no ringers. Once at Marlborough he tried to get some ringing, and was told that if he liked he could ring the Curfew that night. He was highly gratified, but when he went to the tower he found there was only just room to ring the bell. The rest of the belfry was filled with birch brooms, grave boards and other articles, and had it not been for the Curfew it would probably have been impossible to get into the tower at all (laughter).

On the motion being put, it was carried. Mr. Paddon Smith was the only dissenter.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES NOT FAVOURED.

The Hon. Secretary proposed: 'That the Council should consider the feasibility of supplying and fixing memorial plaques in towers associated with famous ringers of the past.' He said he had put this on the agenda partly because of the correspondence which came in last year about the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood. Plaques in memory of famous men were put up in the City of London by the City Corporation, and the London County Council in other parts of London put up rather elaborate circular plaques on the houses associated with the great men of the past. It had occurred to him, therefore, that the Central Council might like to do something in the same way with regard to famous ringers. It would be no good going to the City Corporation and asking them to put up a plaque at St. Bride's to the memory of Benjamin Annable, who used to ring there, and who was buried at St. Bride's, but the Central Council might do it, provided there was money to do it with, just as they had recently put up a tablet to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood. He had inquired of the city surveyor what the cost of the city plaques was. He was informed that they were made by Doulton's, and the Corporation paid £3 5s. each for them. There were also some bronze plaques in London, which cost between £5 and £6, but they could not do better in regard to effect than the majolica plaques. The proposal, he thought, could be carried out in this way, if the Council gave its consent to the consideration of some such scheme. The local associations could, if they thought fit, put forward the name of some well-known ringer of the past whose name was worthy of commemoration. The Council could then, if it acquiesced, arrange with Doulton's to supply the plaque, provided the local people subscribed the necessary money. The memorial could then be opened with due ceremony, and they would have the ringer commemorated for all time. He, therefore, recommended the motion to the Council's consideration.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who seconded, said he did so because he was in sympathy with the idea, but the gist of the whole thing to his mind

was the question of cost. He could not see how the cost was to be borne at present.

Mr. Trollope asked where they were going to put these plaques. They might look very well outside a church, but inside they already had their memorials in the shape of peal tablets, and the people who saw them already knew all about these worthies. Before supporting the motion he would like to know where these tablets were to be put, and who were the people it was proposed to commemorate.

Mr. James George said if they started this scheme he did not know where it would end.

A Member: With you (laughter).

Mr. George said he could not see where it was going to end, and it would be a very expensive matter.

The Rev. C. A. Clements said if they put such a memorial in the church they would have to get a faculty, and that would cost them about £5. If they wanted to put it in the belfry, as Mr. Trollope had said, they would be putting it where, in all likelihood, there were already records of the performances of the men they wished to commemorate. If they desired to erect plaques they would have to submit an application to the Chancellor and pay most elaborate fees.

Mr. W. A. Cave said when the Roll of Honour of ringers was compiled he suggested that, as they met every third year in London, it should find a resting place somewhere there. If they carried out the present idea, with which he was in entire sympathy, he suggested it should be in the same way, so that when they visited London every third year they could go and inspect the plaques.

Mr. Hughes said he thought Mr. Cave hardly knew what Mr. Young meant. The idea behind the motion was that these plaques should be placed in the different churches throughout the country, where these famous men had been ringers. For instance, they would place a plaque in the belfry of St. Martin's, Birmingham, to John Carter.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he would respectfully suggest to the hon. secretary that he should withdraw the proposition. He did not think it was practicable. There was the difficulty first of all of where they were to begin, and where they were going to end, in the men they were going to commemorate, and when they had selected one or more, where were they going to put up the plaques? If ever a man deserved a memorial it was John Carter, but the suggestion that it should be placed in St. Martin's belfry did not meet with his personal approval, because Mr. Carter rang comparatively little in that tower. The greater part of his Birmingham ringing was done in connection with St. Philip's Church, where he was head of his own company. That difficulty would arise in nearly every case. He did not think the Council could undertake the work with any prospect of success or in a manner to give any general satisfaction.

The motion, on being put, was defeated by a large majority.

The President said it would have been a great expense to place such memorials on the wall of a church, and it was very doubtful whether an Advisory Committee—it would have to come before them—would pass it. They would ask, 'Who was John Carter?' He would be absolutely unknown to them; or 'Who was Benjamin Annable? Who was William Shipway?'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the following resolution: 'That in the "Conditions required for peals" laid down by the Central Council, the following be inserted: "On five bells. That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120." And the following be substituted for the present definition of a peal on six bells: "On six bells. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720."'

Dealing first with the portion relating to six-bell peals, he said the proposal was merely to bring the definition into line with present practice. As the definition now stood in the 'Rules of the Council,' peals of Cambridge Minor rung on the plan published by the Rev. F. Bankes James were ruled out, because it was provided in the conditions required for peals that the bells should strike round at the end of each 720. In Mr. James' arrangement there were seven true and complete 720's if rounds were treated as the first row of the first 720. Rounds, however, did not occur at the beginning or end of all of the subsequent 720's, but the alteration to the rule which he proposed would enable this arrangement to be recognised as a true peal. With regard to the peals on five bells, the Council had hitherto had no definition, so that strictly they had not recognised peals of Doubles by their rules. The motion, as drafted, was to place peals of Doubles on parallel lines to peals of Minor. In doing this they would not exclude Pitman's spliced 240's of Grandsire when rung in a peal, because these consisted of two true 120's, if rounds were counted as the first change of the 720.

The Rev. H. Law James: The first change of Grandsire Doubles is 21354.

Mr. Goldsmith said he was not going to argue the theoretical side of the methods; all he was concerned with was what they were to include under the heading on 'Practical Ringing' in the Decisions of

the Council. With regard to the other frequently practised arrangement of Grandsire Doubles, by Mr. Morris, that, by the definition which he proposed, would be ruled out of peals, and he had little regret that it was, because each of the 120's included a repetition of no less than 40 changes. The Council should aim at raising rather than lowering the standard of peals, and while Mr. Morris' arrangement would make a variation when ringers were practising, there was no reason why such flagrantly false six-scores should be admitted in peals. Mr. Goldsmith added that there was nothing in the motion which would exclude that other method of calling extents of Grandsire, by which the 'half-hunt' bell was changed. These arrangements were perfectly true, inasmuch as they merely spliced five extents into the middle of one other.

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and remarked that the 720's of a method might be perfectly true, but instead of coming round at the end of each the last row might be 132465 or 143265, in which case the next 720 would begin with 134256 or 142356. By repeating this process the end of the third 720 would be 124365, and the fourth would start again from 123456.

The Rev. E. S. Powell supported the resolution. He agreed that they should stiffen up the definition of a peal. At present they would recognise a peal if all of the 42 six-scores of Doubles were called in exactly the same way. He would therefore like to move as a rider that in a peal the calling should be as varied as the method or methods would permit.

Mr. Coles said he would prefer the rider to be left out. It would rather complicate matters. At present a peal of Grandsire Doubles was recognised if the standard ten callings were used. If the rider were carried it would mean that they would have to include these spliced arrangements, which would not commend itself to all ringers. They would be trying to force ringers to ring what they did not want to ring, and they would not allow a peal with the ten standard callings to be recognised as a peal. If the motion was left as originally proposed, he felt sure it would get the support of most of the representatives present. He hoped the resolution would be passed, because he would not like to see such a splendid composition as Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor excluded from recognition, as it was by the present rule of the Council.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said he regarded a peal in a different light from that in which most people regarded it. He could not conceive why a peal of Minor or Doubles should not be considered as a unit and not as a string of 720's or 120's. All that it was necessary to lay down was that a change should not occur more than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles. The resolution, as they had heard, ruled out certain spliced 240's because they were not in complete 120's. There was another type of peal of Doubles, one in which they rang up to a certain lead-end, then started another 120, and, having finished it, went back and finished the first. He held that the definition in the motion would rule that out.

The Rev. H. Law James said that these latter 120's would not be ruled out.

The motion, on being put, was carried without dissent, but the rider, put as a separate proposition, was defeated by 13 votes to 9.

MILESTONES.

Ye Citye of Ladye Godiva,
Ye Hostellerie of Peeping Tom.

Dear Editor,—I did sit this evening of Grace in an Ancient and Time Honoured Inn in a Fayre Citye that has bells which won't go round and round, and I did discuss ye forthcoming Godiva celebration with ye beste of spouses, and did bemoan the fact that Ye Fayre Ladye could not be welcomed with joyous peals, as was the wont in years long gone down to history, but that only mechanical 'tintinabulations' could now disturb ye parish jackdaws. But ye goode Dame, farseeing as ever, did assure me that there were bells enow, and none who dared or cared to ring 'em. What appeared to trouble her most was that poor Peeping Tom would have lost his eyesight long ere Ye Fayre Godiva appeared on her lily white 'Osisis' at the Postern Gate. So, good Sir, I did hie me home with head held well aloft, lest I did suffer from 'the wrath to come,' to which all men (who marry) seem to be heir. It went down to history that Lot's spouse looked behind and was turned into a pillar of salt. Many a devoted swain has been turned into an article which could crawl up a worm hole in grandma's rocking chair, an' he 'looked behind' in Coventry when his beste of spouses was with him. Ah me! They knew a bit in old Lot's days, and salt has its uses, if only to put on the dicky birds' tails. But when I meet old Lot in the hereinafter aforesaid, I'll roust him for not telling his heirs and assigns the recipe for making his famous pillar. So there!

Be that as it may, good Sir, this in your ear. I got one thing that old Lot missed. I got your first, very first number, and I've got it yet, and I've got Number 900, and I hope to live to take 99 more; then won't we be a couple of old inhabitants, me in my inglenook, reading No. 999. Here comes ye beste of that ilk, and she doth console me with the fact that this is the first of your 'milestones' which I have read on English soil. No. 1 was in Overijsyl, and others all over the map, and she expresses the pious hope that success and prosperity will attend the publication of all your milestones, but she trusts you won't publish another 900 before I am again at home to rip the wrapper off another milestone.—Yours very sincerely,
SAMIWELL.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE FIRST SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild, when it was formed, decided to separate its annual business meeting from its festival and to hold the former in the early part of the year and the latter in the summer. The first festival took place last Saturday at Epsom, and attracted an attendance of 150 from a large proportion of towers in the diocese and from London. Epsom is well situated in regard to rings of bells, for not only has it a peal of ten and another of eight in the town itself, but close at hand is Ewell with eight and Ashted with eight, and a little further away, but on the road for most of the visitors from the Guildford diocese, Leatherhead, with a ring of ten. All these bells had kindly been placed at the Guild's disposal, and, although in some cases the start was slow, there was eventually plenty of ringing done on them in the later afternoon and evening.

The festival service was held in Epsom Parish Church, where the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir) had made arrangements. Members of the Guild augmented the choir, and the music was thus well rendered. The preacher was the Bishop of Guildford (president of the Guild), who was accompanied by his Chaplain (Canon Irwin), the other clergy present, in addition to the Vicar of Epsom and his curate, being Rev. Sir John Herschel (West Clendon) and Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson (Shalford), both hon. members of the Guild.

The Bishop's address was based on Psalm cxxxiii. 1, 'Beloved, how good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.' He was not speaking to them that day, he said, as bellringers, but as church-workers, whose love and devotion to the Church was witnessed and proved by their voluntary work. But the Church and the nation had been passing through a time of great crises, and through which they had emerged by prayer and devotion. It was not for us to choose the moment when some great crisis emerged, but it was for us to act when it came, to look it in the face and meet it calmly, quietly, courageously, and by God's grace turn it to the common good. The Bishop went on to speak of the efficacy of prayer. We wanted to feel, he said, that we were surrounded by prayer, that the atmosphere of the church was full of prayer, a desire for love and kindness towards one another. He did not think we should have got into this sort of tangle if we had all been praying, as we ought to have been, for the spirit of wisdom and forbearance to others. He appealed to them to take their part in prayer, and take their part in the life of the church and in the services of the church.

Following the service, the members of the Guild and friends partook of tea in the Church House. The Bishop presided, and Mr. W. Harrison (Guildford) proposed a vote of thanks to their Diocesan for coming there that day and giving them such an uplifting address in which some high ideals had been set before them. He called for three cheers, which were heartily given.

The Bishop of Guildford, in a brief reply before leaving for another engagement, said it gave him unmitigated pleasure to be there that afternoon. The Diocesan Guild of Bellringers was one of the soundest, most united and most melodious he had ever known. He wished the Guild a long, vigorous and successful life.

WINCHESTER GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Hon. Secretary said it had not been intended to bring any business before the meeting, but he had received some communications from the hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, which it was necessary to put before the members that day, in view of the Winchester Guild's annual meeting on the following Saturday. Those who attended the last annual meeting of the Winchester Guild would remember that it was proposed that the Guildford Guild should join in the Winchester Guild's celebration of their jubilee in 1929, and Basingstoke (where the first meeting was held in 1879) was suggested as being a good place. The secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had now written that as Basingstoke would be rather far away from the area of the Guildford Guild, he suggested that the jubilee meeting should be held at Farnham and Alton, or Haslemere and Petersfield, or Yateley and Hawley.

Mr. Goldsmith threw out the idea that the Guildford Guild should combine their summer festival next year with this event, and this was unanimously agreed to. On a vote being taken as to which district the members preferred for the meeting, Haslemere and Petersfield was selected by a large majority.

The secretary of the Winchester Guild also wrote with regard to the Matthews memorial fund. He said with the £33 in the Special Purposes Fund of the old Guild, the total in hand amounted to £81 5s. 8d. A number of prominent towers connected with the old Guild had not yet subscribed, and as most of those who knew Rev. C. E. Matthews would want to be associated with this memorial, those who wished to subscribe and had not yet done so were asked to do so at an early date, as the fund will soon be closed. The five old bells at Milford-on-Sea have been removed to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have been entrusted with the work. The bells are to be broken up and replaced with a new ring of eight, with tenor of 12½ cwt. in G, the total weight of peal to be 50 cwt., and the bells to be hung in new iron frame. It was expected that the Guild's memorial will be the two treble bells, which will be suitably inscribed. It was also expected that the dedication will be some time in November next. It was hoped that the opening band would be made up of one representative from each of the seven districts of the old Guild.

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NEW CORNISH RING.

A SIMPSON-TUNED PEAL OF SIX.

One of the most interesting parish churches of Cornwall has been enriched by the addition of a ring of six bells tuned on the Simpson principle, and supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. This is St. Piran's Church, Perranzabuloe (or St. Piran-in-the-Sands). It is interesting to note that the present building is the third which has been erected in the parish. The earliest was the church or 'oratory' of St. Piran, an early British saint. This building, from its structural peculiarities, is assigned to the 6th or 7th century, and may have been built over the tomb of the saint, as a headless skeleton, thought to be that of the saint, was found buried beneath the altar when the oratory was cleared from sand in 1835. The second church was built in the 12th century, and stood until 1803, when, owing to the encroachment of the sand, it was found necessary to move the site of the church. Accordingly the tower, windows, arches, pillars and porch were removed to the present situation. On the north side of the nave there is a white marble tablet, and underneath the following inscription: 'The first stone of this Parish Church was laid in the year 1804, after two former ones had been successively overwhelmed with the sand of the desert in which they had been imprudently built.'

The dedication of the new bells took place on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, the eve of the feast of St. John-the-Baptist, and was performed by the Lord Bishop of Truro (Dr. W. H. Frere). The church was crowded, many not being able to gain admittance.

Immediately after the service the bells were raised in peal, and rounds rung by the St. Erme ringers, who were assisted by Mr. W. J. Hodge, the donor of the tenor. This was followed by 120 Grandsire Doubles and a plain course of Bob Minor, to demonstrate the difference between odd and even bell ringing by: A. S. Roberts 1, W. H. Southcott 2, H. Bennett 3, Dr. J. Symons 4, F. G. Viles (conductor) 5, F. I. Hairs 6. During the evening, 720 Bob Minor was brought round by: W. H. Southcott 1, S. R. Roper (conductor) 2, F. G. Viles 3, A. S. Roberts 4, H. Bennett 5, F. I. Hairs 6. Apart from these two performances of change ringing and one other 120 Grandsire Doubles, the rest of the ringing was in the true Cornish style, 'rising, rounds and falling,' and call changes.

A substantial meat tea was provided for all the ringers present by Mr. W. J. Hodge, to whom were expressed many thanks.

During the afternoon and evening a fete was held in the Vicarage grounds, and over £80 was realised in aid of the curate fund.

The bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be heartily congratulated on erecting such a splendid little ring, the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. The treble is the gift of the Rev. R. T. S. Tolson, Vicar from 1909 to 1923, in memory of S.L.S.T., A.T.S.T., M.H.S.T., H.T.S.T., and L.R.S.T. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are the three old bells which have been recast. No. 5 bears the following inscription: '1928. M. O. Boyd, Vicar. W. de Vere Skrine, curate. W. J. Hodge, F. Arthur Mitchell, churchwardens. Charles H. Trenerry, hon. treasurer.' The tenor is inscribed as follows: 'To the glory of God and in loving memory of Anthony Hodge, who died August, 1912, and also of Susan Harriet Hodge, his wife, who died December, 1918, at Kirkdale, near this church. Given by their son, Wm. Jervis Hodge.'

There is every hope that Perranzabuloe Church will soon possess a proficient band of ringers. There are already four or five local men who can ring rounds fairly well, and under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Hodge should progress favourably. A ladies' band is also being formed, and the Vicar (the Rev. M. O. Boyd) has also expressed his desire that his tower should be affiliated to the Truro Diocesan Guild.

MARBURY BELLS REOPENED.

Marbury (Cheshire) bells, having been retuned and put in a new steel frame, were reopened on Saturday, June 23rd. There was a large number of ringers present, including the Master of the Guild, Rev. C. A. Clements. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Vincent, who also provided a splendid tea. Touches of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob were rung.

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with Canon Coleridge as representative of the Central Council, to complete the number.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Master, and seconded by Admiral T. E. Walker, to the Rev. C. R. P. Muir for arranging the service, to the organist, to the incumbents of Epsom Parish Church, Christ Church, Epsom, Leatherhead, Ashted and Ewell, for the use of the bells at their respective churches, also to the Vicar of Epsom and Mr. A. Moore (one of the churchwardens) for throwing open their gardens to the members.

The Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir, in reply, said how pleased he was that the Guild had visited Epsom for its first festival, and hoped they would come again. He informed the members of the death two days previously of Mr. Thomas Miles, who had been connected with ringing in Epsom for 63 years.

At the request of the Master, the assembled company stood in silence for a brief interval, as a mark of respect. They then dispersed to the various towers for further ringing. During the day most of the popular methods from Bob Minor upward were rung, the concluding touches at Epsom Parish Church being courses of Cambridge Surprise, Royal and London Surprise Major by different bands.

METHOD NAMES.

ST. SIMON'S AND ST. CLEMENT'S.

St. Simon's and St. Clement's provide us with another anomaly in method names. Unquestionably what is published in the C.C. 'Collection' as St. Clement's Minor is the correct extension of St. Simon's Doubles, and it does not bear much resemblance to St. Clement's Triples.

Mr. J. A. Trollope writes: 'In reply to your correspondent, St. Clement's Minor and Major are most certainly correct extensions of St. Simon's Doubles. We do not, however, propose to alter the names by which these are universally known in the Exercise.'

THE TWO METHODS COMPARED.

Mr. George Baker says: I do not think that anyone who examines the following figures will dispute the fact that they are what they are represented to be:—

ST. SIMON'S.		
Doubles.	Minor.	Triples.
12345	123456	1234567
21435	214365	2143657
24153	241635	2416375
42513	426153	4261735
24531	246513	2467153
	425631	4276513
42351		2475631
Lead-head 14253	245361	4257361
	Lead-head 142635	Lead-head 1426375

When the Round Blocks of the above method are compared they give a progression of 2-1 to infinity.

That 'Saint Simon's' is not 'Saint Clement's' will be obvious to all those who understand the proper way of extending methods. A method with two hunts can never be the same method as a method with one hunt.

ST. CLEMENT'S.

Doubles.	Minor.	Triples.
12345	123456	1234567
21354	213546	2135476
23145	231456	2314567
32415	324165	3241657
34251	342615	3426175
43521	436251	4362715
34512	346521	3467251
43152	435612	4376521
41325	345162	3475612
14235	435126	4357162
	413256	3451726
Lead-head 12453	142365	4315276
		4132567
	Lead-head 124635	Lead-head 1246375

The Round Blocks compared give a progression of 2-1 to infinity

DOUBLE SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if anyone who has rung any of the Double Surprise Minor methods will forward me the names under which they were rung.—Yours, etc., J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing.

RINGING HOLIDAYS, 1928.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following proposals are under consideration:—
Mr. F. Bennett's party, Saturday, August 4th-11th; Devon and Cornwall.

Mr. G. Williams' party, Saturday, September 15th-22nd; Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Mr. J. H. Cheeseman's party, Saturday, October 19th-26th; Leicestershire and Yorkshire.

It is very likely members will leave London on the Fridays. Will those ringers who have taken part in previous ringing tours kindly communicate with me or the above well-known conductors, stating their wishes, and how many days they are available?—W. H. Fussell, secretary pro tem., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

NOTICE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION & ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.
—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Sat., July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th, when the following towers were represented: Beedon, Bucklebury, Shaw, Newbury, Thatcham, Kintbury, Woolton Hill, Highclere, Swindon, and the local ringers. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of Oxford Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss Robinson (Wokingham), and Mr. Hussey (Aldbourne) were also present. Service was held at St. Lawrence's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Wardley King), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. T. W. Brooks presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, when 33 sat down.

The business meeting followed, with the Master presiding in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch). He was supported by the branch secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The next meeting was fixed for Yattendon, on September 1st. A combined practice will be held at Shaw in August.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. H. Wardley King, Mr. Brooks, and Miss Burgess for providing the tea. The tower was again visited, and some good ringing was done in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Kintbury tower was afterwards visited by some of the ringers.

WEDDING BELLS AT ORSTON.

On Saturday, June 2nd, an event of considerable interest took place at St. Mary's Church, Orston, Notts, when Mr. J. W. Drury, a well-known ringer of Barrowby, Lincs, was married to Miss Ethel Magson, daughter of Mr. Thomas Magson, formerly a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, one of the few ringing clergy, officiated. To celebrate the occasion the following rang 720 of Grandsire Doubles: A. Walker (Orston) 1, A. Muckears (Hough) 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston) 3, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) (conductor) 4, J. Taylor (Orston) 5, S. Wilson (Orston) 6. The Rev. and Mrs. Sturton most generously provided tea for the visitors and the local band, and further ringing took place afterwards, the methods being Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles, St. Clement's, Single Court, and Bob Minor. The social side included a game of tennis. The best thanks of all were extended to the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Sturton for their hospitality. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it is hoped to arrange another gathering in the near future. Those interested in tennis should get their rackets in coursing order.

DERBYSHIRE RINGERS MARRIED.

On Saturday, June 2nd, at Overseal Parish Church, near Burton-on-Trent, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. Joseph Wm. Cotton and Miss F. Doris Parker. The Rector, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, officiated.

The bridegroom, who has been a member of the local band since the opening of the bells in 1920, has rung 27 peals for the Midland Counties Association, whilst the bride is also a member of the Overseal company.

To mark the occasion, touches were rung by the following local ringers: W. E. Clayfield, J. Carlton, J. West, A. Jackson, W. H. Curson, H. Hughes, L. Freeman, A. Adams, H. I. Southerd and W. Bosworth, whilst later an attempt for a peal had to be called round half-way.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton received many congratulations, and were the recipients of handsome and useful presents, and they have the good wishes of the ringers of the district for every happiness in their married life.

At St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, Kent, on June 9th, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Maskell and Miss R. Burgess, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Thurstans') in 50 mins.: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Pitman 3, W. Fright 4, H. Baker 5, W. Tickner 6, T. E. Stone (conductor) 7, A. Battin 8.

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DIRECTORY.—Last day for receiving names July 14th. At present 43 counties and hundreds of towns and villages are included. Ringers should make sure now of being included and receiving this most useful book, 1/- subscription.—E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 7th. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6).—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth).—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Yeovil. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bells available: Yeovil (10), East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6). Would those who require tea kindly notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. The bells at North Bradley (6) and Hilperton (6) available for ringing in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. A special bus will run from the Duke of Edinburgh, Caversham Road, at 2.30. Tea will be provided for all members.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Alconbury on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 4th. Bus leaves Huntingdon Market Square 2.30 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bradfield, July 7th. Ham tea provided free to all who write Mr. C. H. Gillett, Bradfield. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. Buses leave Malin Bridge car terminus at 2.30, 3, 4.15.—R. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham (8 bells), on Saturday, the 7th, at 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8 bells) will also be open.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells of St. Mary's (6) from 2.30 p.m., also ringing at All Saints' (8) during afternoon and evening. Service St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'Voltas' Tea Rooms, Mill Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will all members desiring tea let me know by Wednesday, July 11th, at latest? All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells), on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30, to make arrangements for annual general meeting at Blackpool, Sept. 29th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Rd., Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, on the Rector's lawn, weather permitting. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) just rehung, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All ringers and friends invited to this Hertfordshire hill-top village. Frequent buses from Dunstable and St. Albans to the foot of the hill. Will all who think of coming please make an effort to let me know early, on account of arranging for tea. The Vicar hopes that we shall have a bumper meeting. Do come!—W. Ayre, Laverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch, at Chewton Mendip, on July 14th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify by the 10th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30, tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by July 10th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers for the ensuing year then takes place, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells (8) available after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send word by July 10th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell Minster (bells 8) on Saturday, July 14th. Cathedral service at 3.15 p.m.; ringing commences 4. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Ringing again from 6.30 to 8.30. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, 2, Oxtou Road, Southwell, not later than Friday, July 13th.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11½), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5, tea 5.30. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the Institute followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary by Tuesday, July 10th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, July 14th. The bells, a recast and augmented peal by Taylor & Co., will be available from 2.30 p.m. A frequent bus service runs to within five minutes' walk from both Chorley and Preston. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's View, Brownedge, not later than July 12th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ulcombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector after service. Kindly notify as early as possible.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each, which must be applied for before July 10th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual outing of the Romney Marsh Guild will take place on Saturday, August 18th, when a journey will be made to the Isle of Sheppey by motor coach. Will all those who intend going please send their names to the Hon. Sec., C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, July 19th, so that arrangements can be made?

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON. — Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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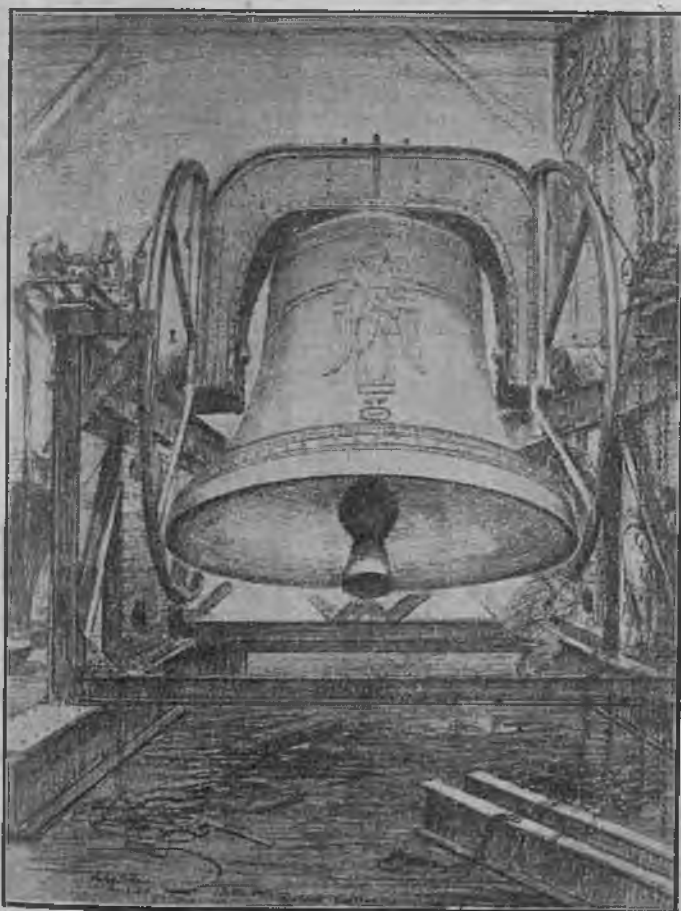
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DEANS' STRANGE ATTITUDE.

It is difficult sometimes to understand the working of the ecclesiastical mind in regard to ringers and ringing. After more than fifty years of labour the associations throughout the country have, happily, brought home to the large majority of the clergy not only a sense of their responsibility in connection with church bells, but a realisation of the fact that the majority of ringers also have an appreciation of their own responsibility with regard to the ringing of them. And yet from time to time instances come to light of some action or other on the part of authorities which, to those outside, are inexplicable. Such a case is that which happened a fortnight ago at Gloucester. A company of ringers who were going to visit the city had been offered some weeks before, through the local company, the opportunity of ringing with them for morning service at the Cathedral, where there is a peal of eight bells of medium weight. Judge of their astonishment, therefore, when on arrival they found that the Dean, on hearing of the proposed visit, had not only forbidden that they should be permitted to ring, but had even debarred them from going up into the tower! Moreover, we have it on good authority, he was so emphatic that he issued an order that, rather than these visitors should be allowed into the belfry, the Cathedral band themselves should refrain from ringing for the service.

To find words to criticise respectfully the action of the Dean is almost impossible. His attitude is simply past comprehension. No explanation was offered, and the visitors, who had travelled a long distance for the privilege they had been promised and hoped to exercise, were merely shut out at the belfry door by the whim of a dignitary, whose position makes him an autocrat and who apparently has not the least notion of the common courtesies which prevail in these matters, not only among ringers, but, happily, among almost all the clergy and church authorities throughout the land. Ringing in the city of Gloucester, once one of the most progressive and active centres of the art, has been nearly dormant for some few years past, and, if this is the spirit which prevails among those who have control of the bells, the reason is not far to seek. If we may say so, we consider that the Dean offered an unpardonable affront to a responsible company of ringers. He must have forgotten the Biblical injunction, 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers.' Unlike the Bishops and Archdeacons of the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, he does not appear to give his support to the Diocesan Association of ringers, and perhaps this accounts for his lack of appreciation of

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the amenities which it is usual for the authorities of one church—even though it be the Cathedral Church of a diocese—to extend to the ringers of another.

There is another lamentable case of a Dean refusing admission of diocesan ringers to the mother church of a diocese, and that is at Lichfield. Here the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs is persistently rebuffed, and is unable to obtain permission to ring at the Cathedral on the occasion of its meetings except once in two years! Strenuous and respectful efforts have been made to induce the Dean to relax this rule which he has made, but without avail. Again, it is an incomprehensible attitude; but the Dean is the final court of appeal. Such cases as this are few, but their rarity makes them more conspicuous. In the very places where we should look for the exemplification of Christian brotherhood, we find those in authority behaving in exactly the opposite manner, and when things reach the stage to which they appear to have come both at Gloucester and Lichfield, it is time someone did a little plain speaking, even at risk of offending such a highly placed personage as a Dean.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

EDWARD CAENCE	Treble	*TOM WILDE	7
*ERNEST JONES	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	8
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON	9
WILLIAM BIBBY	4	JOHN WILKINSON	10
JOHN E. BIBBY	5	*JAMES H. RIDING	11
*ALBERT J. HUGHES	6	*EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING	Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON	
GEORGE HUGHES	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	JOHN PERRY	8
JOSEPH PIGOTT	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
MORRIS J. MORRIS	5	*HARRY BOSWELL	Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN WILKINSON	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
*ERNEST JONES	2	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	JAMES H. RIDING	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London. First peal of London in Liverpool.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
JOHN SOUTER 3	THOMAS FORD 7
ALBERT HARRISON 4	GEORGE ARCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (146). Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... ..Treble	JAMES FLOYD, SEN. 5
JACK STOPP 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
HERBERT GATES 3	WALTER AYRE 7
HENRY GOLDING 4	† E. J. WYNN... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. J. Lavers and Miss S. Elliott, which took place at Biggleswade on June 30th; also to celebrate the birth of a son to the wife of the conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..Treble	† CHARLES DYKE 5
THOMAS LOCK 2	JAMES BENNETT... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	EDWARD LANKESTER... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JACK TOWELLTenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MIXED BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. McVAY ... ..Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5
EDWARD A. IERN 2	WILLIAM J. DAVISON 6
JOHN ANDERSON... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	ADAM DEAS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. Rung on the 18th birthday of W. J. Davison.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOHN CURTIS... .. 6
EPHRAIM W. RANDE 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The conductor has now called a different composition of Stedman off each bell in the tower.

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(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... ..Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIES 6
WILLIAM MARTIN 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
P.S. RICHARD STEERS... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN... ..Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Daynes.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. SONE ... ..Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
TOM SADNERS 3	BERTRAM LOCK 7
HARRY BAKER 4	ALBERT RELFE ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th, 1928.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of All SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..Treble	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 5
JAMES J. P. DAVIS 2	FREDERICK C. BENDER 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
CYRIL TURNER... .. 4	HORACE P. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman, also first in the method on the bells, and only the third peal rung on them. The Rector (Rev. E. de Thurston) and curate (Rev. R. East) met the band with refreshments, and congratulated them on their success.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
FREDERICK CLARK 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY 6
*ERNEST COOPER 3	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 7
HARRY BARNES 4	PERCY GLDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. P. Gledstone.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

AUDREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	*CHARLES F. AUSTIN 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	†FREDERICK E. PARNELL ... 6
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 3	HERBERT J. HOLE 7
*TOM COLLINGS 4	*CHARLES BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Drew on the eve of his 85th birthday. Mr. Drew has been connected with ringing at Paignton for 70 years. First peal on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	HARRY SMALE 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	PETER CROOK 7
*JAMES INGHAM 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal.

EARL SHILTON.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

AN EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7
C. HENRY WEBB 4	*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal. The ringer of 7th has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 2	†SIDNEY HUGHES 6
*ALAN M. HICKMAN 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WALTER LYCETT 4	BERTRAM L. JONES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Mr. W. Weatherby has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—At St. John's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal which had been arranged for Mr. H. Pailing, of Nottingham: C. Francis 1, H. Pailing 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, G. N. Williams 6.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. HAISTEAD ... Treble	†GEORGE BAILEY 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CHARLES E. LOVETT 6
JAMES RAMPLEY 3	WM. L. DUFFIELD 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 5
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
HARRY WARD 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
GEORGE W. STEEL 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	†FRED GARDNER 4
*OSWALD J. HUNT 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Surprise.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLIE TOVEY ... Treble	WILLIAM HALE 4
THOMAS PENDRY 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 5
HAROLD HALFORD 3	JAMES J. CAUSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal of Minor by all the band, except the ringer of the fourth. All are service ringers at the above church.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS F. FREECE ... Treble	JOHN J. PRICE 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD ... 5
JOHN F. EVANS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

*ROBERT H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. M. L. Thomas. All the ringers are members of the above church, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by its own band.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JOSEPH SHARP 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

*CHARLES ROBINSON Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
*FRED C. GINN 2	*ARTHUR J. GINN 5
*BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. First in method on the bells. First peal of London by a local band for the association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At St. BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

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

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS WISEMAN 3-4	HORACE COOPER 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RINGING AT NINETY-ONE.

A peal on the newly-restored bells of Aldington, Kent, had been arranged for Saturday, July 7th, but the band met 'one short.' The help of Mr. C. Slingsby was secured, and he, with great enthusiasm, although 91 years of age, rang the treble to 720 Bob Minor: C. Slingsby 1, A. C. Kay 2, E. S. Ruck 3, H. C. Castle 4, P. Page 5, H. Parkes (conductor) 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung by H. Parkes 1, W. Sheerwood 2, P. Page 3, A. C. Kay 4, H. C. Castle 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 30th, the 117th 'Ringing Day' was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. Ringing continued throughout the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods being rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. The places represented were Clapham, Catford, Colchester, Cornard, Gestingthorpe, Great Yeldham, Greenstead Green, Lawshall, Long Melford, Little Walsingham, Otley, Shipley (Yorks), Sible Hedingham and Ufford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLET AT BARLBOROUGH.

Saturday, July 7th, was a memorable day in the history of the North Notts Association. The occasion was a visit to Barlborough, and the day had been looked forward to by the inhabitants of the village generally, and by churchpeople and ringers in particular. It was an ideal summer's day, and the 60 members of the association who turned up thoroughly enjoyed themselves in this remote corner of Derbyshire.

On February 4th of this year the ringers at Barlborough rang a peal of Minor in four methods at St. James' Church to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Locker Lampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey T. Locker Lampson, P.C., M.P., of Barlborough Hall, and to commemorate the event a peal table has been erected in the tower. The association received a hearty invitation from the Rector of Barlborough to hold a meeting at that place to unveil the tablet, and to partake of tea in the Rectory Grounds. Further, Mr. Locker Lampson and family gave the ringers permission to look round the grounds and through Barlborough Hall. Left in the capable hands of Mr. P. E. Hibbard and his colleagues at Barlborough, together with the hon. secretary of the association, the arrangements were admirably carried out. The ringing visitors came from Auston, Barlborough, Cuckney, Harthill, Branston, Eckington, Chesterfield, Gainsborough, Brimington, Killamarsh, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, East Markham, Ordsall, Warsop and Worksop.

A short service, with suitable hymns and prayers and eloquent and appropriate address by the Rev. M. Howard Coates, of Brimington, took place, and the peal tablet was afterwards unveiled by Mrs. Locker Lampson. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung by four Barlborough ringers, with Mr. H. Stenton and Mr. H. Haigh.

After the service an adjournment was made to the Rectory lawn to partake of a sumptuous tea, provided by ringers' wives and friends.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. M. H. Coates, who was acting temporarily as Rector in the absence of the Rev. W. H. Griffiths, who was kept away by illness. He was supported by Mrs. G. T. Locker Lampson, Miss Lampson, Mrs. Griffiths, the Misses Burchall, Mr. H. Caferatta, vice-president, Mr. F. S. W. Butler, secretary of Northern Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. Haigh and H. Revill.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, September 15th, when the first competition for the Crawford silver cup will take place at 3 p.m. New members were elected as follows: The Rev. M. Howard Coates, of Brimington, vice-president; Mr. Harry Carter and Mr. Moses Billings, of Branston, and Mr. Percy Jervis, of Eckington, as non-resident life members.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. M. Howard Coates for his inspiring address, for arranging the unveiling of peal tablet, and for presiding over tea and meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. Haigh) made allusion to the long illness of the Rector of Barlborough, and the ringers shared with him the hope for his speedy recovery.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Locker Lampson and her daughter, the churchwardens and others, and to the ladies of Barlborough for catering for the wants of the visitors, also to the ringers and all others who had used their best endeavours to make the gathering a success.—The Rev. M. H. Coates replied in a humorous speech.

On the invitation of Mr. Godfrey T. Locker Lampson, the ringers and friends were escorted through the grounds by Mr. P. E. Hibbard and the Barlborough ringers, who subsequently showed them through the interior of Barlborough Hall, with its numerous rooms well stocked with wonderful antiquities, some dating from the 11th century, including oil paintings, old carving, and hundreds of curios.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung on the bells: Plain Rub, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, Stedman Doubles, and Norwich, Cambridge, London and Wells Surprise. The bells were lowered in peal at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

LADIES' GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on June 30th, at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, members being present from Rotherham, Bradford, Armley, Bramley and Mansfield Woodhouse. The delightful peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon, the methods including Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples. A splendid tea was provided in the Church Room, where the Vicar gave the visitors a most hearty welcome and extended a very cordial invitation for future meetings.

At the business meeting which followed, four new members were elected, and the retiring officers re-elected en bloc.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and the local company for their valuable help in making the meeting such a success. September 29th was the date chosen for the next meeting, the choice of a suitable place being left to the secretary.

Further ringing, including courses on handbells, took place during the evening until a comparatively late hour, and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

'HEALTH, VIRILITY AND KEENNESS.'

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. The assembly was not as large as usual, partly due to the fact, no doubt, that the Cathedral bells were not available. However, those at St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and St. Chad's were made good use of. A visit to the last-named was very interesting. The bells are a ring of four, with a tenor about 12 cwt. The date of the treble is 1670, 2nd 1664, 3rd 1625, and the tenor reputed to be 1033. In the belfry is fixed a board, of which the following is a copy: 'These bells were rung for 3 hours 30 minutes on February 2nd, 1928, consisting of 740 courses of six changes. Total 4,440. By the service ringers. 1st bell J. Powles, 2nd J. Walker, 3rd J. Maycock, 4th A. Smith. Time and record was kept by H. Brown.' This, indeed, must constitute a record. As one of the visitors remarked, after complimenting the band, 'You deserve the Victoria Cross!'

Tea was provided at Lloyd's Restaurant, during which the Bishop of Lichfield entered the hall and gave the members a word of welcome.

At the general meeting which followed, Mr. J. E. Groves was unanimously voted to the chair. The committee's report was read and approved, as was also the balance sheet, and ordered to be printed.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master, Mr. John C. Adams succeeding Mr. Robert Pickering, retired, according to custom.

The Central Council representatives gave a brief report of the proceedings at the Hereford meeting.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Alrewas in September, Walsall (if the bell restoration is completed) January, Norton Canes April, and Lichfield for the annual in June. A vote of thanks to the officers and chairman terminated the meeting.

SOCIETY'S FORMATION RECALLED.

In their report the Committee said: If the attendance at meetings is any indication of the health and virility of a society and of the keenness of its members, we can look back on 1927-28 with gratification. At Tamworth last September more than 90 members and friends were present, and at Willenhall in January the attendance of over 100 was probably a record for a quarterly meeting. Brewood is not very accessible, which possibly accounted for the small number present on April 14th. Forty-three new ringing members have been admitted during the year, including 11 life members. The financial position is strong, and the year's working shows a balance of 22 lbs. 5d. The peals scored during the year were as follows: Grand sire Doubles 2, Triples 5, Caters 1, Steadman Doubles 1, Triples 9, Caters 4 (one on handbells), Cinques 1, Double Norwich Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Royal 1, and Oxford Bob Major 1; total 27. The society is the poorer by the loss through death of Reuben Hall, one of the original members of the society, Harry A. Farlow, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Richard W. Burrows, Banbury, formerly of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and James Culwick, All Saints', West Bromwich. Old records are frequently worth reading, and the following, which is a copy of the minutes of the meeting which led to the founding of our society, may be of interest to members:—

'On Thursday, May 17th, 1883, a meeting of Lichfield ringers was held at Archdeacon Iles' house in the Cathedral Close to consider the desirability of forming a society of change ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, similar to that already existing in the Archdeaconry of Stoke. There were present the Ven. Archdeacon Iles, Rev. J. J. Serjeantson and Mr. W. Wood, of St. Michael's Society, Mr. Gallimore, Master of the Cathedral ringers, Mr. J. Key, Master of St. Mary's ringers, and Rev. J. R. Keble, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was decided that a society of change ringers should be founded, having for its objects: (a) To recognise the position of ringers as churchworkers, (b) the promotion of the art of change ringing, (c) belfry reform. It was then agreed that a meeting should be called on Saturday, June 2nd, for the purpose of constituting a committee and appointing officers, and that invitations should be sent to the Masters of important ringing associations in the archdeaconry inviting them to attend. The Rev. J. R. Keble consented to act as secretary.' Mr. J. Key is still with us—the only surviving member of the society since its foundation 45 years ago. It will be seen the society was born in the Cathedral Close, which makes it still more disappointing that nowadays we should not be welcome in our original home.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT'S TENTH 'PEACE' GATHERING.

The annual invitation meeting at Brabourne—the tenth 'peace' gathering—was held by the kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear on Saturday, June 23rd, and attended by about 50 ringers and friends. Service was held at five o'clock, Rev. Cooper, of Benenden, giving the address, and Mr. W. E. Pitman presiding at the organ. Tea was served in glorious weather on the Vicarage lawn, and was greatly enjoyed. It being the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and of Mrs. Lockyear, 'Many happy returns of the day' were expressed. Ringing was kept up until 8.30, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor to celebrate the birthdays making a good finish to a successful meeting. Tenterden was chosen for the next meeting on July 28th.

HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

Members of the above associations met together at North Mimms on Saturday last, and, being favoured with fine weather, it was not surprising that some 40 or more ringers attended, in spite of the difficulties of reaching this out-of-the-way spot. It was very pleasing to see well-known ringers from places as far apart as Crayford and Dunstable, Tonbridge and Luton, Romford and Hitchin, Sunbury and Baldock, Leyton and Harpenden, besides others from towers in closer proximity, and again the value of these occasional joint meetings was shown in that they enable ringers to become acquainted with many whom they would not otherwise meet.

At the service in the very pretty church, the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Rev. G. C. Ward), whose address was much appreciated.

Afterwards tea was partaken of, and subsequently, with no business to be discussed, it was left to the various officers of the two associations to say a 'few words.'

Mr. G. Cartmel (president, Herts Association) welcomed the Middlesex members to Hertfordshire. On his way to the meeting, he said, he had wondered who had started this very popular series of meetings, and he now thought the Middlesex Association had something to do with it. He congratulated that society, stating that these meetings were all for the good of ringing and increased the spirit of unity amongst ringers. In an age when there was so much disorder, even in the Church, the bellringers were setting a good example of unity, which he trusted would long continue. He was exceedingly pleased to meet so many old friends, whom he again heartily welcomed.

Mr. F. A. Milne (president, Middlesex Association) thanked Mr. Cartmel for his eloquent words of welcome. He also emphasised what the first speaker had said as to the value of these joint meetings, and felt that they should be encouraged. He was very glad to be present, and hoped that the spirit of unity between them would increase.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex N.E. District) expressed thanks to the Hertford Association for the cordial welcome given to them that day. He said that the idea of these meetings was first given to him by his friend Mr. Hewett, who he was pleased to see present, and to whom he was grateful. They had held four very successful meetings with the Essex Association, and this was the second with the Herts Association. On September 22nd, at Waltham Abbey, it was hoped that the three associations would meet together. Mr. Coles concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells that afternoon, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. G. C. Ward, in his reply, said that his thanks were due to the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Clanson, who a few years ago had presented them with two new bells, for he felt that he could not have expected such a successful meeting of the two associations without the attraction of a peal of eight bells. He expressed gratitude and appreciation to all present for attending.

Mr. W. Nash (hon. secretary, Herts, St. Albans District) proposed that next year's joint meeting should be held at Hadley (Middlesex). He said he was pleased at the success of this meeting, which he had much enjoyed.—Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex) seconded the choice of Hadley for next year's meeting, which proposal was affirmed.

Mr. W. Cartmel proposed thanks to all who had done anything towards making the meeting a success, especially mentioning the ladies who had prepared the tea. This was carried.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was in the capable hands of Mr. W. Pye, who saw to it that all were satisfied. No less than twelve methods were rung, including five Surprise methods. Those who rang their first courses of London and Bristol appeared to be especially pleased, as did the local youngsters, who could only manage 'plain leads' of Major, and who did it right well.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MR. A. SYMONDS RESIGNS OFFICE AFTER LONG SERVICE.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday last. Rev. Canon A. F. Northcote presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. S. H. Symonds (assistant secretary of the Guild). The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Green, F. Hynes, A. Reynolds, all of Monks Eleigh.

Mr. A. Symonds informed the meeting that, after more than twenty years of secretarial work for ringing societies, he wished to take a rest, and hoped they would easily find a younger ringer to fill the office of district secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Symonds for his good work in the past, and Mr. S. H. Symonds, his son, was unanimously elected to succeed him as district secretary.

A strong appeal was then made to the ringers, asking them to obtain more honorary members, and also new recruits to their ranks.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Preston in September. Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Northcote for presiding, and Miss I. Barton, Kettlebaston, for so kindly attending. This was supported by the Secretary, who spoke of the kindly interest these two take in bells and ringers.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the grand old peal of six.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESS OF FIVE-BELL MEETING.

The Lincoln District held their second quarterly meeting at Eagle on Saturday, June 30th, and, being well attended, the meeting was one of outstanding success.

There was a unique feature attached to this meeting due to the fact that it was believed to be the first five-bell tower at which the Lincoln District ringers had assembled for the purpose of holding a meeting. The attendance, numbering about 35, was a very representative one for the district, and included in that number were two lady ringers from Sutton-on-Trent, and one from Collingham. Members of the local band were in attendance, and it was noticeable that they had made satisfactory progress in ringing since their initiation into the Guild some few months ago. An innovation regarding ringing at meetings in the Lincoln District takes the form of methods selected for preferential study and practice, and for this occasion the methods New Doubles and Stedman Doubles were chosen. The latter method was particularly favoured in the afternoon, and it was observed that a number with, perhaps, but a brief familiarity with the method of Stedman made themselves much more acquainted with it in a very little time. The method of New Doubles, like unto its name, was a new thing for this district, and came up for trial later in the evening. At first a plain course was tried, and, finding that it went so well, the band were eager to try a more lengthy touch, which they accomplished. Those who had looked at the 'diagrams' found this method one of interest, and it is expected that the method will figure at future meetings, particularly where a good tenor can boom behind.

For the service, conducted and addressed by the Vicar of Eagle, the Rev. W. D. Shepherd, the attendance of ringers, together with a number of parishioners, easily filled the little church. The usual ringers' service was used, and the singing of the hymns and psalm was most heartily joined in by all. Mr. Simpson, of Lincoln, who, on account of his frequent visits to the Lincoln District meetings, can now be rightly termed the 'ringers' organist,' once again officiated in that capacity. His services are much appreciated by the ringers. The Rev. R. Bond, the president of the district, was present and read the lesson.

Tea was then partaken of, and lady members of the Eagle Church Council officiated at the tables. Afterwards there was the usual meeting, and prior to the opening of the business the Rev. W. D. Shepherd, on behalf of the Church Council, voiced a very hearty welcome to the ringers present, and paid tribute to the work of Mr. Smith who had done much to obtain recruits for the Eagle band.

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ENDERBY'S NEW BELLS.

A new peal of eight bells was dedicated at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Enderby, Leicestershire, on Sunday, June 24th, the ceremony being performed during evening service by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. The bells were raised in peal during the service, and the first touch on the bells, a 504 of Stedman Triples, conducted by Fred Dexter, was rung after service.

On the following Saturday, which was the 'Wake,' the bells were made good use of by ringers from Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Hinckley, Leicester and many neighbouring towers. Everyone expressed their satisfaction with the very musical ring. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The ringers of the opening touch thank Mr. Young, churchwarden, for his kind hospitality after the dedication service.

Practice at Enderby is on Tuesday evenings, and the head ringer is Mr. Clarence Jesson, Cross Street, Enderby, Leicestershire.

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The Rev. R. Bond presided over the meeting, and in the absence of the secretary, who was indisposed, Mr. C. McGuinness carried out the secretarial duties. Five new members, all associated with the Eagle band, were elected, and they included two lady ringers.

The selection of methods to be studied in preparation for the Wellingore meeting was discussed, and the following two methods were chosen: Oxford Bob for the beginners and London Surprise for the more advanced ringers.

Mr. Geo. Chester, one of the delegates at the Central Council meeting, briefly described some of the more interesting items of business transacted at that meeting, and he emphasised the great importance of the more advanced ringers giving every assistance to learners. He said it was unnecessary for him to go into the business in detail on account of the reports that had already appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. D. Shepherd and the Eagle Church Council for the use of the bells, to the lady members of the Church Council for tea arrangements, and also the organist. Although a peal of five bells somewhat restricts the scope of ringing, yet the Eagle bells were kept going practically the whole of the afternoon and evening, and without doubt this meeting was of value to the Guild. Handbell ringing was indulged in for a short period before and after tea. A word of praise is due to the enthusiastic way in which the Eagle ringers have come forward in increasing the membership of the Guild. Out of only a very small population the village has already enrolled 12 performing members and 1 honorary member, and the tower only contains five bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a peal of London Surprise Minor is rung, but we record one this week at Over, Cambs. The latter part of the peal was heard by Mr. C. W. Cook, who took down the lead-ends for over an hour, and at the conclusion congratulated the band on their excellent ringing.

The 'gathering of clans' from Birmingham, Derby and Sheffield will take place at Duffield to-morrow. The party from 'Midlandopolis' will lunch and ring at Derby before going on to ring and tea at Duffield. There is no doubt they will all have a good time. We know these 'do's.'

Who can beat this? Wilfred Andrews (age 14 years), of Lavenham, Suffolk, after two practices amounting only to forty minutes, rang the treble on handbells to 720 changes of Bob Minor, the striking being almost perfect.

Ringing at White Waltham has been suspended until completion of some repairs.

A hundred and thirty years ago next Wednesday the opening peal (Grandsire Cinqnes) on the bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung by a band of College Youths.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death of Isaac G. Shade, who was knocked down and killed by a motor-car on July 19th, 1926.

John Bush, a bell hanger, of Chew Stoke, 'a very experienced man and ready to serve any parish,' advertised in the 'Western Flying Post' on July 14th, 1760, that he had 'lately hung to saily' the large peal of six bells at Yeovil, the 'tenor consisting of near 50 cwt.'

The bells were 'allowed to be the largest peal of six that is in the country, and required before new hung 22 or 23 men to ring them.'

After being rehung by Bush, seven men rang them for several hours. So he must have made a fairly good job of them for those days.

At present Yeovil has a peal of ten, but the 'tenor' referred to is the same bell as that recast by Bilbie in 1728. Its weight is actually 42 cwt.

JAMES BARHAM'S LAST PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have a copy of Barham's Peal Book, which I borrowed from Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, in 1892, and Barham's last peal recorded in this book was 5,040 Bob Major, October 25th, 1813, at Leeds, in 3 hrs. 12 mins., James Barham ringing the treble, his age being then 88 years. Perhaps Mr. Theodore Slater or someone could give further particulars of Barham's peals, which I have been trying to collect for over 40 years. Any particulars of the above would be of great interest to the Exercise, and also to yours truly,

PHILIP HODGKIN.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., on the fine peal of ten bells, and subsequently the Guild service was held, conducted by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Higinbotham (who is now a licensed lay reader in the diocese of Salisbury). Tea followed at Messrs. Smith and King's Restaurant. At the business meeting Mr. C. D. Higinbotham presided. Mr. S. Hillier gave a report of the business transacted at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford, which he attended as one of the representatives of the Salisbury Guild. He said he was very much struck by the way the business was done by the Central Council, and the help given to the Guilds.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Secretary, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hillier for his report.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock and Mr. John Honey, of Abingdon, and Mr. Gordon Cauldwell, of Oxford, as life members; Miss E. Boyce and Mr. W. A. Swift, of Devizes, as ringing members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for conducting the service, and to the organist.

It was decided to hold the next three meetings as follows: Upvon July 28th, Bratton September 1st, Melksham (quarterly) October 6th.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Holt, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Stratton, Bratton, Melksham, Rowde, Trowbridge and Chippenham. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Bob Royal and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Hilberton, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob being rung.

A special meeting of the branch was held at Seend on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler. After tea at the Bell Inn, on the motion of the vice-chairman of the branch, Mr. B. Cook, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch to Seend.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Holt, Melksham, Bratton, Keovil, Warminster, Stratton and Seend. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Treble and Cambridge were rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL REORGANISATION.

The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday, when Canon Braithwaite, Canon Residentiary of Winchester Cathedral, and an hon. member of the Guild, presided over an attendance which included representatives from a large number of towers. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), and the hon. treasurer (the Rev. N. C. Woods). Ringers were present from St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, Portsea, Ryde, Christchurch, Yateley, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Winchester, Blackmoor, North Stoneham, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Newport, I.O.W., Ringwood, Twyford, King's Somborne, Romsey, Swanmore, Southampton, St. Mary Bourne, and Woolton Hill. The visitors included Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Denyer (Aldershot), and Mr. S. A. Banford (Raunds). After confirming the minutes of the last annual meeting, and of a special general meeting, in which matters relating to the splitting up of the old Guild and the formation of the new were the most important, the Secretary reported that in accordance with resolutions then passed the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had been split up into eight new districts, and that since the reorganisation no fewer than eighteen fresh towers had joined the Guild (applause). They had also been very fortunate in the district secretaries they had been able to secure. Although he was unable to give the actual number of members at the present time, it was considerably higher than when they started.

The joint report of the Master and hon. secretary and the last balance sheet of the Winchester Diocesan Guild were adopted.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The report stated that it was well to think that the affairs of the old Guild had been wound up in such an amicable manner, and while they were sorry to part with so many old friends, it was generally agreed that the smaller areas would give easier working facilities, and therefore become of more benefit to ringers and the Church. Attention was drawn to the reciprocal arrangement between the new Guilds, whereby resident members of one might become compounding members of the other upon payment of 1s., if application be made during the year 1928. The number of members who paid their subscription during the year was: Honorary 74, full 646, probationers 114, unattached 14, compounding 9. After referring to the lamented death of the vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews, and the effort being made to provide a suitable memorial by giving an additional bell or bells at his old church at Milford-on-Sea, the report said restoration work had been going on apace. Haslemere had been augmented to 10, Deane to 6, King's Somborne to 6, Fordingbridge (8), Gosport (8) and Newton Valance (5), had been rebung and restored. It was also understood that the bells at Milford, Highclere, Monk's Sherborne and Burgclere would be put in hand shortly. Increased bell restoration, the report continued, meant more work for the Guilds, and individuals as well as bands should ever be on the alert in obtaining and training likely recruits for the Exercise, as only by ever increasing their numbers could they hope to get the bells rung regularly for the Sunday services. Keen appreciation for the support given by life and honorary members, whose generous help and encouragement was of great value to the work of the Guild, was given, and the report added that it was good to find that quite a number of the clergy were beginning to take an interest in the Guild. It remained to ask for the wholehearted support of all incumbents in the area of the three dioceses and to assure them of the readiness of the two Guilds to help them in any way they could. In conclusion, the report thanked the officers and members for their help and co-operation, and expressed the best wishes to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, with the hope that both would enjoy a long life of prosperity.

The treasurer's balance sheet showed that £50 7s. 10d. was received from the districts, and that a balance of £31 19s. remained in hand at the end of the year. The balance was disposed of by paying £3 2s. 4d. in committee expenses, £14 10s. for the printing of the 1927 report, the £14 6s. 8d. then remaining being divided as to £3 11s. 8d. to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the remaining 75 per cent. to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The Master presented a report on the Central Council meeting, for which he was thanked.

THE MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the present position of the Matthews' memorial. The Guild's appeal had met with a good response, £81 15s. 2d. having been received. A further £10 had been promised from Lymington tower and friends. The Parochial Council at Milford had agreed on a scheme for recasting the present five bells and making them into a peal of eight, with tenor of 12½ cwt. The cost would be about £600, and it was hoped to raise enough money in the Guild to provide the two trebles. Following an old custom, it was intended to give each of the bells a name. These names would be: Treble 'Faith,' 2nd 'Hope,' 3rd 'Love,' 4th 'Peace,' 5th 'Joy,' 6th 'Liberty,' 7th 'Patience,' tenor 'Victory.' The Rector had asked what inscription the Guild would like put on the bells which they proposed to give, and had suggested the following, which he (the speaker) thought would have met with the wishes of the late Mr. Matthews had he been alive: Treble: "Faith." The gift of the Win-

chester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, in memory of their vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1928.' Second: 'Hope,' and the same inscription. Mr. Pullinger hoped they would be able to raise the memorial fund to £100, which would more than pay for the metal in the two bells. It would not be sufficient to pay for the fittings as well, but he believed the Parochial Church Council would be satisfied with that amount. He had already issued three appeals, but there were still a number of prominent towers in both dioceses from which nothing had been received.

Mr. Andrews suggested that another appeal might be broadcast, and hoped that the total amount required would be in hand in the course of the next two or three months.

The inscriptions were approved, and it was thought that the ventilation of the subject would be sufficient to bring in amounts from those who had not yet subscribed.

The vice-presidents, the Bishop of Southampton, and the Archdeacons of the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, were re-elected. and Canon Braithwaite and Mr. George Williams were added to the list amid applause.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, Rev. N. C. Woods; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; recorder of peals, Mr. F. J. Rogers; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

Mr. Pullinger said he thought it was time he handed the work over to someone who had more time to carry it out, but the members would not hear of any change, and eventually the secretary's suggestion that he should have the assistance of Mr. F. W. Rogers in getting out the annual report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Smith, who was unable to be present, also asked to be relieved of his duties as auditor, but the Master, having remarked that this was his 'annual report,' the members at once re-elected him.

WINCHESTER GUILD'S JUBILEE.

A long discussion ensued on the place and date of the next annual meeting. Next year the Guild will celebrate the jubilee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the desire had been expressed that the members of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild should join in with the members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. In order that some place convenient to both Guilds might be considered, the feeling of the Guildford Guild had been ascertained, and of the places suggested Petersfield and Haslemere were recommended.

Some members expressed the view that the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild should have two separate gatherings, one for the annual meeting and the other for the jubilee celebration, and this was ultimately resolved upon. It was decided to hold the annual general meeting at Portsmouth on the first Saturday in June, 1929 (an amendment to hold it at Christchurch being defeated), and the jubilee festival at Petersfield and Haslemere on the first Saturday in July, proposals to hold it at Farnham and Alton and on August Bank Holiday being defeated.

A sub-committee, consisting of the hon. secretary, the Master and Mr. F. W. Rogers, was appointed to act with representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in making arrangements.

The Rev. Thomas, of Romsey, was elected an hon. member, Mr. H. J. B. Beale, of Lymington, a life member, and Messrs. C. Green and J. Green, of Ringwood, were elected ringing members.

The meeting then discussed a new set of rules, the draft of which had been recommended by the committee. The rules follow fairly closely the rules adopted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the only point that raised any discussion was that of the affiliation of towers. Mr. E. Tucker said that, as the Parochial Church Council in his parish already paid the ringers' subscriptions to the Guild, he could not ask them to pay another 5s. He was opposed to such a rule.

It was pointed out that the rule was not compulsory, but only that the towers, through the incumbent and Parochial Church Council, should be 'invited' to subscribe.

Being asked to say how the rule worked in the Guildford Diocese, Mr. Goldsmith explained, that the object of this affiliation was not merely a question of raising funds. The principal desire was to give the church authorities a direct interest in the work of the Guild, and in this he felt the Guildford Diocesan Guild had very largely been successful. The affiliation scheme had been well received, and out of the 48 towers from which they had members, about 40 had actually paid the affiliation fee for this year, and he believed most of the remainder would do so.

In view of the fact that payment of the fee was not compulsory, Mr. Tucker withdrew his opposition, and the rules were unanimously adopted.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting Col. Stillwell, of Yateley, a great supporter of the Guild, had passed away, and in the Guild's name he wrote to Mrs. Stillwell expressing the sympathy of the members. He read a reply conveying grateful thanks from Mrs. Stillwell and family, and his action was endorsed.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr. W. T. Tucker, concluded the business, and the members then had tea together, a party of about 70 sitting down.

Service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Southampton was the preacher, then took place, the Guild's form being used.

On account of the amount of business to be transacted, there was no opportunity for ringing until the evening, and the twelve bells at the Cathedral then came in for good use, among the visitors being members of the Hillingdon (Middlesex) band, who were in the district for their annual outing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

Notice of a motion had been given by Mr. Walter Ayre: 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.' The President said the Standing Committee had considered this notice and, as it was not in order in not having a seconder, as provided by the rules, the matter could not be considered at that meeting, and they would, therefore, pass on to the next business.

Continuing, the President said the Council had to decide upon the place for next year's meeting. From the beginning, the Council had followed a definite rule as to localities. Every first year of a new Council the meeting was held in London, then they met north and south, east and west, and after that they went to the Midlands. This time their strict rota was London, Hereford, which was almost north-west, and from that they should go south-east. The Standing Committee had considered the matter, and they recommended that Chelmsford should be the place for the next meeting. The hon. secretary had received an invitation from the Essex Association—a cordial invitation to the Council to visit Chelmsford in 1929. The Central Council, the letter pointed out, had not yet met in Essex, and Chelmsford was the centre of a young and vigorous diocese. There were ample ringing facilities, including a ring of 12, eight rings of 8, and two of 6 in the immediate neighbourhood. Chelmsford was on a main line, with a good and frequent train service, and there was ample accommodation for their meeting in the Cathedral Hall. The letter which they had received added that the Essex Association would next Whitsun be celebrating its jubilee, and the attractive programme which it was hoped to carry out on Whit Monday would be a pleasing prelude to the Council's meeting on the next day. If the invitation were accepted, the association and its officers would do their utmost to make the meeting a success and arrange for the members attending to have an enjoyable time.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said as one of the prime conspirators in the sending of that letter he would propose, if necessary, that the Council should meet at Chelmsford in 1929. The Council would be given every facility, there was ample accommodation, and as the Council had never been to Essex before—probably because it had never been asked—it would be a fitting climax to the association's jubilee celebration. If a motion on the subject was not necessary, he desired to support the Standing Committee's recommendation.

A member proposed, as an amendment, that the Council should visit Blackburn, which was the centre of a new See, but on being put to the vote Chelmsford was carried by a large majority.

TO KEEP TOUCH WITH YOUNG RINGERS.

The Council then gave its permission for the discussion of the first item of addenda to the agenda paper—motions which had been received after the original agenda had been published.

The first was a motion put forward by the Guildford Diocesan Guild: 'That this Council invite its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.' (A brief outline of the scheme was published in our issue of June 1st.) The motion was proposed by Mr. R. Whittington, who said they constantly heard of the difficulty which associations had in getting young ringers to take an interest in ringing. Although they in the diocese of Guildford were not isolated as some other associations were, they experienced the same difficulty. They knew the trouble it was to get young people interested in ringing, and also how disappointing it was, when they had managed to get some of them on, to lose them when they had to go away to work. They also knew how much more disappointing it was when they knew that in going away these young ringers would, in all probability, owing to their strange surroundings, be lost to the Exercise altogether. The older ringers, of course, would always find their way to a tower, but they ought to do all in their power to see that a young ringer, once he had put his hand to a rope, should never be lost sight of. He hoped the Council would 'father' the scheme which his Guild put forward, so that they might get uniformity of practice. For lack of a scheme, he maintained, they had lost a lot of ringers. He instanced a case in his own parish where quite by accident he found that a young ringer had come to live among them, but was too shy to come to the tower, because he was afraid he did not know enough about ringing. This young ringer had been in the parish for months before he heard of him, and yet in the meantime he had been scouring the place to try and get recruits.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, and said he hoped the Council would not only 'father' the scheme, but 'mother' it as well (laughter).

The President said he thought it was a most excellent thing.

Mr. C. T. Coles said in the outline of the scheme they were told what to do when a young ringer went away from a district, but they were not told how to do it. The difficulty would be to ascertain the addresses of the secretaries with whom they were to communicate. He had seen in 'The Ringing World' the announcement of the publication of a Ringers' Directory. Perhaps the Council could take that over in some way and publish a complete list of secretaries.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he would be prepared to publish in 'The Ringing World' once a year a complete list of the secretaries of the

associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council (hear, hear). The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

MOTIONS OUT OF ORDER.

There were two other items of addenda, viz., 'The Suffolk Guild asks the Central Council through its Standing Committee to approve or otherwise deal with each of the proposals of the Nomenclature Committee seriatim,' and 'The Suffolk Guild also considers that the issue of diplomas should be left to the associations; but that the Council should, if necessary, organise such issue.'

The President said the Standing Committee had considered both these matters and ruled them out. First, there was no Nomenclature Committee, because that Committee was dismissed last year, and its report handed back with thanks, and the Council had not got it before them at all. With regard to the peal diplomas, the Standing Committee felt that it was coming up in the discussion on the main motion, and it was quite unnecessary to raise it separately. But even if the Standing Committee had not taken that action, a legal mind amongst them was going to bring up a point of order, and he (the president) would have had to rule it out of order at once.

This having concluded the business on the agenda, Mr. Pulling asked whether they could not now go back and consider Mr. Ayre's proposition, if it were moved, in the absence of Mr. Ayre, by another gentleman. He hoped the matter could be discussed, otherwise some people might say the Council would not listen.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said he would be prepared to propose the motion in the absence of Mr. Ayre.

The President said he was in the hands of the Council, but on taking the feeling of the Council a vote against discussing the matter at this meeting was given by a large majority.

THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

The President said he had to bring forward two matters, one grave, and the other, if he might say so, gay. They must not forget that since their last meeting they had lost a very prominent member of the Council, one whose death came as a great shock to them all. He referred to Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was a very valuable member of the Council and of the Standing Committee. Mr. Taylor had been to America, and was just about to return with a book full of orders for bells in that continent. He went bathing one day, cut his foot with a shell, septic poisoning set in, and he died within three or four days. Mr. Taylor was going to join a few of them on a ringing tour in the West of England, and when they heard of his death it threw a great blight over their week. They were able, however, to pay a tribute to his memory by ringing one of the very best half-muffled peals of Stedman Caters that could ever be rung. It was absolutely faultless from beginning to end. It was rung at Wrington, on that noble peal of bells, where Pryce Taylor would have been ringing with them had he been alive.

The President asked the Council to stand for a few moments to show their respect, which was done.

A WEDDING GIFT.

The President then went on to the second subject. He said all the members of the Council knew what Miss Edith Parker, as she then was, had done for the Council; her tremendous labours in typing collections of peals and various things. No matter what work was laid upon her, she had always been ready to do everything she could for the Council (applause). On the table before them they saw the pile of typed matter which had been done by her under very exceptional circumstances, as she had just recently been married. It had been felt by many that morning that they would like to show their gratitude to Mrs. Fletcher for what she had done for the Council by combining with all those who would like to do so in giving her a little wedding present in commemoration of her kindness and unselfish work (applause). Everyone present had been delighted to participate, and the gift had developed in the form of a cheque for £6 10s., which they asked Mrs. Fletcher to accept with their best love and their gratitude to her. They thought it best to give her the money, so that she might choose something that she would like for her house (applause). In handing the gift to Mrs. Fletcher, the President said he knew that the last thing she would think about it was that it was a monetary reward for all she had done, but that she would take it simply as a token of their love and affection and of their gratitude to her, and with the wish that she and her husband might have many, many years of happy life, and, he hoped, continued usefulness to the Central Council (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher, who had been taken quite by surprise, said she was afraid she could not make a speech, but she greatly appreciated the kind thought that had prompted the gift. Everything she had done for the Council had given her the greatest pleasure, and she hoped she might be spared for many years to help on the work of the Council. She thanked them all very much indeed (applause).

The business proceedings then concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saban, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts, have just celebrated their golden wedding, and on Sunday evening a specially arranged quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the event. Mr. Saban himself taking part: H. Saban 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. Levey 3, H. Bull 4, W. Morris 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Tarring 7, H. Wacey 8.

VETERAN EPSOM RINGER DEAD.

Mr. Thomas Miles, of Epsom, passed away on June 28th, at the age of 80 years. Deceased had lived in Epsom all his life. He began to ring at the Parish Church when quite a boy, ringing rounds for the first time in April, 1864. He rang his first peal on April 23rd, 1869, the ringers being four fathers and their four eldest sons, and a board recording this peal hangs in the belfry. Mr. Miles joined the Surrey Association soon after its birth, and remained a member till his death. He rang 61 peals, and conducted 14, his last peal being at Ewell on October 25th, 1924. Although his peals were rung in the four standard methods, he was not a great lover of peal ringing. His great point was to attend to everything connected with bells and ringers, and instructing young ringers. He was always ready to give advice, and many improvements in the towers of Epsom and neighbouring places were due to his advice.

Last August he had a paralytic seizure; three months later his wife passed away, and Mr. Miles was taken to Epsom Infirmary. Right to the end he was always ready to talk about ringing, and only four days before his death spoke of the coming festival of the Guildford Guild at Epsom, telling the writer to tell ringers not to forget to keep open leads. He said he would listen for the bells that day, but before that day came he had passed on.

Large numbers of ringers attended the church and cemetery on the occasion of the funeral on July 3rd. Muffled bells were rung for him at Epsom, where we had rung with him so often, and where we had so often been corrected when going astray. We know we have lost a wise old counsellor and friend.

J. B.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th, between 20 and 30 members attending from Battle, Heathfield, Heane, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Lewes, St. Leonards, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Waldron. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the White-chapel Bell Foundry, Mr. W. Boughton, of London, and Mr. Sone, of Linton, Kent, were also present. Ringing in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major was indulged in during the afternoon. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. Grahame Clarke officiated, and gave an excellent address.

A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members, and was presided over by the Vicar.

Owing to a prior engagement, the Vicar was obliged to leave immediately afterwards, but before he left Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service.—This was carried unanimously.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith was voted to the chair. On the question of the next place of meeting, Mr. G. L. Matthews proposed, and Mr. A. Gower seconded, that the matter should be left in the hands of the hon. secretary, who was in the best position to know which towers were due for a visit. Following some discussion this was put to the meeting and carried. The members then returned to the tower and kept the bells going merrily until 8 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MELBOURNE.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 30th, and very poorly attended, doubtless owing to several other counter-attractions that day. The peal of eight bells at this fine old Norman church—which alone is worthy of a visit—were rung (more or less successfully) to different methods.

The committee at their meeting made a small grant to the restoration of the ancient peal of five at Kirby Bellars. They also requested the general hon. secretary to send a letter of condolence to the wife and other relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Thorley, of Loughborough, who was one of the committee, and who had suddenly passed away since the annual meeting at Nottingham. This was carried in silence.

Later, a substantial meat tea was served, and the general meeting followed. In the absence of the president owing to indisposition, the vice-president (Mr. Joseph Griffin) took the chair, and was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace) and hon. secretary (Mr. E. Marris). Members were present from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, etc. New members elected since the annual meeting, viz., 3 life, 20 ordinary, were duly confirmed.

An excellent account of the Central Council meeting held at Hereford at Whitsuntide was given by the new 'delegate' or 'representative,' Mr. John H. Swinfield, who graphically explained various aspects of that meeting.

Mr. J. Griffin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for arrangements, and although one would have liked to have seen more present, yet all was carried out well. Mr. W. Wallace seconded, and this concluded the meeting.

PEAL DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We live and learn. To read in Mr. Neale's letter that I had an objection to peal diplomas was a surprise to my friends and myself. If a perfectly innocent remark can be so misconstrued, it will be wiser in future not to say anything.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

TRURO RINGERS VISIT DEVON.

Devon! Glorious Devon! was the venue selected by the members of the Truro Cathedral company for their annual outing on Whit Monday. It was a very quiet but happy party of thirty, including Messrs. F. I. Hairs and R. A. Watts (both formerly of London), the Rev. F. J. Driscoll, and wives and friends of the ringers, that left the west front of the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m. to cross the Tamar into 'England.' The long journey of sixty miles to Tavistock, which was the first stopping place, was full of interest, the party passing within sight of no less than six towers containing rings of eight and three rings of six, through the beautiful Glyn Vale of Bodmin and across the Goss Moors, Roche. They crossed the Tamar at 9.45 a.m., and pulled up at Tavistock at 10.10 a.m. Here they were joined by Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Plymouth. The beautiful Church of St. Eustace the Martyr at Tavistock is said to have existed long before 1184, and the building was inspected with interest. The bells themselves, a new ring by Taylor, are certainly a delightful peal, the tenor being approximately 25 cwt., and on them a touch of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were both brought round. The next ride was twenty miles across Dartmoor to Ashburton. The party were allowed to pass the prison, although they were ringers and were getting, like the day, much brighter. The road traversed was nothing but 'ups' and 'downs' and turns and twists, and reminded one of a diagram of Cambridge Surprise. Ashburton was reached at 12.50 p.m., and prior to ringing there was an inspection of the church, which contains no less than seven piscinas. Will the seven altars once again be restored? The Children's Corner here was an object of interest also. Then to the belfry, where the bells were raised in peal. A touch of Grandsire Triples and a well-struck course of Bob Major were rung before the lowering in peal. Buckfast Abbey was the next stopping place. Here ringing was not possible owing to the number of visitors. Perhaps it was as well, as the ringing has to be done with only a parapet, about three feet high, between the ringers and a 70 or 80ft. drop. However, they inspected the ringing peal of twelve, with two additional bells for chiming. After spending 1½ hours at the Abbey, the party moved to Totnes. They found the bells as pleasing to the ear as the fine rood screen in the church was to the eye. There is certainly plenty of tone and metal in this ring, with tenor 27 cwt. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were cast in 1732 by Abraham Rudhall, and 5th and tenor in 1863 by J. Warner and Sons. Unfortunately, the 'go' was not too good, and after one or two unsuccessful attempts Bob Major was abandoned and Grandsire Triples substituted.

Plymouth was reached at 6.10 p.m., and eight of the more energetic of the party had a hurried tea, and made a rush for Charles Church. They just had time to ring one course of Grandsire Triples and lower the bells, also to make the acquaintance of Mr. W. S. Hornbrook. Before leaving Plymouth the rest bade farewell to Mr. C. R. Lilley and Mr. W. H. Southard, the latter to commence his all-night journey to Hereford for the Central Council meeting. The 52 miles' journey to Truro was accomplished in two hours and a half, and it gave the merry company plenty of time to discuss the merits and demerits of the various bells which they had had the pleasure of ringing during the day, and also to appreciate to the fullest extent their own glorious peal at Truro Cathedral. To the Dean and Chapter are given the greatest thanks for providing the necessary funds to enable the ringers to undertake this tour, which took them at one point to within eighteen miles of their neighbouring Cathedral, Exeter.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT BENINGTON.

The Eastern District of the Hertford County Association held their meeting on Saturday, June 18th, at the old-world and historical village of Benington, and all who attended were well repaid for their effort, for the place has a fascination for all who take any part in ringing. The green and the ancient church, with its setting amongst the old trees in its spring beauty, and the quietness of the place have a great charm.

Members of the association attended from Baldock, Hitchin, Hatfield, Graveley, Nazeing, Cheshunt, Widford, Hunsdon, Kington, Letchworth, Royston, Melbourne, Cambs, Great and Little Munden. St. Albans was represented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the respected president of the association.

Tea was provided by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills, and was greatly appreciated by all, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity.

Ringling in all the standard methods was done on the famous bells, which were kept going continuously from three o'clock till nine, with the exception of the tea interval, and all who were present spent a very enjoyable time.

GOLDEANGER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, June 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Johnson 1, F. P. Lewis 2, A. C. Langford 3, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 4, C. J. Mann 5, A. Appleton 6.—Also 720 of Kent: J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, F. P. Lewis 2, B. C. Mann 3, A. C. Langford 4, C. J. Mann 5, A. Appleton 6. Ring as a welcome to A. C. Langford.—Also on Sunday, June 24th, for evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: J. D. Buckingham 1, A. C. Langford 2, B. C. Mann 3, S. J. White 4, J. R. Owens 5, H. B. Gardner (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE 'STRAWBERRY' MEETING AT HARLINGTON.**

What is the great attraction for the Middlesex County Association at Harlington, where within its tower there are only six bells? Is it the magnificent yew tree, over 1,000 years old, situated in the churchyard, opposite the beautiful Norman south doorway (cir. 1130), or the chancel of the fourteenth century, with the tower, arch and west window of the fifteenth century in the Perpendicular style? Or is it the beautiful twentieth-century Rectory gardens, placed at the disposal of the company for recreation and pleasure by the Rector, the Rev. Herbert Wilson? Or is it the strawberries that attract so many notable ringers and their friends? The writer would be pleased to know. Whatever the reason, there was a great gathering on Saturday last. The ringing opened about 3.30 with Grandsire Doubles, the hon. secretary being present with the Ringing Master and hon. treasurer, and other members of the Exercise, viz., Messrs. Blondell, Roberts, Herbert, G. and W. Gutteridge, Kippin, Cooper, Hunnisett, Turner and Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Godfrey, etc.

The service was conducted by the Rector from the 'Manual for Ringers,' the hymns being Nos. 2 and 4. Mr. Dart presided at the organ.

After service a walk through the Rectory gardens brought the company to the refreshment hall, where everything was ready, and tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Portsmouth, the host and hostess. The company was presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by the Ringing Master and hon. secretary, and the lucky 50 who were in time for the strawberries. The Rector having to leave for the church, found on his return, with three more of the party who had taken the wrong turning, and one of whom was the hon. secretary's wife, that all the berries were gone. The secretary had guaranteed 20, asking the caterer to prepare for 30; result, nearly 60 present.

At the business meeting, as an act of last respect to Mr. C. T. Edwards, of Heston, who passed away on June 26th, the company rose and stood in silence with bowed heads for two minutes, after which a vote of condolence was accorded to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

A vote of sympathy was also accorded to Mr. P. Norton, who had met with an accident, and wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, host and hostess and lady assistants and the ever-smiling steeplekeeper (Mr. Portsmouth) concluded the business.

Another visit was then paid to the gardens, where handbells, chairs and cushions were waiting to make everyone happy and comfortable, and games on the miniature golf course were indulged in. The Harlington band, with the Rector as their captain, issued a challenge to the visitors, which was at once accepted. The team of locals were the Rector, Messrs. Portsmouth, Sutton, Clark, Levett and Harr; visitors, Messrs. Herbert, W. Gutteridge, Waddington, Ellingham and Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker. Thanks to the skill of the last pair, the visitors won. Several now left to try Harmondsworth bells, for the use of which thanks were accorded to the Vicar.

With the village clock striking nine, no less than 15 were still enjoying sport in the gardens. The officials scorers were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gilbert. The Rector again appeared to bid his guests a hearty good-night, and everyone agreed that it was one of the best meetings ever held in the South and West District of the association.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—For morning service, July 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, P. Rose 2, W. G. Lewis 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. Gladman 6, F. Blondell (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.—For Confirmation service at three o'clock, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: A. Lewis 1, W. A. Lewis 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, H. C. Chandler 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, E. Gladman 7, F. Humphries 8.

IPSWICH.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Clement's Church, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. Lazzell 1, F. Bowell 2, Wm. Prime 3, H. Shemming 4, Victor E. Waters 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. All service ringers.

NOTICES.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, for all sending me names by July 23rd.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NOTICES.

DIRECTORY.—Last day for receiving names July 14th. At present 43 counties and hundreds of towns and villages are included. Ringers should make sure now of being included and receiving this most useful book, 1/- subscription.—E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells of St. Mary's (6) from 2.30 p.m., also ringing at All Saints' (8) during afternoon and evening. Service St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'Voltas' Tea Rooms, Mill Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells), on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30, to make arrangements for annual general meeting at Blackpool, Sept. 29th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Rd., Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, on the Rector's lawn, weather permitting. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Bail, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) just rehung, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All ringers and friends invited to this Hertfordshire hill-top village. Frequent buses from Dunstable and St. Albans to the foot of the hill. Will all who think of coming please make an effort to let me know early, on account of arranging for tea. The Vicar hopes that we shall have a bumper meeting. Do come!—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Sat., July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, July 14th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (8 bells). 3 p.m., service in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral. 4 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). 4.30 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers for the ensuing year then takes place, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch, at Chewton Mendip, on July 14th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells (8) available after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell Minster (bells 8) on Saturday, July 14th. Cathedral service at 3.15 p.m.; ringing commences 4. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Ringing again from 6.30 to 8.30.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11½), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea.—Edgar Guise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5, tea 5.30.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Chilton, Longcross, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, July 14th. The bells, a recast and augmented peal by Taylor & Co., will be available from 2.30 p.m. A frequent bus service runs to within five minutes' walk from both Chorley and Preston.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ulcombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector after service. Kindly notify as early as possible.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Peashurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Permission has been obtained for the Castle and grounds to be viewed after service (free to members only, any other visitors 1s. each). Tea at the Institute after the visit to the Castle, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Notice of postponement.—The Dedication and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton fixed for Sunday, July 15th, is postponed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral

on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Headquarters on the 24th at 8 p.m. for handbell practice. District meeting at St. Mary's Beddington, on the 28th at 3 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at Wonston (5), Micheldever (6) and Barton Stacey (5) from 2.30. Service at Wonston 4.15. Tea at the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, 5 o'clock. Numbers by July 18th.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify by July 19th latest? Good bus service from Cambridge and trains Long Stanton, L.N.E.R.—F. Warrington, Hon. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Bus (Midland) leaves Northampton at 2.30.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on July 21st. Bells open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice will be held at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st, at 6 p.m. No ringing at White Waltham.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. onwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Saturday, July 21st. — Reginald Scott, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club have again placed their athletic grounds, Bromwich Street, at the disposal of ringers, their wives and friends for a bowling match and social on Saturday, July 21st. Please forward names by 19th inst. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Reading Room. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 17th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, July 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Names must be sent me by the Tuesday previous without fail. Bells (8) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers heartily welcome. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 18th?—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea will be provided as usual (free) for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, July 18th, to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome, and a good attendance hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 18th.—R. R. Lewis, 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Pinner, Monday, July 23rd. Bells

from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed. A pleasant evening's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me by last post, Monday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Station Road, Haslemere, by July 23rd.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mellons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Ten-terden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Will all those attending tea please notify by July 25th? All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Bamburgh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 24th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 25th. Tea will only be provided for those who notify.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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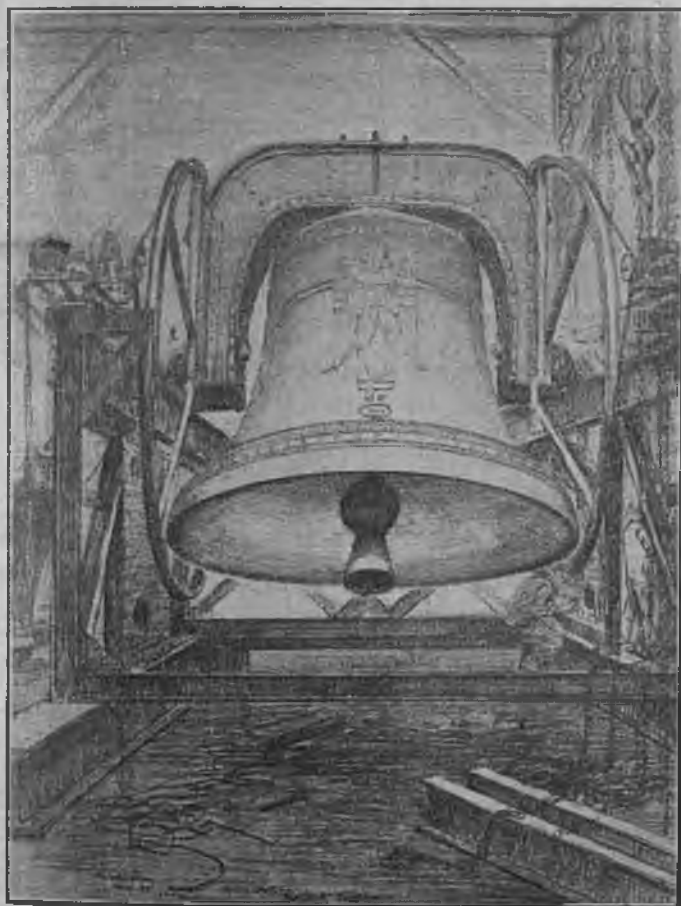
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DEFAULTERS!

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association takes a strong, but, we think, very proper line with those members who fail to pay their subscriptions. Those who become defaulters are automatically struck off the roll, and for this reason the association has lost seven towers and 58 members since the last report. Many of the associations have the power of excluding ringers who drop into arrear with their contributions, but not all of them enforce the rule. The result is that membership returns are not always a true criterion of the real strength of an organisation. Defaulters are usually the men without interest in their association, and they are always a source of expense, the mere cost of printing their names in a report and providing them with a free copy involving an outlay which can ill be spared. On the other hand, there are some who endeavour to let their subscriptions slide, but do not fail to take advantage of any facilities which their association may offer in the way of cheap travelling, cheap teas and other things. Such ringers—happily only a small class, yet nevertheless existent—are infinitely worse than the indifferent ones, who merely let their payments lapse because of the absence of any interest on their part in their county or diocesan organisation.

Among the reasons, we imagine, why in some societies defaulters are tolerated are the difficulty which is experienced in getting ringers into the fold and the hope that some day the arrears may be recovered. Twelve months, however, ought to be sufficient time for a man to find his modest subscription of two shillings, or even less in many cases, and the ringer who will not do this—unless it is through genuine pecuniary distress—is hardly worth having. He has no notion of the additional work which he and his class put upon the officials and the trouble which his slackness often involves.

Almost as bad is the man who delays paying his contribution until nearly the end of the year. He hampers the work of the association, unless it happens to be one of the few wealthy ones which have substantial funds in hand, and in other ways makes the task of the officials more difficult. There is no way in a ringing organisation of enforcing payment, but members ought to treat it as a matter of honour to meet the obligation as soon as it becomes due. While we feel that something got for nothing is never fully appreciated, it would be an interesting experiment if one of the associations could endeavour to get the Church authorities to pay, not the whole, but a portion of the contributions of the ringers of their respective towers. There is no association where this is done at present, although there are individual cases

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where the association subscription is paid for the ringers. But if, in recognition of the ringers' services, the Church Councils made themselves responsible for part of the contribution, it would perhaps result in a more prompt payment of the dues and fewer lapses of membership.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	* F. DONALD BOREHAM 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
RALPH COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
JAMES W. WILKINS 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

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

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6111 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	SAM PINDER 6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
EDWARD C. GOBBY 3	ALFRED J. BARRETT 8
GEORGE WEST 4	* JAMES F. GEORGE 9
* FRANK BRADLEY 5	NORMAN HEMMINGTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who has been connected with the above church for 31 years.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4	WALTER LAGO 9
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 5	B. LESLIE JONES Tenor

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

Treble ringer from Chester, 3rd from Wolverhampton, 4th and 5th from Hereford, 8th from Rhyl, and the rest are of the local band.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	* WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
* THOMAS HEMMING 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
HARRY PRICE 3	* HECTOR G. BIRD 8
GORDON W. CHECKITTS 4	* CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 9
SAMUEL GROVE 5	* ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Price, who entertained the band to a meat tea after the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	ALLAN F. BAILEY 8
TOM WILDE 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county, by the association, and by the hand except the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 31 cwt.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
* WILLIAM DORBIN 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 7
* LEWIS MOORE 4	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman.

CORSTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This is the first peal in the method in which two tower bells have been rung by one ringer.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	JOHN GARRATT 6
CHARLES BROWN 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	THOMAS W. BARWELL Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The conductor called the only peal ever rung on the old five in this tower.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

* MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	CHARLES LOVELOCK 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
THOMAS DAVISON 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	WILFRED G. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First attempt for Triples. Rung for the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. West. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hillier, of Devizes, Ringing Member of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
STEPHEN H. HOARD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT CATTERWELL Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
ARTHUR MAXIM 2	THEODORE SLATER 6
PERCY JOHNSON 3	GRANVILLE C. BIXBY 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GRANVILLE C. BIXBY

Arranged for Mr. J. G. Nash, of London, who was elected a member of the Suffolk Guild before starting the peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FILLOUGHLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
* WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

PENHOW, NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

T. MORRIS Treble	F. HARRIS 4
I. J. RICHARDS 2	J. A. FREEBURY 5
T. E. EDWARDS 3	A. FLOOK Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FREEBURY.

This is the first peal on the bells and the first peal for all the ringers. All are members of the local band.

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THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD YOUNGS... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
JAMES BETTS... .. 2	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. 5
ALPHAEUS BERRY... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Betts, Poppy and Rumsey. It was also the one hundredth peal for the Suffolk Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Reverse, and 4 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT... .. Treble	ERNEST F. GODFREY... .. 4
BRIAN BRAY... .. 2	GEORGE HOBBS... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 3	JACK BRAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in four methods by all except ringers of 4th and 6th. All are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor and Mrs. Bray.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 changes each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. Treble	EDWARD A. HERN... .. 3
HUGH McVAY... .. 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR... .. 4

ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cvr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 10 each of Stedman and Grandsire, and 14 of St. Dunstan, each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. ARNOLD... .. Treble	E. FREEDY... .. 4
A. HARMER... .. 2	T. PRICE... .. 5
J. JOYNER... .. 3	A. VAILE... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. JOYNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by all in five methods. All are local ringers.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE GROOM... .. Treble	JOHN LEWIN... .. 4
FRANK LEWIN... .. 2	LESLIE GROOM... .. 5
THOMAS GARLEY... .. 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal and first attempt. The band are all employees in the engineering department of the L.M.S. Railway Co., and this is the first railwaymen's peal for the Guild, and in the county. Rung at the first attempt.

FALING.—On July 2nd on handbells, at 52, Lammas Park Road, 720 Fulbeck Bob Minor: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERTIE PEPPER... .. Treble	FREDERICK DEARING... .. 4
WILLIAM HOWARD... .. 2	ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 5
HORACE PEPPER... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 300th peal.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with different callings. Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY AMOS... .. Treble	SYDNEY FOSKETT... .. 4
FRANK W. BURGESS... .. 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT... .. 5
GEORGE PARKER... .. 3	THOMAS WISE... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Ringers of 2nd and 3rd were proposed members of the Guild before starting.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JAMES H. BURTON... .. Treble	*JAMES H. MUNNISETT... .. 4
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 5
*WALTER EMMETT... .. 3	*FRANK BLONDELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Burton.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of Plain Bob and 38 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings.

JOHN R. JACKSON... .. Treble	*CECIL H. JALLANDS... .. 3
*MARK BEND... .. 2	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS... .. 4

ARTHUR W. WARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WARD.

* First peal of Doubles. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 4th. It was at this tower he first learnt to ring.

BATH RINGERS VISIT CIRENCESTER.

The members of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association had their annual outing on Saturday, June 9th, the places visited being Fairford and Cirencester. The party, numbering 33, travelled by charabanc, and went by way of Malmesbury and Cricklade to Fairford, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed and the lovely stained-glass windows much admired. The time allowed for the stay proved quite inadequate for the members thoroughly to inspect this beautiful church. After tea at the Bull Hotel, the journey was resumed. At Watermoor Church the visitors were heartily welcomed by the Vicar and towermaster, and another pleasant hour's ringing passed all too quickly. Cirencester Parish Church came next on the programme, and here the 75 minutes allowed were fully occupied, ringing on the twelve bells in that tower proving an interesting experience to many of the ringers. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The return journey was made by way of Tetbury and Acton Turville, Bath being reached just before eleven o'clock, and everyone voting the day a great success. Much to the regret of the party, the chairman of the branch, Prebendary F. A. Bromley, was unable to accompany them.

LAVENHAM.—On Wednesday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, C. Charge's): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Poulson 6, W. Fairers 7, F. A. Turner 8.

THE CHURCH ON THE 'MIRY HILL'

SOLIHULL'S BELLS IN HISTORY.

A brightly-written souvenir of a church fete at Solihull, Warwickshire, has brought a useful addition to the funds. One of the joint editors is Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, well-known in Birmingham and Nottingham ringing circles, and he and his coadjutor, Mr. E. J. P. Orrell, are to be congratulated upon not only an interesting but an entertaining booklet, with many articles of an original type and a profusion of illustrations, many of which are really historical.

In serious vein, the souvenir tells the 700 years' story of Solihull Parish Church, Solihull being just old English for Miry Hill. The history of the bells, too, finds a place, and perhaps we may be permitted to quote from this. In the sixteenth century there were three bells in the tower, but by 1659 the peal had been increased to six. In 1685 these bells were recast by Henry Bagley, a new bell was provided in place of No. 5, and two trebles were added, making a ring of eight with a tenor nearly a ton in weight. The new peal was a great attraction, and, as will be seen from the following quaint certificate (to be found among the parish records), drew ringers from considerable distances:—

* 27th day August, 1686.

'These are to certify whom it may concern; that I Samuel Scattergood, Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester, having severall times viewed and tryed ye sound of ye 8 New Bells lately cast by Mr. Henry Bagley Bellfounder for ye Parish Church of Solihull in ye county of Warw. and now hung in ye sd Church; especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd by myself and about 20 other skillful psons accompanying me from Leicester to that purpose doe with ye genll approbation & consent of ye said Persons, judge all ye sd 8 Bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall ye chearfullest & best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard. And also that ye clappers and other iron work & tackle with which ye aforesd 8 Bells are hung, are now made quite good, so as to need no further alteracon, that I know of. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this aforesd 27th day of August and dai 1686.

* SAM SCATTERGOOD.

In 1786, just a hundred years later, a peal of Bob Major, 5,184 changes, was rung in 3 hours 10 minutes, by the St. Martin's Youths, and this is the earliest recorded peal at the tower. The composer and conductor of this peal was the notable Samuel Lawrence.

Lawrence, a gentleman of means, was a native of Shifnal, who did most of his ringing in and around Birmingham. He was a tremendously big man, weighing about 24 stones, and he travelled about in a one-horse chaise, built especially low so that he could get in or out quite easily. An example of his ringing enthusiasm comes from Dudley. When the bells of that church were opened at the very beginning of the nineteenth century, Lawrence took his hand over to try the new ring. To his dismay he found that the belfry steps were so narrow and twisted so awkwardly that he could not get up to the ringing chamber. In no way discouraged, he cast his eye around, and, espying the hoisting tackle still left in position by the bell hanger, he caused himself to be hoisted up outside the tower and pushed in through the belfry window.

It was perhaps as well for Samuel Lawrence that in 1786 the floor of the ringing chamber at Solihull was lower than it is to-day, so that he had to climb only thirty steps instead of fifty-four; but this fact makes the peal a more creditable achievement, for the bells were on their old frame and the flight of rope inordinately long. Lawrence climbing Solihull belfry steps would have provided a worthy spectacle, one equalled only by the sight of the great man entertaining the successful band at supper in the George Hotel after the peal. The low chaise was the cause of Samuel Lawrence's death. One day he slipped in dismounting and fell heavily, fracturing his leg. From this accident he never recovered.

In 1841 the floor of the ringing chamber was raised from the capitals of the columns of the tower to its present position, but nothing of note was done to the bells until 1894. About this time Mr. Geoffrey Martineau became interested in raising a change ringing band in Solihull, and solicited help from Birmingham, thus re-establishing the old connection between St. Martin's Church and his own tower. The bells and their fittings were in a poor condition, and the old frame so crazy that the south-eastern corner, where the 9th bell now hangs, was literally in the air. Mr. Martineau was instrumental in getting the bells retuned and rehung; and two trebles were added by public subscription. The splendid ring of 10 was a great attraction. The local band made strides in the art of change ringing, and the tower entertained in turn the rival Birmingham societies, each striving for the first peal. The Birmingham District Amalgamated Society were successful on December 3rd, 1894, when they rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,093 changes, in 3 hours 19 minutes. The conductor of this peal was Mr. John Carter. He was one of the world's greatest ringers, and his change ringing machine, which reposes in the South Kensington Museum, is a monument to twenty years of patient experiment, and is a great puzzle even to students of mechanism.

The tenor is one of the 1659 Bagley bells.

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THE GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 'INCIDENT.'

SURREY RINGERS REFUSED ADMISSION TO TOWER.

The ringers of Cranleigh, Surrey, had a trip across England by road for their annual outing, and on the way home had the unpleasant experience of being refused admission to the tower of Gloucester Cathedral under the unusual circumstances referred to in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' A party numbering 20, and comprising the ringers, their wives, sweethearts and friends, left the Surrey village at 6 a.m. on June 30th, and arrived at 8.50 a.m. at St. Giles', Oxford, where Rev. C. Inge, a former curate of Cranleigh, is the Rector. He had given leave to the party to have a short ring on his bells at 9 o'clock, and a very welcome cup of tea awaited them at St. Giles' Parish Room. After a couple of short touches, with the kind assistance of one of the local baud, the party wore off towards Worcester, via Witney and Cheltenham. Lunch had been arranged at the Cafe of the Worcester Co-operative Society at 1.30, and the excursionists wore there punctually. A stay of two hours in the city had been allowed, and after lunch all had a good look round the Cathedral and went down to the banks of the Severn, etc. The journey was then resumed to Hereford, via Malvern, and the Wyche Pass, which is 900 feet above sea level, and from where a most glorious view was obtained over eleven different counties, and including the three cathedrals of Worcester, Gloucester and Hereford. The party all left their seats at this beautiful spot and climbed still higher, getting a good blow and a view of the Welsh mountains. Arrangements had been made to stay the night at Hereford, and Thomas' Temperance Hotel gave splendid accommodation for the whole party. Strictly to schedule time, 5.45, the travellers were there asking for their tea. Afterwards ringing took place at St. Nicolas' and at All Saints' Churches, and the party wish to thank Rev. H. S. T. Richardson for granting permission for ringing at his tower, and for the courteous assistance he gave them, both there and at All Saints'. Unfortunately he was the only ringer they had the pleasure of meeting in Hereford. A look round the historic old city, a good drink of Hereford cider, was followed by a walk by the banks of the Wye, then to Thomas', and so to bed.

Breakfast at 6.45 was the order for Sunday morning, and the party were passing out of Hereford, over the Wye Bridge, bound for Gloucester via Ross, at 7.30, on a glorious morning and through beautiful country. Mr. Austin, of Gloucester, had told them they were very lucky in having selected July 1st for their visit to Gloucester, as, being the first Sunday in the month, there was ringing at the Cathedral, and he would arrange for them to have a ring there if they could arrive by 9 o'clock. At 8.50 the visitors were all in front of Gloucester Cathedral, but as far as ringing at the Cathedral was concerned they were doomed to disappointment. The Dean of Gloucester had forbidden the foreman of the Cathedral ringers to take the visitors into the tower at all. In fact, he went so far as to say that if there was likely to be any scene or unpleasantness about it the Cathedral ringers were not themselves to do any ringing or go into the tower that morning at all. Members of the Cathedral band, as well as Mr. Austin, expressed their regret at such a state of affairs, and told the travellers that they had arranged ringing for them at St. Mary-de-Lode Church close by. Although keenly regretting that such a thing could possibly happen in these days of Diocesan Guilds, and the appreciative statements frequently made by Bishops, Deans, etc., as to the good work ringers throughout the country are doing for the church, the visitors saw to it that there was no 'scene or unpleasantness,' and took themselves off to St. Mary-de-Lode and rang some Minor and Doubles. They would like to thank Mr. Austin for his trouble and interest on their behalf. Had Gloucester possessed a heavy ring of 12 bells the attitude of the Dean to strangers would be quite understandable, as it certainly would be unwise to allow any 'Jack, Tom or Harry' band to try and ring them. But Gloucester Cathedral has only a ring of eight, with a tenor of about 26 cwt., which any eight-bell company could quite well manage. After the ringing, the Surrey men proceeded to Cirencester, where lunch had been arranged, and they much enjoyed the beautiful ride through the Cotswolds. Lunch over, they started for Basingstoke via Swindon and Marlborough, a 60-mile ride. At Basingstoke they were met by Mr. Horne, who had very kindly arranged ringing for them at All Saints' Church. After tea the last 30 miles was embarked upon, and Cranleigh was reached again at 9 o'clock, after a tour of 314 miles, through seven counties, and including four cathedral cities. The party wish to thank every person who assisted them in any way whatever.

E. W.

(Continued from previous column.)

In lighter mood we find in the booklet 'Nursery Rhymes for Bell Ringers.' For instance:—

Sing a song of Ringers, ringing by the hour,
Ten lusty rope-pullers locked within the tower;
When the door is opened, the police are there at least,
This will be a lively row to set before the priest.

There is quite a collection of these rhymes brought up to date. Other verses, set to the tune of 'Widdicombe Fair' tell the tale of the Solihull choir and ringers' dinner, the which ringers, we are told, 'do Stedman Caters like peeling pertaters.'

There is quite a lot for sixpence in this souvenir, and it will interest ringers in parishes other than St. Alphege, Solihull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SOMERSET'S HERITAGE.

Yeovil was the centre of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's annual festival on Saturday week. In the morning there was ringing at East Coker, and the fine peal of ten, with 42 cwt. tenor, at Yeovil Parish Church, were rung during the afternoon and evening. The visitors were welcomed by the Vicar of Yeovil (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison), Mr. John Goodchild (an honorary member of the association and steward of the local Guild), and Mr. J. E. Baker (secretary and conductor of the local Guild). Amongst the towers in the diocese represented were Taunton, Martock, Bath, Burnham, Ilminster, and Chilcompton, and from outside the county Buckhorn Weston (Dorset), Mere and Wootton Bassett (Wilts), Exeter, and Bristol. The Master of the Association (the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton) were amongst those present.

The ringers attended a special service in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar of Yeovil was the preacher. He emphasised the point that whilst the ringers had the privilege of sending forth the message calling people to God's house, so the privilege threw additional responsibilities upon them. One of the most amazing things as one goes about the county of Somerset is, he said, to find in every village not only a beautiful church but a beautiful peal of bells. He contrasted this with the position in some other parts of England, and said it was a treasure and a heritage for which Somerset people should be profoundly thankful.

Afterwards tea was enjoyed in St. John's schoolroom, served by Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. C. E. Newis, and Miss Jackson. The annual meeting followed, under the chairmanship of the Master of the association.

The Master, in the course of his annual report, stated that he regretted to have to record a loss of seven towers and 58 members. These losses were due chiefly to the non-observance of Rule 7 (failure to pay subscriptions). The losses noted the previous year were due to the same cause. He appealed to all members, tower and deanery secretaries, to help the association in this matter. There were now 147 towers affiliated to the Association; last year there were 154. Honorary life members numbered 8, hon. members 68, performing members 1,219, unattached 27, non-resident ringing 2, ditto life 213, total 1,537. Fifty-eight peals had been credited to the association during the year, 10 being rung by visitors. When the 10 peals rung by visitors were subtracted they found that 19 out of 48 were Grandsire Doubles. There were several excellent and interesting methods of Doubles to be found in the Central Council Collection. More variety in methods was needed; nothing kept a band together so well. The outstanding features of the peals were the 7,200 Surprise Minor rung at Wilton, and the Stedman Doubles rung at Bishop's Hull. A peal of 10 Surprise methods was an undoubted achievement, and one of which the association might well be proud. With regard to the Bishop's Hull peal, whilst many ringers knew that there were 15 six-scores of Stedman Doubles, it was Mr. J. Hunt who pointed out that they could be rung in 180 ways. At Bishop's Hull 42 six-scores were each rung differently—no mean performance.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed that the association had increased its balance during the year by £13 5s. 1d.

Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) presented a report on the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and mentioned that the Council had passed a resolution asking that ringers in places where it had been the custom to ring the curfew should do their best to maintain it (hear, hear). A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hunt for his report.

On the motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Coles, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock was unanimously re-elected Master of the association, Mr. Dyke was reappointed hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Taylor hon. auditor. Mr. A. G. Butts (Exeter) was elected a life member, and Mr. Francis Padwick (Yeovil) a full member.

On the recommendation of the committee it was resolved to hold quarterly meetings at Timberscombe, Yatton and Martock; and that the insurance scheme now in force be dropped after the current year.

Mr. F. Farrant (Martock) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yeovil for his address, Mrs. Goodchild, who had provided such an excellent tea for them, and Mr. J. E. Baker for superintending the arrangements in connection with their visit.

Thanks were also passed to the Rev. G. A. Nicholson (West Coker) and Rev. M. Bailey (East Coker) for placing the towers of those churches at the disposal of the ringers.

MR. GEORGE BAILEY'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor (conducted 1) 4, three Minor methods 6, four Minor methods 1, five Minor methods 6, six Minor methods (conducted 1) 1, seven Minor methods (conducted 1) 6, seven Treble Bob methods 10, seven Surprise methods 3, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Norfolk Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 8, Superlative Surprise 5, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Lancashire Surprise 1, Bristol Surprise 10, Guildford Surprise 4, London Surprise 14, Rochester Surprise 3, Edinburgh Surprise 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; total, 100 (conducted 3).

BELL TONES.

'AFTERTHOUGHTS' IN A 'FOREWORD.'

The articles on English bells and their tuning, which we published some time ago, have been reprinted in booklet form by the author, Mr. E. Alex. Young, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., hon. secretary of the Central Council, for private circulation.

In a 'foreword,' which also embraces some 'afterthoughts,' Mr. Young remarks that his historical sketch dealing with the development of bell tones was largely built up of the many notes prepared for his motion on Simpson tuning, discussed at the Ipswich meeting of the Council. It had become apparent to him, he says, that this particular section of our art had to some extent remained in obscurity, and that it would be of advantage if further light could be thrown upon it.

Mr. Young admits that his original article was controversial, and it is probably all to the good that it was so, for it has brought to light views that might not otherwise have received the wider attention which they will now be given from their inclusion in the author's foreword. Mr. Young quotes one of his bell founder critics, traversing the statement that enough is known of the medieval bells of England to make it clear that they were on the same lines as those governing most continental bells, i.e., having the octave hum note, and with it the minor third as chief harmonic. Mr. Young's critic says emphatically that 'the medieval founders knew nothing about the hum-note octave, nor, indeed, has any English founder known before Simpson's time.' He reinforces his statement by many facts gathered from the actual bells which have passed into his foundry over a long number of years. These, as Mr. Young points out, are among the missing links of history, and if all the founders could have, over the past (say) 300 years, given us close records of the bell tones ere they were lost for ever, we should be on firm ground to-day as to the precise gifts of these medieval founders. The investigations, made with tuning forks, showed that the bells all varied on either side of the exact hum-note octave, and that not one was actually correct.

Mr. Young deals with other replies, both public and private, to his original sketch, and concludes by remarking that music is mostly an art, and in art one is allowed to differ. One need not then be surprised to find those having musical taste and of standing in the musical world disagreeing as to the musical value of 'Simpson tuning.' 'If we turn,' he says, 'from the experts to the more numerous class of people who, not being trained musicians, have what is called a musical ear, here again there is a great divergence of view, where, indeed, views are held at all. It appears, however, that with the majority "Simpsonism" is in favour. The historian tells us that throughout the ages false standards of taste have been put up only to pass away, so either side can hope for what they deem the best.'

Mr. Young's endeavour to get down to the truth of the subject is manifest in his 'foreword,' and it forms a thoughtful contribution to the articles which first appeared in these columns.

BELL WELDING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In view of the fact that ancient church bells have a distinct and well-recognised sentimental value, and that their recasting when damaged in distasteful to all who regard sympathetically all those things which belong to a bygone age, the statement recently made in a well-known periodical to the effect that the repair of cracked church bells of historic interest is a matter of considerable difficulty, cannot be allowed to go unchallenged, because it tends to induce the wholly false impression that nothing remains to be done other than the 'scrapping' of the unit.

As one having considerable experience of the reconstruction of bells of both large and small dimensions, may I say that, owing to the employment of modern scientific methods, their restoration—irrespective of age, size, composition, or condition—is a comparatively simple matter. Indeed, the firm with which I am associated has already completely restored several valuable and historic bells dating from the 13th century, and is at the moment engaged on the reparation of a peculiarly interesting bell, the seventh of a peal of twelve, founded in the year 1607, and, as the whole question is one of very considerable interest, I should welcome its inspection by anyone possessing special knowledge of bells or bell foundry.

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EGREMONT BELLS OVERHAULED.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recently completed the overhaul of the bells at Egremont, Cumberland, and the first touch on them since the completion of the bells was rung for morning service on Sunday, when 504 Stedman Triples was brought round by W. Norman 1, W. F. Douglas 2, J. Hutchinson 3, A. Eilbeck 4, W. H. Cook 5, J. H. Rothery 6, G. W. Temby (conductor) 7, J. Spadding 8. Everyone was pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

LEYTONSTONE MEN'S BUSY TOUR.

In July, 1899, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, now of Bradpole, Dorset (who was the first hon. secretary to the Leytonstone Society) proposed that they should have a two days' outing, and this has been carried out every year since, with the exception of the war period. This year the society received a pressing invitation from their former secretary to pay a visit to Salisbury and district. On Friday, June 15th, he met them at that city at 11 p.m., and, after friendly greetings, conducted them to the Coach and Horses Hotel, the headquarters during the brief stay. Supper and bed were the first items. After a 7 a.m. breakfast next day, the visitors were soon speeding in a splendid charabanc through lovely country towards Barford, where, on the handy ring of six, the first 720 of the tour was scored in four methods spliced, viz., Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick. A short touch of York followed to give all the members a pull, and then they were off to Dinton. Here is a very interesting peal of six, with tenor about 17 cwt., and dating from somewhere between 1380 and 1400. The 2nd and 3rd were cast in 1860, and 4th and 5th in 1866. The bells go well, but have rather a long draught, the ropes coming down in the middle of the church. Luck failed the visitors here, for neither Norwich nor York would go to more than a touch. Tisbury, the next place of call, was found to possess a well-going peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt., and a 720 London was well rung, non-conducted, also 720 Norwich Surprise. The next move was to Semley, but the stay was short, for here they found a heavy ring of six, with tenor nearly a ton, and taking three men to pull it up. It was not surprising, therefore, that the limit of ringing was a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. The next stop was of more interest, for at Ye Old Two Brewers, Shaftesbury, a splendid lunch was awaiting the party. This over, the official photographer was busy with his camera, and took groups in the splendid surroundings of the gardens of the hostelry. A half-hour's ringing had been arranged at two of the peals of six in the town, and, 720's being out of the question, 240 each of Southwell and Cambridge were rung on the fine-toned ring (tenor 17 cwt.) at St. Peter's, and at Holy Trinity London and York were rung. The next visit was to Donhead, and was not at all pleasant. Here was a fairly good peal of six, but the bellhanger deserves no credit. The 4th and 5th ropes hang less than three inches from the wall, and the others hang anywhere but in a circle. York and Grandsire Doubles were struggled through, but a plain course of each was sufficient. At Berwick, the party were welcomed by the Rector (Canon W. Goodchild). On the handy ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.), a 720 Spliced in four Surprise methods was attempted, but failed through the breaking of a rope. Another short touch followed, and then a surprise awaited the ringers, for the reverend gentleman had a splendid tea ready for them on the Rectory lawn. After

a vote of thanks to their generous host, a group photograph was taken with the Canon Goodchild in the middle. A hasty good-bye, and then on to Broadchalk. Here the visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Barry, who was formerly at Leytonstone. Short touches of Wells and Durham were rung on the well-going ring of six. At Coombe Bissett some of the local men met the tourists, and short touches were brought round on another musical ring of six. Arriving back at Salisbury about eight o'clock, they visited St. Martin's, where Mr. Romans was busy getting the bells up for them. Touches of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman brought the day's ringing to a close.

After supper, the health of Mr. W. Nevard was drunk. To the regret of all he had been unable, at the last moment, to accompany the party.

On Sunday morning, touches of Cambridge and York were rung for the eight o'clock service at St. Paul's Church. Breakfast over, a drive of about ten miles through beautiful scenery along the valley of the Avon brought the party to Amesbury. The church is a fine cruciform structure, and the bells a grand ring of six, with tenor about 18½ cwt. A 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung by the novices, but York failed when half-way, through the heavy going of the back bells. Next a visit to Stonehenge was much appreciated, then on to South Newton, where the handy ring of six were set going to Wells and York, a good 720 in each method being rung. The Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and expressed regret that he could not get the young men of his parish to take up change ringing. After lunch a visit was paid to St. Edmund's, Salisbury. Here is a good ring of eight, but sadly in need of a bell hanger, change ringing being next to impossible on them. A cup of tea, and then to the last place of call, St. Thomas', Salisbury. Here is another heavy ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), which go very well. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung, and the party were satisfied at having had a fairly busy time.

To all the clergy and the many local ringers, the visitors tender their very best thanks, and especially to Mr. T. Hervey Beams for the splendid arrangements made.

MR. P. CROOK'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, three methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 44 (conducted 27); Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 31 (conducted 11); Stedman Caters, 1; Erin Triples 1 (conducted 1); St. Clement's Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7 (conducted 2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 8 (conducted 2); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; total, 100 (conducted 43). Rung in four counties, 25 towers, with 195 ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with an important Irish order. They are to recast the peal of eight bells at Loughduerry Cathedral and rehang them in a new frame for fourteen bells. The eight will be hung for ringing.

Much sympathy has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lambert, of Beveden, Kent, whose only daughter has recently been killed by being knocked down by a motor-cycle. Mr. Lambert is an old and respected member of the Kent County Association.

There will be a new departure in broadcasting next Sunday evening. As the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are now at the Whitechapel Foundry, it is hoped to broadcast a handbell course of Stedman Cinques from the chancel of St. Martin's Church at 7.55 p.m. as a prelude to the service at 8 p.m.

The peal of 'Mixed Bob Major,' at Newcastle, recorded last week, comprised Bob and Little Bob Major.

The other evening the band who rang Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples, non-conducted, on handbells (surely the greatest performance of its kind ever accomplished), met at the Coffee Pot to celebrate the anniversary. They rang three courses on handbells in the same order and manner, and afterwards, with two of London's outstanding 'youngsters,' rang two courses of Stedman Cinques, conducted by H. Langdon.

The report of a peal at Hanley Castle on July 7th has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Ringers in Hertfordshire and district will learn with regret that Mr. G. T. Croft, one of the district secretaries of the Herts Association, and a member of the Hitchin band, has been ordered to go into a sanatorium for several months. Mr. D. C. Mears, Offley, has stepped into the breach and offered to carry on the duties of secretary. Ringers who have met Mr. Croft will recognise his sterling abilities, both as a ringer and conductor, and will join the Hitchin band in wishing him a speedy recovery to normal health.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, shooting in the King's Prize competition at Bisley last week, finished 143rd out of 992 competitors at the first stage, and thus qualified to shoot in the second stage.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal rung by eight ladies—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

Five years ago to-morrow the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 10 hours at Over, Cheshire.

On July 25th, 1889, eight Jameses rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, for the St. James' Society.

Samuel Thurston called a peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832.

BARHAM'S LAST PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. Hodgkin's inquiry in connection with James Barham, I still have the copy of Barham's peal book in my possession, and the last peal recorded in there is the one mentioned by him. I do not think that Barham rang any more peals; if he had done so someone would surely have found them during the last 40 years, as there have been several who have made a hobby of searching old newspapers and tapping every source from which it was thought to gain even a little information. Except the entry enclosed I cannot give any further information relating to Barham.—Yours truly,

Glensford, Suffolk.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

From the 'Maidstone Gazette,' July 8th, 1817: 'Leeds Youths Ringers.—A few days since was rung at Leeds five hundred and fifty changes of Leeds New Treble Bob by the following boys: James Barham treble (age 91), Thomas Bigg 2 (age 63), William Tilby 3 (age 80), James Boulden 4 (age 58), William Masters 5 (age 47), Thomas King 6 (age 72), Thomas Austin 7 (age 81), Benjamin Bottle tenor (age 56). Total amount of ages, 550.'

This seems to be the explanation of the 'peal' rung by Barham at the age of 91 years. Apparently it was only a 'touch' in which he took part at that date. It was evidently a special length to coincide with the aggregate ages of the ringers.—En. 'R.W.'

RIPON AND FOUNTAINS ABBEY.

The ringers of the Milnrow Parish Church (Lancashire) had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, when they visited Ripon and Fountains Abbey. Leaving Milnrow by charabanc at 7.30, they travelled via Huddersfield, Birstall, Leeds and Harrogate, arriving at Ripon at noon. On the way a halt was made at Birstall, where the fine peals of bells were rung to touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. After dinner at Ripon the ringers made their way to the belfry of the Cathedral, and soon had this fine ring of bells going to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards they wended their way to Fountains Abbey and spent an enjoyable time exploring these ruins and sauntering through the grounds. The party returned to Ripon for tea, and started for home at 7 p.m. via Bradford, Halifax and Rochdale. Milnrow was reached about 11 o'clock, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the authorities at Birstall and Ripon for their kind permission to ring on their respective bells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Favoured with summer-like weather, a large company of ringers assembled at Brecon on Saturday last, to participate in the fifth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Ringers from Tenby, Llanelli (Carmarthen), Gorseinon, Aberavon, Morriston, Neath, Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Swansea, Llandilo, Glasbury, Llanelli (Breck), Llangatock, Talgarth, and Bedwellty, arrived early in the day, and, with the local ringers of St. David's and St. Mary's, kept the bells going until evening, Canon E. A. T. Roberts and the Rev. John Simon, R.D., having kindly permitted the bells to be rung from 10 a.m. onwards. A service was held in the afternoon in the beautiful Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John. The Lord Bishop was present, and the robed clergy included the Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Rev. Canon W. Morgan (Canon in Residence), Rev. John Simon, R.D., Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary), Rev. W. G. Davies (Llanelli, Breck), and Rev. F. W. Lockyer (Glasbury). Other clergy at the service were Rev. David Williams (Talgarth), Rev. F. A. Oswell (Henby), and the Rev. W. D. Lewis (Llanelli, Carmarthen). The service was intoned by the Sub-Dean, the Rev. W. D. Lewis presided at the organ, whilst the sermon was preached by the diocesan missionary, who, in the course of an instructive and appreciative address, laid stress on the fact that though the chief duty of a ringer was that he should call the people to church by the sound of the bells, it was as much a duty to attend the service after ringing was over.—At the close a collection was taken, and the proceeds handed over towards the maintenance of the Men's Chapel in the Cathedral. The service concluded with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.

The members afterwards adjourned to the grounds of Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), where tea was partaken of on the lawns, at the kind invitation of the Bishop, and the annual meeting then followed.

The meeting was presided over by the Bishop, who welcomed the ringers to Brecon, and thanked the diocesan missionary for his address. Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from the Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon) and Mr. John F. Fidler (Loughborough).

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented his accounts for the past year, and these were adopted on the motion of Rev. John Simon, seconded by Mr. James P. Hyett.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Rev. F. A. Oswell, the following were elected en bloc: President, the Lord Bishop of the diocese; vice-presidents, the Archdeacon of Brecon, the Archdeacon of Gower, Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart (Skeffy), Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton (Llangatock), Rev. John Simon, R.D. (St. David's, Brecon), Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon), with the addition of Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary), proposed by Mr. Charles Powell, seconded by Rev. F. A. Oswell; Master of the Guild, Mr. A. J. Pitman, Aberavon; hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell, Brecon; hon. secretary, Mr. W. R. Howells, Neath. The committee re-elected consisted of the following representatives: Morriston, Mr. George Lewis; Builth, Mr. R. E. Sparkes; Llangatock, Mr. Charles Powell; Talgarth, Mr. W. D. Griffiths; Skeffy, Mr. Charles Morse; Gorseinon, Mr. W. J. Williams; Aberavon, Mr. E. Stitch; Glasbury, Mr. James P. Hyett; Llanstephan, Mr. George Morris; Cadoxton, Mr. D. J. Lewis; Llanelli, Breck, Mr. S. T. Rackham; St. Mary's, Brecon, Mr. F. E. Thomas; Tenby, Rev. F. A. Oswell; and the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, Cwmduddwr. New committee members elected were: Baglan, Miss Lucy Thomas, in place of Mrs. E. G. Bellringer, who has left the district; St. David's, Brecon, Mr. Wm. Williams for Mr. George Hardwick (resigned); Neath, Mr. Harry Boyce for Mr. F. Hatton (deceased); St. Mary's, Swansea, Mr. F. Curtis; Llandilo, Mr. Marcus Davies; Llanelli (Carmarthen), Mr. Chris Hawkins.

The annual festival in 1929 is to be held in the Southern District, and the Rev. F. A. Oswell extended to the Guild a hearty invitation to Tenby.—On being put to the meeting, this was unanimously accepted.

Mr. W. D. Griffiths informed the meeting that he had consulted his Vicar (Rev. David Williams), and he invited the Guild to Talgarth for the annual competition to be held in May next.—The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Master of the Guild presented his report on the Central Council meeting, and was heartily thanked for it.

The Hon. Secretary reported that during the past year the Guild was able to present the new membership cards, and the numbers issued were: Northern District 72, Southern District 86; total 158. All towers not in possession of tower cards should apply to the hon. secretary immediately.

The Peal Recording Book had not yet been obtained, but district secretaries were asked to forward a complete list of peals rung in their districts since the formation of the Guild in order to bring the Peal Book up to date.—This request led Mr. James P. Hyett to offer a copy of a complete list of peals in his possession, and he suggested that all future peals should be taken from 'The Ringing World'.—It was decided that this should be carried out. To date, 30 peals have been rung for the Guild.

The Ringing Competition for 1928 was held at Cadoxton in May last, and resulted as follows (maximum points 240): Neath 226, Cadoxton (handicap 9 points) 223, Gorseinon 221, St. Mary's, Brecon 'A,' 219, Aberavon 217, Llanelli (Carmarthen) 212, St. Mary's, Brecon 'B,' 210, St. David's, Brecon, 209.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that the Guild was now established enough to permit the issue of an annual report, the first of which would cover the period from the formation of the Guild to date. The meeting unanimously adopted the suggestion, on the proposition of Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. S. T. Rackham.—Mr. Charles Powell's proposal, seconded by Mr. E. Stitch, that a charge of 6d. be made for the report (or cheaper if the expense permitted it), was adopted.

Mr. Stitch (on behalf of a member who was unable to be present) raised the question of (1) the Guild endeavouring to meet members' travelling expenses to meetings, and (2) that no entry fee per ringer be made at the ringing competition.—The Hon. Treasurer replied to the second question, and it was decided that this could not be entertained, but with regard to the first question, the Chairman humorously remarked that owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Winston Churchill) the meeting could not deal with the matter.—It was eventually decided that the matter lie on the table.

A long discussion took place on the former resolution passed on the subject of the balance of district funds, and several suggestions were put forward. On the proposition of Rev. John Simon, seconded by Mr. A. J. Pitman, it was left to the officers of the Guild to consider the matter further, and to bring up their report at the next meeting.

The Lord Bishop was heartily thanked for his generosity in inviting the company to tea and presiding over the meeting, on the proposition of the Rev. W. G. Davies, seconded by the hon. secretary.

The members were afterwards photographed on the lawns.

At a committee meeting held after the general meeting (presided over by the Master of the Guild) it was decided that the rules of the ringing competition be the same as in previous competitions, with the addition of a rule that should any band desire to ring Steadman Doubles or Minor, such band would have the benefit of winning 5 points for so doing. The former competitions having been confined to Doubles (any method), it was felt that by giving a band five points it would act as an incentive to ring methods other than Doubles. All arrangements were left in the hands of the hon. secretary as on previous occasions.

A party of ringers journeyed to Llanfagan Parish Church after the meeting, at the kind invitation of the Rev. T. Aneurin Davies, Rector, where touches of several methods were well rung on the beautiful peal of eight bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT MEETING.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, and about twenty ringers attended, although, sad to relate, those from the towers in the district were few, owing to other events. One band, for instance, had their annual outing on that day. However, those who did attend had a very pleasant time, with the additional diversion of the Village Flower Show, which was held on the same afternoon in the Vicarage grounds. The Vicar (the Rev. W. N. Willis) had a busy day. Not only did he supervise the flower show arrangements, and the catering department, but he conducted the ringers' service and gave an address, and also presided over the business meeting, which was held in one of the commodious rooms in the Vicarage.

The District Secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) reported that there was a lack of interest in the weekly combined practices, the ringers appearing not to care to go away from their own towers. This was in striking contrast to the success which was attending them in the other districts, and the matter is to be further considered.

Mr. R. Whittington gave a report on the Central Council meeting, which he attended on behalf of the Guild, and some discussion took place on the question of the right of an association to direct representatives as to how they should vote. Mr. Whittington was thanked for his report.

The General Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) said a suggestion had been made that the Guild should adopt a badge to be issued to members at a small cost, and asked for the opinion of the meeting. This was given by a vote in favour of a badge.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Steadman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, some of the ringers getting their first touches in these methods.

WEDDING BELLS.

Before evensong, at St. Mary's Church, Lower Slaughter, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, A. Warren 2, F. A. Clements (conductor) 3, F. Winfield 4, G. Ayres 5, G. Simmons 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hobbs, whose wedding took place on Wednesday week. Mr. Hobbs was a regular ringer in this tower until a few months ago, when he left to take another position at Long Crendon, near Thame, Oxon.

BIRMINGHAM, SHEFFIELD AND DERBY RINGERS.**UNITED MEETING AT DUFFIELD.**

Perfect weather favoured the large number of ringers who visited Duffield for the second annual fraternal gathering of Birmingham, Sheffield and Derby enthusiasts. This particular gathering, which has been organised by Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, looks very much like becoming a regular affair, if the success of last Saturday's meeting is anything to go by.

The Birmingham contingent called at Derby en route, where they rang an excellent course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman Caters on the recently restored peal of ten bells at the Cathedral. The improved tone of these bells is a revelation of what can be done by modern methods of tuning, and general approval was expressed on the tone and 'go' of this peal.

The 'Brums' had hoped also to ring on the heavy eight at St. Luke's, but were unlucky owing to the fact that a happy couple had decided to be married on that day, and time did not permit the party waiting until the ceremony was concluded. It was far more important that the bride should get her ring, so that Brums, being sportsmanlike, decided to do without theirs.

The visitors then proceeded to Duffield, where the Sheffield and Derby men were waiting. Ringing in various methods by the enthusiasts was enjoyed by those who were sensible enough to sit by the river and 'hearken.' (It should be remembered that the temperature was empty something in the shade, and the writer knows now what was in Canon Solloway's mind when he said at York last year that all ringers are mad!) Ten was served at the Bridge Inn, and afterwards Alderman J. S. Pritchett briefly addressed those present. He said that Duffield had become to be regarded as a ringers' Mecca, and this was because of the late Sir Arthur Heywood's association with the place. It was he who had worked hard and long to advance the art, and also to secure recognition for ringers as churchworkers. Alderman Pritchett expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Albert Walker for the splendid way he had organised the meeting.—Mr. Walker, in reply, said that if the party were enjoying themselves (and he thought they were) he was amply repaid. They regretted the absence of Mr. Percy Johnson, the genial secretary of the Yorks Association, who was prevented here present by an unavoidable business engagement, and Mr. S. F. Palmer, who was on holiday.

A collection was taken in aid of the fund for the restoration of Duffield bells, which are in great need of attention by the bell tuner. It is to be hoped that the local ringers will realise their ambition, which is to effect the much-needed improvement before next year's meeting.

Thanks were accorded to the church authorities at Derby and Duffield for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. J. Pagett and S. Dawson for making the necessary arrangements.

It should be mentioned that on the exact stroke of seven o'clock glasses were solemnly raised to the health of a certain Woking gentleman and his lady, and also to that of Mr. F. B. Yates and the ringers of King's Norton, who were having their annual 'do' at Bedford, all the parties concerned having previously agreed to remember each other at the hour mentioned.

J. F. S.

PORTSMOUTH RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. E. J. Harding, sen., of St. Mary's, Portsmouth, and late secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, has sustained a severe loss by the death of his father, Mr. S. J. Harding, aged 76, of Berrynarbor, North Devon. For many years he was a member of the choir and one of the bellringers up to the time of his death, and was so much a part of the village and its interests generally that his cheery presence will be sadly missed. There was a large number of family mourners at the funeral and also relatives and friends from Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe and Combe Martin.

'DOUBLE-HANDED' DOUBLE NORWICH.**MR. JOHN THOMAS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.**

Mr. John Thomas, of London, has created another record by ringing two tower bells to a peal of Double Norwich Major. This was at Corston, near Bristol, on Friday, where he rang the 2nd and 3rd. It is the first time Mr. Thomas has rung two church bells to a peal, but it is the first time that a peal of Double Norwich has ever been rung in this way, and those who took part in the performance bear witness to a very fine achievement. An attempt was made for the peal a fortnight previously, but it was lost, after two-thirds had been rung, in a rather peculiar way. The sallies at Corston belfry go right through the holes in the ceiling, and a projection of the tucking of the treble rope just beneath the sally caught the edge of the boss, causing the bell to drop. This had happened before, therefore, for the second attempt for the peal, the rope ends were shortened, and all went well. The steeplekeeper's comment was, 'It is a good job you broke down last time, for you have rung a splendid peal to-night—one of the best on the bells.'

Mr. Thomas has not rung two bells to a peal since the war, in which he served in the Royal Air Force. While serving, he met with a serious accident, both his arms being broken by a whirling propeller.

BELL HANGER KILLED.**FATAL ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.**

A distressing accident occurred on Saturday, at Sulgrave, near Banbury, resulting in the death of Mr. Charles H. Austin, a bell hanger employed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and a well-known ringer.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the restoration of the five bells at Sulgrave, the ancestral home of George Washington, first President of the United States, and Mr. Austin was engaged in fixing the new iron frame in the church tower when, from some cause, he fell through the hatchway, a distance of some 30 feet, to the church floor below. His neck was broken, and he died within a few minutes.

Mr. Austin, who was the son of Mr. John Austin, of 38, Lysons Avenue, Gloucester, a popular West Country ringer, was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow and four young children. Much sympathy will be felt with the relatives in their tragic bereavement.

In the war, Mr. Austin served in the Coldstream Guards, and he joined the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1923, becoming one of their most trusted bell hangers. He was a capable ringer, and had taken part in numerous peals, including the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on February 14th, 1920. This occupied 8hrs. 45mins., and is the longest length yet rung on twelve bells.

An inquest was held on Monday, and the interment took place at Gloucester.

This is the first fatal accident which has happened in connection with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's firm during the eighty-four years of its existence.

HANDBELL RINGING IN CANADA.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—In the city of Montreal there are quite a number of bells, but in none of the churches is there a peal of bells suitable for change-ringing. The only way ringers from the old country can indulge in their favourite pastime is handbell ringing.

Mr. Tony Price recently arrived from Boston, and practices have been held for some weeks at 198, Beaconsfield Avenue, N.D.G. Several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and 720's of Bob Minor and a few courses of Double Court have been rung by E. Weatherby (Market Drayton and Guildford) 1-2, Chas. Willshire (Guildford) 3-4, Tony A. R. Price (Shouldham, King's Lynn) (conductor) 5-6. We should be glad to meet any ringers coming to Montreal, and any inquiries addressed to Mr. Chas. Willshire, 198, Beaconsfield Avenue, N.D.G., will receive a prompt reply.—Yours faithfully,

E. WEATHERBY.

DISAPPOINTMENT COMPENSATED.

Six of the Southover, Lewes, ringers paid a visit to Westham, Sussex, on Thursday, July 12th, by the kindness of their Rector and Mr. Rugg, their hon. secretary. This visit was the outcome of some rather disappointing ringing when they were there on the occasion of their annual outing on June 23rd, owing to the ropes not being quite in order. Since that time they have been attended to by Mr. Dallaway. On the occasion of this second visit 720 Bob Minor was rung by W. Ward 1, C. J. Rugg 2, D. White 3, A. J. Turner 4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 6. Also 108 Minor, conducted by R. W. Dawe, in which Mr. Dallaway took part, and two 120's Grandsire Doubles, conducted by D. White.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Mark's, Pensnett, in ideal summer weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Pensnett (Rev. Norman Edwards), who gave an eloquent address.

The business meeting was held in the lady chapel, the Vicar presiding. After routine matters had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Clent, subject to the usual permission being obtained. The quarterly peal will be attempted at Pensnett, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Guild's representative to the Central Council gave his report of the proceedings of the meeting at Hereford, and Mr. Hughes was heartily thanked for his able and lucid report, also for his attendance at the meeting.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they partook of tea arranged by Mr. S. Parkes and the Vicar, and which, it is needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Pensnett for permission to hold the meeting at Pensnett, for conducting the service in church, for his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells, and for presiding at the business meeting. Thanks were also given to Mr. F. Walker, the secretary, and Mr. S. Parkes, who made the necessary arrangements, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy one.—The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

DISTRICTS' LACK OF INTEREST.

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Although the attendance was not very large, there was quite a good gathering, representing four districts of the Guild. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral, where the members were met by Mr. James Pagett, Mr. Frank Smallwood, and other local ringers. A short service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Pronger. Before the address, Mr. Pronger welcomed the Guild to Derby on behalf of the Vicar, who was unable to be present. Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Leeds, kindly presided at the organ.

About thirty members and friends sat down to tea in St. Mary's Schools, and prior to the business meeting the president, Miss E. Steel, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pronger for taking the

urge all members to make an effort to attend when possible and so show their interest in the Guild. On the other hand, some of the districts are flourishing and members are very keen. One new district has been formed in Lincolnshire under the secretaryship of Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. L. W. Jacques has succeeded Mrs. Powell as secretary of the Northern District. In the Central District the secretary, Mrs. Hairs, has removed to Falmouth, but it has not yet been possible to arrange a meeting to elect a new secretary. The other districts have re-elected their secretaries, and to all the heartfelt thanks of the Guild are due for their untiring efforts. It is a great pleasure to be able to record two peals. One of Bob Major at Handsworth, the first peal of Major for the Guild, was rung by the Northern District, and the other of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first Surprise peal for the Guild, was rung by the Central District at Crayford. This shows a marked advancement, which it is hoped will continue. All secretaries have a good deal of difficulty in collecting subscriptions, and if members would forward these when due, much time and trouble would



THE LADIES' GUILD'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung by eight ladies at Crayford, Kent, on March 31st, was one of which the Guild is justifiably proud. The above is a photograph of the band. Back row: Mrs. F. J. Hairs (8th), Mrs. A. D. Barker (7th), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, conductor (tenor). Middle row: Mrs. R. A. Fardon (2nd), Miss E. E. Chapman (3rd), Miss F. E. Orr (4th). Bottom row: Miss S. Davis (5th), Miss B. Mills (treble).

service, to the organist for obliging at short notice, and to the Vicars and ringers at the three churches for allowing the Guild the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), and Mr. Crocker, an ex-churchwarden of the Cathedral, replied.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president. A letter was read from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, expressing his regret at being unable to be present, and wishing the Guild a very successful gathering.

Owing to heavy expenses in printing new service forms and receipt books, the accounts showed a deficit of £3 15s. 10d. on the year's working, but the Guild still possesses a balance of £18 4s. 7½d.

The Secretary reported as follows: 'The past year has been rather disappointing in some respects. In several districts there seems to be a lack of interest in the Guild, and though the secretaries work very hard to arrange meetings these are not very well attended. It is very discouraging to work hard and then get very little support. I would

be saved. There still remain many lady ringers who have not yet joined the Guild, and here again is an opportunity for individual members to do some good work. I cannot conclude this report without an expression of my deep gratitude to all members for the handsome wedding gift which was presented at the meeting at St. Clement Danes, London, in January. This gift has an honoured place in my home, and is a constant reminder of the many pleasant gatherings which have taken place since the Guild's formation.'

Miss Steel was re-elected president, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Secretary regretted that she had been unable to revise the rules as promised, but would proceed with these at once and have them ready for the next annual meeting. The publications of reports was held over until the new rules are passed.

London was chosen for the place of the next annual meeting, to be held the first Saturday in July.

After the meeting, ringing took place at St. Alkmund's, where a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by eight members of the Guild, and at St. Andrew's.

A RINGING EXCURSION IN NORTH YORKS.

The Cleveland District of North Yorkshire had been chosen this year for the annual outing of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Guild, and, favoured with a fine day in a wet week, a very happy time was spent. The party numbered 19, including the Vicar (Rev. G. H. J. Baily), the curate (Rev. G. D. John), the two churchwardens, and a few other friends. Leaving Sunderland in the early morning, in a very comfortable charabanc, they passed through Stockton, and soon reached Ormesby, where the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Mr. T. Metcalfe, and Mr. Hall, of the same association, met them, and the fine peal of eight in Ormesby Church were soon set going to Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative. A group photo, with the church as a background, was taken here, and then the party set off for Guisborough, where they were met by the president of the Cleveland Association, Mr. Pollard. After an enjoyable ring on the six bells, an excellent dinner at the Buck Hotel, and a walk through the old Priory Gardens, the motor was boarded again, and, skirting the Cleveland Hills and passing through Stokesley, the beautiful village of Carlton was reached. The church here, dedicated to St. Botolph, is comparatively new, and the eight bells are a pleasure to ring and to listen to.

After a short stay, as time pressed, the ringers again set off, via Yarm, to Hurworth-on-Tees, where an excellent tea awaited them. The inner man satisfied, votes of thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their presence and assistance, and Mr. Stanley M. Ritson responded, in his inimitable manner, to the toast of 'Our Visitors.' The six bells of Hurworth were found to be rather heavy going, so a move was made to the next stopping place, Heighington, where, unfortunately, the coming of the party had been overlooked, and the bells were not available, so after a look round the old church the homeward journey was resumed, and, passing Durham and Chester-le-Street, they arrived safely shortly before 10 p.m. So ended one of the most enjoyable trips the Guild have ever had, and best thanks are due to the clergy of the four towers for the use of their bells, and to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for their kind assistance.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A successful district meeting was held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton, near Ipswich, the bells at Bramford being also available. Although there were several other meetings, outings and 'haysel' being also in full swing, preventing ringers from attending, about 20 sat down to a tea, lavishly supplied by Mr. Charles Mee, and presided over by Mr. F. St. George Caulfield, Governor-General of the Malay Peninsula, churchwarden of Sproughton, who was supported by his brother warden, Mr. H. Making.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their presence, Mr. Mee mentioned how much the meeting appreciated their courteousness at such short notice.—This was seconded by Mr. G. E. Symonds, and carried.—Mr. Making, in responding, said he would make a suggestion to the secretary of the Suffolk musical competitions that handbell ringing contests be included in their programme.

Ringers attended from Ipswich, Cretingham, Framsdon, Polstead and Stowupland, augmented by the local company.

MR. G. F. SWANN'S 400 PEALS.

	Tower.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Four Methods, Minor	1	1	0	0
Grandsire Triples	16	3	6	*2
Grandsire Caters	2	1	1	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	0	1	0
Stedman Triples	91	50	6	5
Stedman Caters	16	3	36	10
Stedman Cinques	28	2	82	*21
Stedman Sextuples	0	0	1	0
Erin Triples	2	2	0	0
Erin Cinques	0	0	1	0
Bob Major	15	12	0	0
Little Bob Major	1	1	0	0
Double Norwich Major	22	5	0	0
Double Oxford Major	2	1	0	0
Double Yorkshire Major	2	0	0	0
Forward Major	1	1	0	0
Kent Treble Bob Major	11	6	1	0
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	0	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	0	0	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	2	0	0
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	0	0	0
Superlative Major	10	1	0	0
Cambridge Minor	1	1	0	0
Cambridge Major	18	7	0	0
Cambridge Royal	2	0	0	0
Cambridge Maximus	3	0	0	0
Bristol Major	4	0	0	0
London Major	6	1	0	0
	259	100	141	41

* Including one non-conducted. Total 400, conducted 141.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, July 15th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. R. Coombes 1, W. F. Judge (conductor) 2, F. Tuffrey 3, C. Bennett 4, J. Franklin 5, W. H. Thorne 6, J. Judge 7, A. Morris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Franklin, who has been a ringer at this tower for forty-five years.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, July 15th, for evensong of the Dedication Festival and the visit of the Bishop of Stepney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: I. J. Attwater (conductor) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. H. Parrott 3, J. F. Parrott 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, R. Hills 6, J. Martin 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

EALING.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., at Christ Church: J. A. D. Webb 1, G. E. Harbour 2, Reg. J. Davey 3, C. D. Nichols 4, W. G. Wilson 5, E. C. S. Turner (first quarter-peal as conductor in the method) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, H. A. Reeves (first quarter-peal) 8.

PUTNEY.—On July 15th, at the Church of St. Mary, for the evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Wood 1, F. C. Hawthorne 2, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 3, F. A. Folkard 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6. Rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers' annual outing.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 8th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 36 mins., for evening service: G. H. Walters 1, E. Blowing 2, H. Halford 3, W. Yeend (conductor) 4, J. F. Ballinger 5. Also a few six-scores with local men, with the assistance of A. F. Hunt, after service. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the late Sir James Horlich.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 8th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, R. Warnett 4, H. H. Chaudler 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. Corko 7, E. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. H. Chandler 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, R. Warnett 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, W. Honor 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. Smith 8. First quarter in both methods on an inside bell by F. G. Baldwin, and first attempt.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. John's Parish Church, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to S. A. Ricketts and H. F. Travers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by J. T. Dyke, in 50 mins.: H. Batty 1, L. A. Wilson 2, E. G. Coward 3, H. F. Travers 4, W. Fry 5, S. A. Ricketts 6, E. T. Griffin 7, W. C. Slute 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, T. J. Settle 10.

STREATHAM.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, 1,344 Bob Major: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. W. Chapman 6, T. W. J. Walters 7, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 8.—On Monday, July 9th, at Emanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. W. F. Leadbitter 1, R. H. Dove 2, Miss Grace Bush (first quarter) 3, D. Cooper 4, H. Tourle 5, J. Lott 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bush.

WEST GLANDON, SURREY.—For morning service, on Sunday, July 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Walker 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Bennett 5, N. Harding (first extent as conductor) 6.

LAVERNHAM.—On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, W. Faiers 3, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Rung to oblige Mr. T. A. King, late conductor of the Lavenham company.

REIGATE.—On June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service in 48 mins.: G. Stemp 1, A. Bashford 2, R. Harris 3, M. Northover 4, J. Foster 5, G. F. Hoad 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, A. Cheasley 8.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stemp 1, A. Bashford 2, M. Northover 3, J. Foster 4, A. Errey 5, A. Cheasley (longest length inside) 6, G. Hoad (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. W. Hibbert 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. E. Richards 3, A. N. Hardy 4, S. C. Moya 5, E. J. King 6, H. Wright 7, T. W. Taffender 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. H. Peters 10.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: S. C. Moya 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, T. W. Taffender 4, T. Newman 5, R. W. Bullen 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. R. Madgwick 8, G. A. Card 9, J. R. Gammon 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, June 3rd (King's birthday), at St. John's Church, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Eliot 3, R. Steers 4, H. Norgate 5, C. Davis 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Eliot 3, H. Norgate 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Steers 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: N. Kingwood 1, F. Gurr 2, N. Smeaton 3, E. J. Ladd 4, F. G. Willey 5, F. Kingswood 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, G. S. Diplock 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Head-quarters on the 24th at 8 p.m. for handbell practice. District meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 28th at 3 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice will be held at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st, at 6 p.m. No ringing at White Waltham.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at Wonston (5), Micheldever (6) and Barton Stacey (5) from 2.30. Service at Wonston 4.15. Tea at the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, 5 o'clock.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good bus service from Cambridge and trains Long Stanton, L.N.E.R.—F. Warrington, Hon. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on July 21st. Bells open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. onwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Saturday, July 21st.—Reginald Scott, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club have again placed their athletic grounds, Bromwich Street, at the disposal of ringers, their wives and friends for a bowling match and social on Saturday, July 21st. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Reading Room. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome, and a good attendance hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, 17, Eastington Road, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Pinner, Monday, July 23rd. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed. A pleasant evening's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Ten-Terden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Will all those attending tea please notify by July 25th? All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me by last post, Monday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Station Road, Haslemere, by July 23rd.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Meilons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 25th. Tea will only be provided for those who notify.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Bambergh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 24th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) ready 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. Service 6. The bells at Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), Enford (6) available from 3 till 5 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, for all sending me names by July 23rd.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, July 28th. A good attendance hoped for. All are welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

SOUTH ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.—The opening of Anston bells after rehang and retuning, recasting tenor, and adding two new trebles to complete the octave, will take place on July 28th by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Service at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Tea provided (in the Vicarage grounds, weather permitting).—Hy. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual outing will take place to Beverley on Saturday, the 28th inst. Permission has been granted to ring on the Minster bells. Train leaves Doncaster 1.25 p.m. Will all those who intend going please meet outside station not later than 1.15 p.m.? Fare: 6s. return.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 25th.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 24th.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) 4.30, followed by meeting. The beautiful Rectory gardens will be open to visitors. Kindly send number for tea by the 24th inst. to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Inworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all who advise Mr. E. Mingay, Inworth Street, Inworth, Kelvedon, not later than Wednesday, July 25th.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Earl's Colne, Essex.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Abbots Langley, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6). Bells open 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30. Names for tea by 24th, please. Cheap trains from London to King's Langley (nearest station) or Watford Junction. Bus runs to village from either station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wherwell on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from 2.30, also Longparish (5). Tea at Wherwell Vicarage at 5 p.m. Numbers by 25th.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Echinswell Vicarage, Newbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Roll up and visit these beautiful gardens and let me know by July 24th those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., to those who notify me of their intention to be present before Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Branch Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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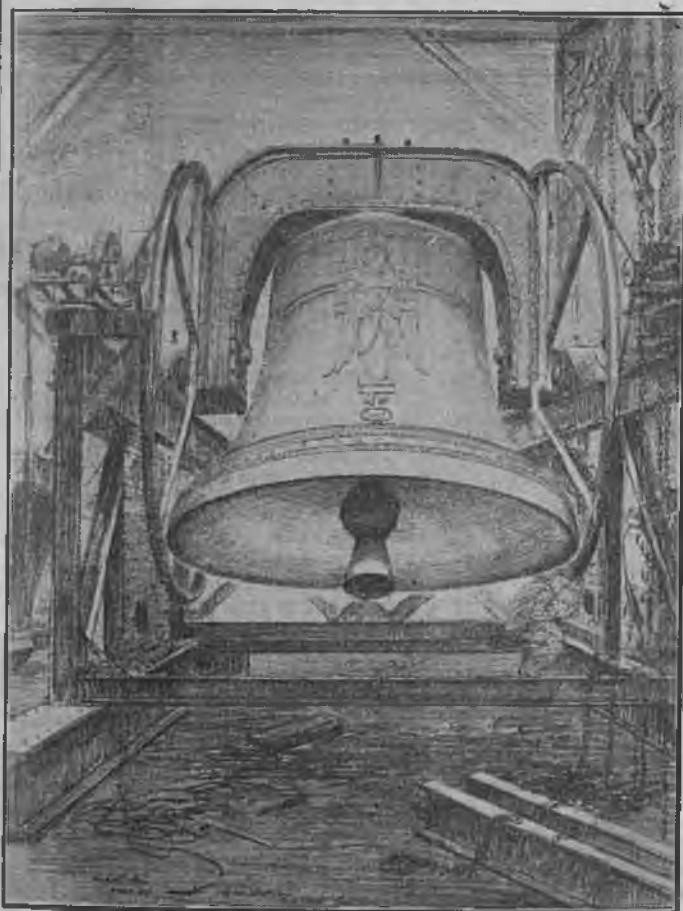
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RIVAL ORGANISATIONS.

Very few of our change ringing organisations, happily, are faced with the definite rivalry of associations who are first and foremost champions of the 'stoney' brigade. Yet there exist in the West of England one or two societies whose membership consists exclusively of non-change ringers, and who, in their own districts, carry on a fairly successful campaign to the detriment of the Guilds which are promoting the art of change ringing. The most serious of these rivalries exists in Devon, where the Devon Association, as our readers will recently have learned from correspondence in our columns, has set up in active opposition to the old Devon Guild. This association is influentially supported; it has as President, Viscount Hambleden, and among the Vice-Presidents is the Earl of Portsmouth. It sets out that its object is to encourage the art of ringing in the country parishes and to further its aim a competition for a shield and certificates is held annually. It can easily be understood that among those who know nothing of the art of change ringing, which the Exercise has been promoting for nearly three hundred years, the association makes an appeal which church authorities are likely to support, especially as its competition is open only to service ringers. At any rate, the association is something of a menace to the old Guild, which has, for more than fifty years, often in the face of immense difficulties, sought to spread the science of change ringing among the ringers of Devon.

It is not always easy to judge local circumstances and feeling from a distance, but it seems to us that only good could result from efforts to bring these two organisations together into one body of Church workers. Clergy are as actively interested in the one as in the other, and it ought not to be beyond the wit of man to draw them together, despite the suggestion that the call change ringers have declared their intention of 'carrying the war into the enemy's camp.' After all, the Devon Guild has the Bishop of the Diocese as its patron, and his influence, if sought, would, we imagine, be on the side of amalgamation, for opposition factors in a work such as this can do no good in the diocese. We presume that one of the great stumbling-blocks is the existence of the competition for bands in the association. The Devon Guild, rightly or wrongly, sets its face very sternly against anything of this kind, and its rules provide 'that no member shall take part in any ringing match for prizes; should he do so he will be liable to immediate exclusion from the Guild.' There are a number of associations who now recognise change ringing competitions, and we are not sure that the Devon Guild's rule is not a little out of date, for, with

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proper safeguards, a contest such as that organised by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, for instance, must encourage better ringing among the bands; and better ringing is a thing that must be continually striven for. The old abuses that used to accompany the prize ringing events of bygone years no longer exist, and it is of little use to ignore facts. An amalgamation of the two societies would bring strength to the organisation of church bell ringers in Devon; it would open the door, at any rate, to further attempts to spread change ringing and remove from the heart of the diocese a cause for jealousy and rivalry. Despite the question asked almost in despair by the Devon Guild's secretary, 'What could the Devon Guild do?' we suggest that one way to approach the situation would be to get the Bishop to bring the two organisations together for a friendly talk, with the Diocesan himself in the chair. An accommodating spirit would then, we are sure, do a great deal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES	Treble	ALBERT WALKER	6
PERCY O. LAFLIN	2	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	8
CHARLES WEBB	4	JOHN BRAGG	9
MORRIS J. MORRIS	5	JAMES GEORGE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt, 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

HAROLD JACKSON	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ROBERT HERRING	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
TOM WILDE	3	TITUS BARLOW	8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY	9
JAMES H. RIDING	5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Venerable Archdeacon J. H. Thorp, M.A., B.D., who attained his 75th birthday on the 19th inst. It is 30 years since Mr. A. E. Pegler rang a peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	5
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS	2	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON	4	E. HARRY STONELEY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal in the method.

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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN H. DODD Treble	†WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM ... 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	†JOHN HUGHES 6
††FRANK WOOSNAM 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
JOHN BREESE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. †† First peal away from the treble. This peal was specially arranged to enable the first 'all-local' peal to be rung on the bells; and it is believed to be the first peal of Major to be rung for the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild by a band all of whom are members of one and the same local company.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
FRANK ROSSELL 4	WINSTON JAMES Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung after meeting short for Little Bob Major.

LLANTRISANT.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH LOVATT Treble	THOMAS HAMLYN 5
GEORGE WINES 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
FREDERICK LASBURY 3	HARRY PAGE 7
TOM PAGE 4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 29). Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all the band and for the association. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells since they were augmented to eight by J. Taylor and Co., and the longest length on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHRIK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
WILLIE AARON 2	SYDNEY BROWN 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	JAMES INGHAM 7
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOBARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method for all but the ringers of 4th and tenor. First in the method as conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
MISS FREDA ORR 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung especially in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Ward. First peal in the method by the association, in the county and by all the band.

DERBY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY 2	GEORGE WEST 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	JOHN FLOWER 7
LAURENCE CHADBURN 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob in Derby.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDGAR E. SWIFT Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	PERCY E. JONES 6
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*RICHARD WARNETT 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM 5
*JOHN R. BARTRAM 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
*ARTHUR W. WARD 4	*EDGAR W. HIGGS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. E. W. Higgs was elected a life member of the M.C.A. before starting the peal.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY BARNES Treble	JAMES McCLOSKEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
EDWARD DALINGWATER 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal rung in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
JOHN T. BROTHWELL 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
CHARLES MASON 4	HAROLD KENT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. Remaliah Coupe, who has been a ringer at Bolsover for 50 years.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On July 4th, being the occasion of the opening of the Moore Cottage Hospital, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins.: Mrs. F. Clements 1, W. Wright 2, B. Phillips 3, G. Ayres 4, E. Withers 5, T. Banning (conductor) 6, F. Clements 7, C. Pratley 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
EDWARD V. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	CHARLES J. HEAD	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker and the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
FRED HAWKES	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to F. Hawkes.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	4
EDWARD A. HERN	2	HENRY B. TAYLOR	5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	ADAM DEAS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in seven different methods. Rung in honour of the Duke and Duchess of York, who visited Jarrow the same day.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE G. MANSFIELD ...	Treble	*ARTHUR MANSFIELD ...	4
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	5
J. WILFRED SHARP	3	JOHN M. GRAY	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ethel Gray, youngest daughter of the ringer of the tenor, on attaining her 21st birthday. The conductor was on holiday from Cirencester, and was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, for a wedding on July 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King 4, T. Kendall 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Banks James' composition.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE	Treble	JAMES MARTIN	4
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
JOHN WILKINSON	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Minor in the tower. Peals of Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus have now been rung in this tower. It is the first tower in which the full 'series' has been accomplished. The above band, with one exception, have taken part in all the performances.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY STAPLETON	Treble	WILLIAM STOCK	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	5
PEARL INSKIP	3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Three 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, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
CYRIL TANSSELL	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. G. HARRISON	Treble	GEORGE ARCHER	4
D. WHITING	2	G. A. BLAXCELL	5
A. J. BERRY	3	WM. STEGGALL	Tenor

Conducted by WM. STEGGALL.

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 extents (ten callings) of Plain Bob; two 240's arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and 24 extents (ten different callings) of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

THOMAS J. JAMES	Treble	*WILLIAM TENNANT	3
CYRIL POOLEY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	4

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on these bells, cast in 1623 by William Brend, of Norwich. Mr. James was elected a member of the Guild. His last peal was rung in 1910 at Duffryn, Glamorgan.

BELGRAVE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, May 17th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Heath 1, S. W. Chapman 2, J. Cole 3, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 4, G. Tillson 5, R. Barrow 6, A. Skinner 7, F. Haslum 8.—On Sunday, May 20th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. G. Pratt 1, R. Barrow 2, H. W. Martin 3, E. Bagworth 4, G. Tillson 5, N. Bagworth 6, A. Skinner (conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1928, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. George Earle,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in B.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4

CYRIL POOLZY ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5-6

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: ARTHUR SAUNDERS.

100th peal by W. Arnold, 525th peal by the conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeble.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. L. Wiseman,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2 | HORACE COOPER ... 5-6

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | LEWIS WISEMAN ... 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The following peals were rung in a programme which covered a fortnight of week-day evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons:—

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5

BERNARD WELLS ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

†GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble | WALTER CHARMAN ... 5

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 6

*KENNETH SNELLING ... 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 7

PETER CHARMAN ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble | ALFRED J. BULL ... 5

GEORGE F. HOAD ... 2 | BERNARD WELLS ... 6

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3 | CECIL NICE ... 7

NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by the late F. PIRSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble | ALAN R. PINK ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

LEONARD A. TIDY ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY ... Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 6

GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

BERNARD WELLS ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CECIL NICE ... Treble | HUGH R. THORPE ... 5

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7

GEORGE F. HOAD ... 3 | WALTER CLAYDON ... 8

*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 9

BERNARD WELLS ... 5 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble | *FRANK SADLER ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

BERNARD WELLS ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7

ALFRED J. BULL ... 4 | *WALTER HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Bob Triples.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble | LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5

*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

†KENNETH SNELLING ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

*ALAN R. PINK ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5

*KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 6

WILLIAM WAITS ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Switton,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER... .. 1	RONALD H. BULLEN 5
BERNARD WELLS... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
Three other peals were attempted, viz., at Turner's Hill, Lower Beeding, Sussex, and Redhill, Surrey, but came to grief.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

The bells of St. Mary's Church were rung on Saturday, July 14th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Henley, residents of the parish, on the occasion of their golden wedding, the marriage having taken place in Sussex on July 15th, 1878, in just such weather as the day a half-century later in life. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 49 mins. by a team of neighbouring ringers, which was conducted by their eldest son (one of two pairs of 'pigeons'), and composed by the Bucks and Berks veteran, Mr. J. J. Parker, who is now in his 75th year, and has himself seen the 'golden rounds' of matrimony: E. T. Hooper 1, T. S. Smith 2, J. J. Parker 3, W. Welling 4, W. H. Fussell 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Henley 7, G. Basden 8. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by W. Welling, and a 'fascinating flourish' of that musical method, Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by Mr. Parker, were also brought home.

The photographer placed on record a picture of the stalwart Henley family, and while the group was subjected to the lens the ringers were subjected to a glass that did not magnify. W. H. F.

TEN EXTENTS OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

The following ten extents of London Surprise Minor contain 5-6 the right way behind:—

23456	23456	23456
64235.1	56423.2	23564.4
35264.2	62345.3	45236.1
42356.1	55624.1	45362.4
63425.1	46532.1	23456.1
63254.4	54632.5	23564.4
42635.1	26543.1	45236.1
23564.3	84352.3	45362.4
45236.1	23645.1	34256.1P
62453.1	56234.1	
34625.1	34256.2 or 42356P	9 bobs
34256.4 or 42356P		and 12 bobs.
Twice repeated.		
9 bobs	9 bobs	21 bobs
and	and	and
21 bobs.	24 bobs.	9 bobs.
23456		

The first three arrangements contain two true and complete extents, and come under the new definition of a peal of Minor adopted at Hereford.

H. LAW JAMES.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE BELLS OPEN AGAIN.

On Saturday, July 21st, Ambleside ringers, with friends from Glasgow, Kendal and Manchester, reopened the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Nurse). In the afternoon two touches of Triples were rung on the bells to allow Mr. Paley, of Messrs. Austin and Paley, church architects, to examine the tower under stress, and then the ringers adjourned to the Bay Cafe for tea, which was provided by the Rector. Returning to the church, a course of Bob Minor was rung on handbells in the churchyard by T. F. Hewitson 1-2, W. Robinson 3-4, T. B. Newton 5-6, E. Jennings covering 7-8. The lady cleaner of the church caused great amusement amongst the party by asking the ringers if they had brought the bells out of the tower in order to ring them outside. In the evening a good 336 of Stedman Triples was rung on the church bells: T. F. Hewitson 1, E. Ashley 2, E. Jennings 3, H. Hardy 4, T. B. Newton 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8. Also 504 Grandsire by: E. Jennings 1, J. Sewell 2, W. Nevinston 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Atkinson 5, T. F. Hewitson 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Wilson 8. W. Robinson conducted both these touches. This was the first time the bells had been rung since some time before the war, and it is hoped to have them rung regularly for service after a band has been formed.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Ringers were present from Anstey, Hallaton, Husbands Bosworth, Humberstone, Thurmaston, Market Harborough, Leicester, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, and the local band was also represented. The six bells were raised about 4 p.m., after which touches of Plain Bob and Double Court Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung. Fourteen members and friends then adjourned for tea at the Black Horse Hotel.

After tea the belfry was again visited, and a six-score of Stedman was rung, followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise. The business was then transacted, and it was decided to hold the September meeting at Enderby.

Another course each of Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise were then rung, and the bells were lowered in peal about 7.45 p.m.

The tone of the bells is quite good, but the 'go' leaves very much to be desired, the tenor especially going very badly. After the ringing had finished, several members viewed the famous Foxton Locks.

A CENTENARIAN HONOURED.

Through the kindness of Mr. A. B. Osbourne, a band of ringers were invited to ring the bells of St. Peter's Church, Roydon, Essex, on Saturday, to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of the parishioners, Mrs. Mary Paveley. Eleven ringers turned up from the neighbouring towers to honour the old lady. The first 'touch' on the bells was a well-struck 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles, with different calling. Brought round in 40 minutes, conducted by W. Burton, of Roydon. J. Shuttlewood, a local ringer, had the honour of ringing the treble, and was desired to convey to Mrs. Paveley the delight it had given the ringers to ring for her 100th birthday, and also to express their united good wishes for her health and happiness. This touch was followed by a long length of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Wedlock. Then another 'touch' of 240 changes of Grandsire Doubles (Morris' arrangement) followed, also conducted by W. Wedlock. The ringing was concluded by two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Three ringers hailed from Harlow Common, three from Epping Upland, two from Roydon, one from North Weald, and two from Epping, all of whom wish to express their thanks to Mr. A. B. Osbourne for his kind hospitality.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S GIFT TO MR. G. EDWARDS.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held their summer meeting at Penshurst on Saturday week, when members of the following towers attended: Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Chiddingstone, Hever, Lamberhurst, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Penshurst. There were also visitors from East Grinstead and Limsfield Chart.

The tower was opened at 2.30 p.m., when various touches were indulged in, and later the Rector, the Rev. James Cropper, conducted a well-attended service, at which he gave an appropriate address.

At the conclusion of the service the members visited Penshurst Place by kind permission of Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, a privilege which was greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed. On the return to the Village Hall the ringers passed through the Rectory garden, an incident which added pleasure to the outing.

At the Village Hall the company was met by the Rector, Mr. L. Elwood, and Mr. E. Baker, who joined the visitors at tea, at which 62 sat down. A well-prepared meal was served by Mr. Shibby in his usual efficient manner. Following the tea the business of the meeting was proceeded with, and a few practising members were proposed and elected, together with the Rev. James Cropper and Mr. E. Baker as honorary members. The next meeting was fixed for September at Cowden.

Mr. Latter, the district secretary, eulogised the work for the association of Mr. G. Edwards, and asked him to accept a small present as an appreciation from his fellow-members. Mr. Edwards, he pointed out, had been the district representative on the Central Committee for 16 years, and in that time had missed only one meeting, a record of which anyone might be proud.

The Chairman then handed Mr. Edwards a chiming clock in mahogany case.

Mr. Edwards thanked the members most heartily for the unexpected and surprising gift, and urged them to carry out their duties with all the energy they could.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Lord de L'Isle, Miss Arnold and Mr. J. M. Sturgess.

Mr. Latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to Lord de L'Isle for the visit to the Castle; Mr. H. Featherstone for presiding at the organ; and Mr. G. Edwards for making the arrangements for the day.

Ringling was then indulged in till nine o'clock, and by general consent the meeting was considered the most successful for a number of years.

BUCKNALL RINGERS' RECORD.

The band at Bucknall, Staffs, have now rung extents of the whole of the Minor methods in the Central Council's Collection. No fewer than 86 of them have been rung this year. The ringers will be interested to know if any other company has rung all these methods, or whether they are the first to 'complete the book.'

The ringers of the 86 methods have been: William Wheeldon, rung 56, conducted 18; Charles Preston, 50, 4; William Fradley, 70, 18; Miss Alice Preston, 81, 10; Charles Bowen, 72, 18; Harry Billings, 41, 2; Reginald Preston 80, 16; John Wheeldon, jun., 66.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Southam on Saturday last, when about 40 members and friends were present, and some good practice ringing was enjoyed. Tea at the Black Dog Inn was followed by the general meeting, at which Mr. A. Wilkerson was voted to the chair in the absence of the president.

Shilton was elected as the August meeting place, Willoughby for September and Warwick for October.—Five new members were elected.

Mr. F. W. Perrons proposed that a special meeting be held at Coventry on Saturday, November 24th, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Guild. This having been agreed to, a sub-committee was elected, comprising the Master, the secretary and Mr. F. W. Perrons, to make arrangements for a social evening on that day.

Mr. J. Sykes asked the members to consider whether it would be advisable to change the name of the Guild to the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch was held at Willingham on Saturday last. The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Hair), after which the company sat down to tea at Day's Gardens. In the absence of the district secretary (Mr. F. Warington), the Rev. H. B. Woolley took the minutes of the meeting. Rev. A. C. Hair presided. It was decided (subject to permission being granted) to hold the next meeting at Ickleton some time in September.

Among those present were Mr. John Taylor, Master of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. A. G. Rivers, Mr. E. J. Butler, London, Mr. B. Buttress, Fulbourn, and members from Long Stanton, Willingham, Sawston, Melbourn, Trumpington and Over. Ringing was good generally, although one or two notable ringers were absent through indifferent health.

A PLEA FOR THE DEAF-BLIND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to call the attention of your readers to the above cause?

This well-deserving cause has of late been brought to the public notice more than formerly, but it is not generally known that there is a section of the blind community who have the additional handicap of total or almost total deafness. Of these there are some 1,300 in this country, a small number, it may seem, but in terms of human suffering the problem which it represents is both vast and poignant. To be deaf-blind means to live in perpetual darkness and silence, monotony and an isolation from which wireless—that wonderful new compensation of the hearing blind—can bring no relief. Exercise and fresh air are, too, inevitably lacking.

'The Deaf-Blind Helpers' League' is the name of a society which has been formed to promote the social welfare of these poor people. It will consist of deaf-blind members and seeing associates (in which capacity the help of the hearing-blind and seeing-deaf will be thankfully received). The associates will be asked to interest themselves in the welfare of the deaf-blind in general, and in that of, say, one or two of them in particular. We may say that this society was originated by a lady who is herself deaf-blind.

Familiarity of the hand-speech will, of course, be needed by those who undertake personal help, and for correspondence work a knowledge of Braille will be necessary, but neither of these is difficult to learn. One of our cherished dreams is the founding of a hostel for the deaf-blind where they may spend a really happy holiday—a thing which, under all the circumstances of their case, is at present difficult for them to compass. It may be as well to state that the league is non-sectarian and non-political. It is registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

No good work can be carried out without funds, and we shall therefore gratefully welcome subscriptions and donations, however small.

We appeal to all who have the happiness of their fellows at heart to help us in our endeavour to brighten and enrich the lives of these sorely-tried people by their active co-operation as associates.—Yours sincerely,

E. FRASER.
Hon. Secretary.

8, Wellington Terrace,
Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

HOUNSLOW.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, H. Worstfold (Egham) 4, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 5, J. Kent 6, J. W. Trappitt, sen., 7, C. Gash 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Miss Phyllis Moss, a well-known West Middlesex ringer, has recently undergone an operation in a London hospital. Her many friends will be glad to learn she is making a satisfactory recovery.

Sir Charles Wakefield has given £500 for the restoration of Hythe Parish Church bells, now silent after 120 years.

There is a recrudescence in certain daily newspapers of the complaints against the ringing of church bells and the striking of church clocks. One writer from Bath even complains of church bells rung for services. Strange, is it not, that it is the occasionally rung bells that come in almost exclusively for attack? The other noises that have grown up round us, and are almost continuous, such as the raucous hoot of the motor horn, are accepted without protest.

The first peal has just been rung on the five bells at Paston, Norfolk. They were cast in 1623 by William Brend, of Norwich, who cast, among others, a ring of four of the same weight at the same time for Acle, but while Paston are in A, Acle are in F sharp.

Local tradition has it that the Paston tenor weighs 15 cwt., but the 'Norwich Mercury' of July 13th, 1816, says: 'On Friday sen'night was opened at Paston in Norfolk a peal of bells by ringers from this city. The tenor weighs 12 cwt., and is in the key of A.'

We were in error last week when we stated that Mr. John Thomas had previously rung two church bells to a peal. The Double Norwich at Corston was the first in which he had performed this wonderful feat.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

It was on July 29th, 1785, that William Shipway arrived in London from Bath, to improve his opportunities of ringing. That was really a momentous event for change ringing.

On July 30th, 1792, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung at Aston, Birmingham.

AN OLD BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of your antiquarian readers have noticed the following statement in a 'Book about bells,' by Rev. G. S. Tyack, on page 125?

'In the present year (1897) an interesting discovery was made in Suffolk which seems to point to this time of destruction (the Reformation). In cleaning an old pond at Rooksie Farm, Preston, in that county . . . a bell bearing the date 1133 was laid bare, embedded in the clay which formed the subsoil. One wonders was it flung there by despoilers or by some friendly hands endeavouring to save it from destruction, who afterwards failed to recover it.'

Although a native of Suffolk, and fairly familiar with the Lavenham district, I never before heard of this discovery, and am wondering what truth there is in the above statement as to the date of the bell. Is it not a fact that pre-Reformation bells are invariably undated?—Yours, etc.

P. LAFLIN.

FEE-FO-FUM !

Behold! A giant am I!
From deepest crypt to tower
I hold—save keys of heaven and hell—
An autocratic power!
Mine is the will, and only mine,
Within this ancient abbey,
My rule is stern, but, sad to say,
Most other Deans are flabby!

Noblesse oblige! In small degree
I bow to public feeling.
I let the bells ring now and then,
But can forbid their pealing.
For ringers with their lusty limbs,
Their Grandsires, Bobs and Caters,
Compared with me, a Gaitered Dean,
Are very small pertaters!

Tho' weaker Deans may anxious be
This noxious art to foster,
Such things as that will never be
While I am Dean of Gloucester!
For why should I permit a tribe
Of most uncultured people,
To break on my serenity,
With noises from my steeple?

So to the mast I nail my flag,
Emblazoned with 'Forbidden!'
Let other Deans do what they will,
I'll not be ringer-ridden!
I bolt and bar the belfry doors;
My status elevated
Protects the Dean of Gloucester's Bells
From being desecrated!

J. P. A.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD ATTENDS A RALLY.

Saturday, July 21st, was a red-letter day in the history of the Barnsley and District Association. For the first time the Lord Bishop of Wakefield was present at a meeting. It was a veritable 'rally' of ringers and friends. The Rectory, with spacious grounds near to St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, had been thrown open by Rev. Canon Hone, Rural Dean and hon. president of the association, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and by the latter hour one hundred and fifty persons had assembled. Service was held in church. The prayers were read by Canon Hone, and the Bishop gave an address based on the text, 'Ye shall be my messengers,' and urged his congregation to maintain the highest possible tone in religion.

Prior to the tea a photograph was taken, with the Bishop in the centre, and it is hoped copies of this will be available at an early date. Tea followed on the lawn, a happy gathering in a most delightful scene. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung.

Mr. W. Reynor, of Sandal, and an ex-president, proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship. In doing so, he dated a change in Yorkshire ringers' doings to the time when Mr. Jasper Snowden, son of a Yorkshire Vicar, started the Yorkshire Association over fifty years ago. Other associations had followed in harmony with the parent association.

His Lordship replied, and warmly praised the efforts of the associations to further their art, which, when rightly understood and practised, reflected the true feeling of the church. Such associations were a help to the church, and must be acknowledged as such.

The Secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Hone and Mrs. Hone for the use of Rectory grounds, to St. Mary's Mothers' Union for the perfect arrangements for tea, and to the ringers' wives for their consideration and approval of their ringing husbands throughout the various meetings.

One feature of the event was a display of ringers' trophies, viz., a cup won by Wath in 1836 at Ecclesfield, long since forgotten but lately presented by a donor to the local ringers; a 'loving cup' presented to St. Peter's company, Sheffield, by Preston ringers in 1886; a beautiful peal book and a challenge cup, belonging to Sheffield and District Association; the noble challenge cup of Halifax and District Association; the challenge cup of Hoylandswaine; the large challenge shield of Barnsley and District Association; an emblem and book of rules of the Society of College Youths.

Ringing on tower and handbells filled in the vacant times until 9 p.m.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT OLD HILL.

On Saturday, July 14th, eight members of the Dudley and District Guild met in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, to do honour to two of their most respected members, viz., Mr. John Price and Mr. Bert Price, on the occasion of their birthday, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the unsatisfactory 'go' of the bells for peal ringing this was found impossible, and Mr. John Goodman (the conductor) brought the bells round at a quarter-peal, which was accomplished in 47 mins.: G. Swallow 1, S. J. Hughes 2, P. Hackett 3, W. Fendall 4, B. Gough 5, W. Green 6, J. Goodman, jun., 7, G. Guest 8. Afterwards the band adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price, where they were met by other ringers and their wives and sweethearts at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Price to tea and supper. During the interval, the company were entertained by handbell ringing and various games on the lawn. The hospitality and welcome extended to the visitors by Mr. and Mrs. Price was greatly appreciated, and the hope was expressed that they would all meet again if spared next year.

At the conclusion of supper Mr. Herbert Sheppard proposed hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Price for their generous hospitality, and congratulated Mr. J. Price and Mr. Bert Price upon their birthdays.—Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded, and Mr. B. Gough supported the proposition, which, it is needless to say, was received in a real Black Country style.—Mr. and Mrs. Price briefly thanked their guests for their presence, and also for the kind words spoken of them.—The enjoyable proceedings concluded with further handbell ringing.

HASTINGS RINGERS' OUTING.

Ringers from St. Clement's Church, Hastings, together with their lady friends, made an excursion to Margate for their annual outing. En route they rang at Brookland and Lydd, and, passing through New Romney and Folkestone, reached Dover at 11.30, where a brief stop was made for a walk in the Dover Priory. Margate was reached at 1.15, and St. John's bells were set ringing. Afterwards the ringers visited Cliftonville Promenade and Dreamland Amusement Park, where, we regret to state, they lost most of their day's wealth. Proceeding to Brixington, and, later, Ques Park, they were enabled, by kind permission of Major Cotton, to ring on the twelve bells in the Waterloo tower. Proceeding to Canterbury, a meat tea was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Cathedral visited, but the bells were not rung. Hastings was reached by way of Ashford, Tenterden and Northram a little before midnight. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents and towerkeepers for allowing them to ring at the various places mentioned, also their own secretary for having arranged such a grand day's outing. G. R. M.

HANDBELLS BROADCAST.

GREAT SUCCESS AT A BIRMINGHAM SERVICE.

The broadcast of handbells from St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, before the evening service on Sunday was perfectly done. It had been intended to ring Stedman Cinques, but the limited time (a bare five minutes) made it necessary to ring Caters only.

It was a big undertaking, as those who have rung handbells in public will realise. The ringers stood in the chancel. There was a crowded congregation—sufficient in itself to make any ringers nervous. Coupled to this the fact that the microphone was also there, with other thousands of unseen listeners over the ether, made the task all the more difficult. But a perfect course was rung, without the slightest hitch or flaw, and several correspondents have asked us to express their congratulations to the band.

The course occupied four and a half minutes, and an arrangement had been made with the organist to improvise in the same key as the handbells (B flat) the moment the ringing stopped, and this he did splendidly, the whole effect being admirable. The ringers were P.O. Ladin 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, A. E. Norman 9-10.

The performance was unique, the circumstances such that anything might have happened—trips, slips or even a complete breakdown—but the band not only upheld their own reputation; they served the Exercise right well.

BOLTON RINGERS IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.

On Saturday last the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club again placed their athletic ground at the disposal of ringers of the district, their wives and friends, and well over a hundred availed themselves of the opportunity to have a good time in the hands of the police. First a bowling match was arranged between the police and the ringers, and although the former were at home, they did not get too much of their own way, their win being only by a margin of four points.

Then followed the usual 'tower' challenges, which were contested in a very enthusiastic manner, because the results of these give rise to many taunts during the ensuing year.

Meanwhile the ladies were preparing tea. When the trundlers were tired of the greensward, an adjournment was made to the pavilion for a 'free and easy' impromptu concert, and when one looked round and saw rolls of music coming out of every corner, he felt assured of a good musical evening.

Mr. J. Booth and his daughter, from Standish, who gave selections on handbells, brought encores again and again. Their rendering of 'Robin Adair' so delighted everybody that they had to give it again before they left. Miss A. Potter, Miss E. Cutsforth and Mr. J. Williams supplied the vocal solos, whilst P. C. Hayhurst attended to the humorous side of the entertainment. 'Community' singing, dancing and touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters on handbells were indulged in, and 10.30 brought to a close all too soon one of the best socials held in the branch.

P. C. Hayhurst moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, and extended on behalf of the club a hearty welcome to the ringers on future occasions. This was seconded by Chief Inspector Atkinson.—Mr. E. Cutsforth then moved a vote of thanks to the police for their generosity in placing their grounds at the disposal of the ringers. There had been, he said, entertainment for everybody. There was the athletic ground, the bowling green, the bar and the pavilion, and, above all, the opportunity of creating a good friendship between all.—This motion was seconded by Mr. A. Burton. Another member who supported this said he would like to couple the name of the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, with the vote, for his special efforts in keeping together one of the best branches in the country. To him they owed many thanks.—The National Anthem closed the evening.

ST. ALPHEGE CHURCH, CANTERBURY.

AN APPEAL.

An appeal is made to the public for funds in order that the bells of the ancient Church of St. Alphege, Canterbury, may be retuned and rehung, and that the octave may be completed by the purchase of two additional bells.

Toward the sum of £250 required, only £35 has been raised in the parish, which is a poor one.

St. Alphege is the only church in the city where the bells are rung up to changes for Sunday services throughout the year.

Donations may be sent to Miss E. Chambers, hon. secretary, 39, Palace Street; Mr. F. Brett, the conductor, 32, Stour Street; or to the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Carter, 58, St. Peter's Street.

KINGSTHORPE RINGERS' OUTING.

The bellringers of Kingsthorpe, Northants, with their wives and friends, including the Rev. J. P. and Mrs. De Putson, Mr. Edwards (Vicar's warden), Mr. Brown (people's warden), and Mr. Wilford (Master of the Guild), held their half-day tour on July 7th, visiting Isham, Cranford, Woodford and Great Addington, where tea was provided. Ringstead and Higham Ferrers were afterwards visited, and at each church various touches were rung. The excursion was most enjoyable, and thanks are extended to the Vicars of the various parishes for the use of the bells.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. C. H. AUSTIN.

The sad death of Mr. Charles Henry Austin, who was killed at Sulgrave Church by falling from the bell frame to the church floor, as recorded in our last issue, was the subject of an inquest held by the Banbury coroner.

Charles Poole, of Croydon, a fellow-workman, said the deceased was cementing the bell girders in readiness for the rebanging of the bells, and was working on a ladder about eight feet long. He could not reach the girders from where he was, and was going to move the ladder to another position. He had moved the cement board, and was about to get down to move the ladder when he evidently slipped, and fell backward through the trap-door, which was used for hoisting materials up by pulleys, striking his head on the stone floor below.

Dr. Johnson, of Sulgrave, who was summoned, and arrived just before the deceased died, stated that the case was hopeless from the first, the deceased's skull being fractured.

Evidence was also given by Sidney Charles Wootton, aged 15, who was assisting the deceased. He was on the ground floor and was looking up through the trap door. He heard the deceased moving down the ladder which stood on the belfry floor. He then saw the deceased fall through the trap door on to the ground floor. He seemed to fall backwards. He should think he slipped off the ladder and then fell sideways, as if he had tried to grab at the pulley rope, but he did not think he touched anything in his fall until he struck the floor. Witness went to him and lifted his head up and spoke to him, but deceased did not answer. Charles Poole came down from the belfry and sent witness for the doctor, and deceased was still alive when Dr. Johnson came.

A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned, and expressions of sympathy were tendered to the widow, who was present at the inquest, by the coroner, the jury, and Mr. Barnes (on behalf of the Iron and Steel Cage Insurance Co.), and Capt. Freeborn (who was present to represent Messrs. Gillett and Johnston).

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the service being conducted at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, by the Vicar of All Saints' (Rev. C. W. Janvrin).

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. John Austin (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. Yule (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Harold (brother), Phyllis and Winnie (sisters), Walter (brother-in-law), Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (representing Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the deceased's employers, Croydon), and Mr. and Mrs. Brunsdon.

The coffin was borne to the grave by the bellringers of St. Michael's, Messrs. G. Baldwin, E. Beckett, G. L. Brunsdon, G. Cundick, E. Davis, J. Gillett, W. H. Harris, and J. Stephens, and ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent).

Floral tributes were sent by the wife and children; mother and father; sisters Winnie and Phyllis; brother Harold and brother-in-law Walt; Mrs. Ware (Sulgrave); C. Poole (Croydon); Mrs. Chequer and family; Francis and Flossie; Cyril Laura; Aunt Sherborn and Mrs. Corfield; Mrs. Brown (Sulgrave); Cyril Johnston; Frank, Lily, and Peggie (Cardiff); Mr. and Mrs. Yule; staff and fellow-workers; villagers of Sulgrave; brother ringers of St. Michael's Juniors, and the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council of Sulgrave.

At the conclusion of the service two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung over the grave on handbells by Messrs. G. Brunsdon, E. Davis, ex-Sergt. Williams, and Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary of the Gloucester Branch of the association), while later in the afternoon muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung at the belfry of St. Michael's.

After the funeral at St. Mary de Crypt Church, Gloucester, the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths and St. Michael's Juniors, of which the late Mr. Austin was a member, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Gillett 1, W. H. Harris 2, G. L. Brunsdon 3, T. Baldwin (conductor) 4, H. Beckett 5, G. Cundick 6, ex-Sergt. Williams 7, E. E. Davies 8. All the ringers are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and belong to the Gloucester Branch.

At the monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch, held at Longney on Saturday, the Vicar, the Rev. S. Rowland, referred to the loss that Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin had sustained by the death of their son. He read a copy of a letter of condolence sent by the branch secretary (W. H. Harris) expressing the deepest sympathy of the members in the loss which their friends had sustained, and he asked the members to stand in silence as a last token of respect.

At the service held at St. Michael's on Sunday evening the preacher, Rev. Dennis (acting pro tem. for the Rev. Braithwaite) made special reference to the sad bereavement which had befallen Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the widow and family. The service was attended by the St. Michael's Junior's Society.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, on Thursday, July 19th, as a last token of respect: D. Wright (conductor) 1, T. A. S. Bloxham 2, F. W. Larby 3, B. N. Newton 4, E. Denham 5, W. Bulpitt 6, W. Groves 7, F. E. Collins 8. The late Mr. Austin had for the past five years been closely associated with this tower. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor are employees of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and were workmates of the deceased.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD, PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT CURDRIDGE.

Excellent weather favoured the meeting of the Portsmouth District held at Curdridge on Saturday last, and, although the attendance was not up to the usual average, those who did attend had a very enjoyable time. Members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Haslemere, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ringwood, Swanmore and Wickham, and also Mr. G. Bull from Binfield, Berks.

Service was held at 4.30 p.m., at which the Vicar (Rev. A. Helps Storey) conducted the Guild's form of service. In the course of his address he expressed delight in welcoming the members to Curdridge, and hoped that they would soon visit them again.

A splendid tea awaited the ringers at the Reading Room, over which the Vicar presided. At the business meeting which followed he was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by the secretary (Mr. E. W. Rogers). Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member, and Messrs. C. Guy (St. Mary's, Portsmouth), and E. Warner (St. Thomas'), as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shedfield together with Wickham and Swanmore during October, the date being left for the secretary to arrange. Due notice of this, however, will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

It was also decided to hold a by-meeting at Bishop's Waltham (where it is hoped shortly to complete the octave) on August 25th, or, failing that, at Hambledon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. A. Mears for having everything in readiness, and also to the organist. This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing, where they were met by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), who had come from another meeting at Micheldever. The Vicar accompanied the ringers to the tower, and took part in some Grandsire Triples. Other ringing included Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Norfolk Surprise Major.

At the request of the Vicar, after the tower-bell ringing had ceased, some of the members rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major 'in hand' on the Vicarage lawn.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Romsey on Saturday, July 14th. The Abbey bells were available during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise being rung. Tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, after service in the Abbey, at which the address was given by the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. W. B. Corhan). A short meeting was held with the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (vice-president), Mr. Geo. Williams (Master), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district sec.) and members from North Stoneham, Eling, Ringwood, Winchester, Dibden, Southampton, Portsmouth, Portsea, King's Somborne, Netley, Fareham, Guildford Cathedral and Romsey.

Mr. H. Dunn, of Romsey, was elected a member of the Guild.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and address, and also for presiding. Thanks were also expressed to Canon Braithwaite for his presence at the meeting.

The next meeting is fixed for North Stoneham on Saturday, October 13th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

DEATH OF ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RINGER.

On Tuesday, July 10th, there passed away at the age of 76 one who will be greatly missed in the tower of St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Coming from the neighbouring village of Packington, George Hutton joined St. Helen's Society in 1890, and held the office of captain from 1895 to 1905. By his quiet, unobtrusive manner and his reliability as a 'ringer' and as a 'man,' he endeared himself to all who knew him. He was a member of the Midland Counties Association, and had 19 peals to his credit, one of them a peal of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, the only peal on the bells at the church of his native village of Packington, where his remains were laid to rest on Friday, July 13th. The officiating clergyman was the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Charles Pratt, a son of the Rev. Charles Pratt, a former Vicar, whose service the deceased entered at the early age of eleven years.

It was on the retirement of the Rev. Charles Pratt to reside in Ashby that the deceased came with him, remaining in his service and in connection with his family for the long period of 64 years. On the completion of 50 years' service the deceased was presented by the family of the Rev. C. Pratt with a handsome clock and an autograph album bearing the signatures of all the members of the family.

The pall bearers were four of his fellow-ringers—J. Curtis, E. W. Beadsmoore, J. Curtis and J. Bradford.

The bells of St. Helen's were rung half-muffled on Friday evening, also on Sunday, July 15th, when a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round for morning service in 49 mins.: H. Beadsmoore 1, T. Beadsmoore 2, A. Beadsmoore 3, J. H. Dunmore 4, Joseph Curtis 5, John Curtis 6, E. W. Beadsmoore (conductor) 7, J. Bradford 8.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin wish to thank most sincerely all their fellow-ringers for the kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE.

The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, the programme being a trip into Hertfordshire with the intention of visiting St. Albans, the centre of Church life for the diocese of St. Albans, to which Braintree belonged previous to the formation of the diocese of Chelmsford. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and their esteemed friend, Mr. W. Keeble, travelled by charabanc, and arrived at All Saints', Hertford, at 10 a.m., when they were met by one of the local ringers. Bob Major, Cambridge Major, and Stedman Caters were brought round on the very line ring of ten. St. Andrew's, situated near by, was next visited. Here the tower was found locked, and no official in charge, as the vergor was away on holiday. Fortunately, Mr. Walter Ayre, who had heard of the visit, appeared on the scene, and after some wanderings procured the key, the visitors in the meanwhile ringing a well-struck course of Rob Royal on handbells in the church porch. After raising the bells, a handy ring of eight, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung in excellent style.

Hatfield was next on the list of towers. Mr. J. T. Kentish was here awaiting the visitors. After suitable explanation and apologies for the late arrival, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were accomplished. Bidding farewell to Mr. Kentish, the party proceeded on the journey to St. Albans for lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, the company numbering twenty-three, including Mr. W. Ayre. No ringing was possible at St. Albans, as permission could not be obtained at either the Cathedral or St. Peter's. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the Cathedral, made very interesting by the vergor, who took the party round and proved an excellent guide.

The next move was to Benington via Knebworth. At the latter place the bells were not available owing to the condition of the tower, and notification had been received the previous day that ringing was out of the question at Benington owing to illness near the church. As tea had been ordered there, and all were anxious to visit the church, the home of the late Squire Proctor's band, the party arrived about 5 p.m., and partook of a bountiful tea provided by Mrs. Cheyne. A quiet look round this old-world village and the church was much enjoyed. Although no ringing was possible, the opportunity of treading in the footsteps and reading the records in the tower of this once world-famed band was appreciated. Leaving the delightful country village, the ringers proceeded to Stansted, Essex, arriving about 8 p.m. to make the last call for the day. A party from Stowmarket had left half an hour earlier, and the new arrivals found several of the local band at the church to welcome them. Everything being in readiness, these excellent going bells were soon pouring forth their melody to the tune of Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman, the striking being well high perfect. A pleasant ride of eighteen miles found the Braintree folk home again at 10 p.m. Although their disappointment was great at not being able to ring at several churches, a most enjoyable time was spent in ideal weather. The Guild beg to offer their sincere thanks to all who assisted in making the outing a success, especially Mr. W. Ayre.

A TOUR ROUND KENT.

On Saturday, June 16th, the Milton-next-Gravesend band, accompanied by the Rector and churchwardens and friends, had their outing and visited Dover.

The journey was made by charabanc through the finest scenery in Kent, by way of Rochester, Maidstone, Sutton Valence to Tenterden, where the first stop was arranged for a ring, but unfortunately this was denied the visitors owing to illness near the church. After a look round this beautiful place, the journey was resumed by way of Woodchurch, Hythe, Folkestone (where the cliffs of France could be clearly seen), to Dover, where an excellent dinner was waiting for the hungry trippers at the Dovorain Restaurant. Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the tower at St. Mary's and an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Others had a look round the harbour, but there were no aspirants to swim the Channel. The homeward journey was by way of Canterbury, where tea was partaken of at the Queen Elizabeth Guest Chamber, well worthy of a visit. The bells at Canterbury Cathedral were placed at the disposal of the party, but owing to a misunderstanding it was 7.30 before the keys of the tower arrived. Full advantage was, however, taken of the limited time; the twelve bells were rung in rounds, thus enabling three or four to have their first pull on twelve bells, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were also rung, the company having been depleted by some who, having got tired of waiting, had gone sight-seeing. Leaving Canterbury at nine enabled Gravesend to be reached before 11 p.m., thus ending a very enjoyable day in decent weather. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking through 'The Ringing World' all who so kindly helped to make the outing a success, with an extra word of thanks to Mr. E. Buesden, of Canterbury, and the Austin car that accompanied the party, who between them were the means of finding the keys of the Cathedral tower.

FIRST SPLICED 720.

On Monday, July 9th, at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancs, a spliced 720 of Oxford and London Scholars' Pleasure, in 26 mins.: H. Taylor 1, J. Clayton 2, F. Welham 3, J. Singleton 4, E. Garside 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6. First spliced 720 in the methods by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung in the town of Mossley.

BRENTWOOD RINGERS' 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY.'

The day selected by the ringers of St. Thomas', Brentwood, for their outing was a glorious one. In the early hours, ere the town had fully roused itself from its slumbers and the last cat had returned from its nocturnal meandering, individual ringers with light hearts and light coats on their arms (for who can trust this English summer?) met at Henderson's garage and formed one jolly band of change ringers, who were out for a busman's holiday—a day's ringing in distant towers. Just after seven o'clock the two charabancs moved off, friends were collected at Bontley and the final party mustered 36.

After passing through some delightful country, the first halt was called at Harpenden at 9.20 a.m. Within five minutes the bells were up and the first touch had commenced. Anxious villagers being suddenly aroused by some excellent ringing inquired why the bells were being rung. Some thought of the oldest inhabitant—maybe a jubilee—but one bright informant satisfied his curiosity with an equally bright remark that 'some men were pulling the ropes.' Harpenden Church has in its old tower a fine peal of eight.

The next stop was at Leighton Buzzard, where a fine peal of ten were set in motion at 12 noon. The tenor had just sounded the hour of one when the whole party, who were joined by Mr. Nichols, secretary of the local band, sat down to an excellent luncheon at the Plume-of-Feathers Hotel. The Rev. Adams Clarke, who is very keen on ringing and was accompanying the party, took the chair.

The duty of change ringers is to ring bells and not to talk, so the after-lunch speeches were short.—Mr. Ringe, the Master, said how pleased they all were that Mr. Adams Clarke had been able to come with them, and that it was the first time one of the clergy had accompanied them. Mr. Ringe went on to thank the secretary of the Leighton Buzzard band for his kindness in having the bells ready and for getting permission to ring them. He welcomed the visitors, and thanked Mr. G. Miles on behalf of everyone for the admirable arrangements he had made for the success of the outing and for his judicious booking of the sun.—Mr. Adams Clarke, above the loud exclamations and interruptions of the smallest member of the party (a dog bailing from Romford), expressed his thanks to the ringers, and said how pleased he was to be with such a jolly party. Mr. Butler, of Romford, the owner of the aforesaid interrupter, replied for the visitors, and expressed a wish on their behalf to be invited again next year.

The journey was continued, and in the broiling sun the party stepped out at Hemel Hempstead and entered St. Mary's Church to have a pull on the fine peal of eight. At 4.30 the bells were lowered, and the party proceeded to St. Mary's Hall, and partook of an excellent tea which the caretaker had arranged. The inevitable photographs were then taken in the middle of the public highway, traffic being diverted for the time being into a one-way route.

The Vicar of Hemel Hempstead saw the party off, and expressed the hope that all had enjoyed themselves, and so, amid applause, the party moved off to St. Albans, where many availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the fine old Abbey.

On leaving St. Albans, owing to an error on the part of the driver, a serious happening occurred, the cars being brought to a dead stop in a cul-de-sac outside the city prison. The party withdrew hurriedly. Although it is an ill wind that blows to a prison, it did the party good, for they saw more of the town if only one of its gloomy aspects. At 7.20 again a halt was called, this time in the tiny village of Aldenham. The church is an old one, with a good peal of bells, which were made full use of. Then the homeward journey began, and Brentwood spire was soon seen. Tired but very happy, after a wonderful day of sunshine, fresh air and some good ringing, the band rang their last 'touch' on their own door bells, and so to bed, to dream of the fellowship of ringers, the good arrangements of the day, and hopes for the future years. During the outing, touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

MR. WILLIAM C. RUMSEY'S 300 PEALS.

Methods.	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	1	1
Minor	12	7
Bob Triples	2	0
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Stedman Triples	15	2
Erin Triples	1	0
Bob Major	25	10
Kent Treble Bob Major	22	12
Oxford Treble Bob Major	37	14
Double Oxford Major	3	0
Superlative Surprise Major	40	18
Cambridge Surprise Major	34	14
New Cambridge	5	3
Norfolk Surprise	2	2
Yorkshire Surprise	2	2
London Surprise	3	0
Double Norwich Major	81	46
Stedman Caters	2	0
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	0

Total ... 300 137

IPSWICH RINGERS VISIT NORFOLK.

A visit to a number of Norfolk churches was made by St. Clement's, Ipswich, ringers for their fourth annual outing. The first stop was at Great Ashfield (five bells). Having arrived before the scheduled time, a group photograph was taken by the secretary (Mr. F. Howell). On one group he was also included by the use of a self-timer attachment. After a short ring a move was made to Badwell Ash (five bells), and then on to Welsbam-le-Willows (six bells). Here the Vicar met the party, and escorted them round the fine church. After a short ring the next stops were at Hopston (six bells), and Market Weston (five bells).

A quick run was then made for the Fox Inn at Garboldisham, where dinner was partaken of. Dinner over, the secretary was called on to give a few selections at the piano while the party rested after their labours.

Visiting the church (six bells), some of the party had their first ring in Norfolk. North Lopham was the next stop, and the eight bells were soon going in Major methods. A call at Kenninghall had been arranged, but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, this had to be cancelled at the last moment. However, the Rector of Banham came to the rescue, and allowed the use of his six bells. Tea was served at the Fighting Cocks Inn at Winfarthing, and afterwards there was a short spell of ringing on the good peal of six at the Parish Church. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Barber), a former curate of St. Clement's, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Palgrave (eight bells) was the next peal on the programme, and with the assistance of some of the local band, some good ringing took place. A young ringer (age 14) came in for some attention from the local men for the able manner in which he carried out his first attempt at Major ringing, especially on such light bells. Yaxley (six bells) was the last stop for a ring. Leaving here at nine o'clock, the journey home was via Creeting and Needham Market, and everyone agreed they had had an excellent day's outing, only marred by four heavy storms during the day.

CRAWLEY RINGERS INVADE HANTS AND SURREY.

A PRELUDE TO A FORTNIGHT'S PEAL RINGING.

At 7.30 one fine July morning the Crawley ringers with some ringing friends from the surrounding towers set out from Crawley on their annual excursion. After a two hours' ride through some glorious country, including Cowdray Park with its ruins, etc., a halt was made at Midhurst, where there is a peal of six bells. These were soon raised and set going to the tune of London, Cambridge Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and rounds to suit all. After inspecting items of interest in this old town, the party embarked for Petersfield with its nice peal of eight, where Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round. The next stopping place was Privett, where Norfolk Surprise, Treble Bob, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. A good going peal of bells these, and some good striking was obtained. A prolonged halt was made for an excellent dinner prepared by mine host of the Sun Inn, to which all did justice. After a short rest, with handbell ringing, tunes and changes, the journey was continued to Chawton, with its peal of six bells. Some difficulty was experienced in ringing these owing to the ropes having to be knotted to get the lengths, but Cambridge, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round successfully. The next tower on the list was Alton, where there is a fine ring by Gillett and Johnston. Some good ringing was accomplished here, the methods being Norfolk and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. Tea came next, and after this had been disposed of a move was made for Bentley with its ring of six, the church being somewhat difficult to find. Cambridge, Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung. Last, but not least, Farnham was reached. Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. A short time was spent in looking round the town and in other places, and then, about 9.30, a start for home was made, with a short pause at Bramley for refreshments. Apparently not sufficient ringing had been done during the day, for handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung to the delight of the inhabitants. Crawley was reached at about 11.30, but the writer and others did not arrive home until an hour after that. Everyone voted it an excellent outing, and thanks are due to the various incumbents and the towerkeepers who met the party and had everything in readiness, also to the organiser, Mr. O. Sippetts, who must have worked very hard in arranging the excursion. This outing was a prelude to a 14 days' peal ringing effort, peals being arranged for evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The result of this part of the programme will be found in the peal columns.

MR. J. H. RAPER'S FIFTY PEALS.

Grandsire Caters, rung 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Bob Major, 3; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 3; Minor, in one method 15 (conducted 6), in two methods 5 (conducted 3), in three methods 4 (conducted 2), in five methods 3 (conducted 1), in six methods 1; Doubles, 5 (conducted 3); total, 50 (conducted 15).

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, H. Belcher 3, H. Worsfold (Egham) 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent 7, C. Gash 8.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

In the following article, which, owing to continued pressure on our space, we have had to hold over for some weeks, the Rev. H. Law James concludes his analyses of method extension.

Eight rows in each lead are the same as Double Bob with the treble in the hunt. We can therefore omit 7th's place with the treble behind and 2nd's place with the treble leading.

12345678	
21436587	
12463578	Cambridge Court with the 6th in the hunt.
21645387	
26143578	
62415387	
26145837	
62418573	Double Norwich with the tenor in the hunt.
26481537	
62845173	
68241537	
86125173	
68245713	
86427531	Cambridge Court with the 7th in the hunt.
68472513	
86745231	
87654321	
	The second half of the lead is simply the reverse of the first half-lead.

Shipway extended the method to Royal, and the bells in the hunt in Royal are 6, 8, 9 and 7, as the treble goes up, and, referring again to what has been said of the extension of plain hunting Court methods, you will find all the place making consist of extensions of Double or Single Court Minor, in the same way that all the place making in the Major comes from the same source.

In Superlative Maximus the bells in the hunt are 6, 8, 12, 9 and 7, as the treble goes up, and the places again are all extensions of Double and Single Court.

In the extension rung at Ipswich the bells in the hunt are 6, 10, 12, 11 and 7, the place making again being derived from Double and Single Court Minor, and this extension is not Superlative Maximus simply because it appeared 100 years too late.

H. LAW JAMES.

SUGGESTIONS OF A FLAT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Tell 'Simple Simon' that if he was ringing the method and the treble was not where he ought to have been, he should have fetched him. 'Perhaps his mus-coles were tired.' Further, he should have known that in twelve-bell ringing it is not essential to go above eight's place. That is if the method is striking enough.

A word to the Acoustics Committee. Outside the tower: While the bells are still at the foundry, broadcast their notes into the tower. Then tune the bells to fit their surroundings. Church authorities who cannot afford a peal could instal a wireless set and borrow the bells from the foundry.

Inside the tower: If the bells are noisy, stand next to the one who calls the bobs. Most of them will put the bells out of tune. If a cheap job is all that can be done, try ordinary roofing felt with alternate layers of old newspapers (not 'The Ringing World') until the desired effect is obtained. To some of the grand old peals fit a leather clapper.—Yours,

'A FLAT.'

THE JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the report of the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations at North Mimms, which was contributed to your columns by Mr. C. T. Coles, I would like to add a few remarks, chiefly to thank all ringing friends who travelled from far and near to attend the meeting, making it such a success. Many old friends renewed acquaintance after years of wandering, and many met for the first time. One pleasing feature of the afternoon was to see Mr. W. Pye ringing plain leads with youngsters of 13 and 14 years of age.

As to the service in the church, the Vicar has since expressed his appreciation of the sincere way in which the ringers took part in the service. The work these meetings entail is a real pleasure when one gets such able co-operation as Mr. Coles gives, and the support to the meeting given generally. It shows by good feeling and comradeship that we are out for one common cause—the advancement of change ringing.

W. NASH.

North Mimms.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Thursday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Wilcox and Miss E. Corley: R. Martin 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. T. Evans 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, T. Marshall 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evensong, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, B. Wayman 4, F. C. Ginn 5, Geo. E. Crisp 6. The tower is now restored, and ringing takes place every Sunday at 5.55 p.m. by arrangement.

GREEN'S NORTON.—For morning service at St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Lewis (Cirencester) 1, F. J. Lewis (Cirencester) 2, A. Mansfield 3, W. J. Chester (first quarter in three methods) 4, A. A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 15th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of London ever rung in this church for service.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—On Whit Sunday, at All Saints' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: being 360 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: N. Moxon 1, K. Burchall 2, G. Burchall 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of flags presented to the local troop of Boy Scouts.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, on Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Edmonson 1, W. Brown 2, F. Sheraton 3, L. Donnison 4, J. Crawford 5, G. Ward 6, A. E. Adamson (conductor) 7, S. Walker 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of treble, 4th, 7th and 8th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

LOWER HOMERTON.—For evensong, on Sunday, May 20th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Clark 1, H. Jeffreys 2, G. Ventris 3, F. Alleyway (conductor) 4, E. Dymont 5, W. Briggs 6. First 720 in any method by 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

TICKHILL.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise: A. Winn 1, J. Cannings 2, S. Sheppard 3, C. Ainley 4, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Dodd 1, C. Hooper 2, A. Pitt 3, A. Lewis 4, W. Alsop 5, W. Margetts (conductor) 6, F. Woods 7, P. Luty 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 1,024 Bristol Surprise: A. Keeble 1, E. S. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, C. E. Fisher (longest length in the method) 4, C. E. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. G. Rumser 6, C. Sampson 7, F. J. Smith 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: O. Warner (first quarter) 1, H. Springate 2, J. Kidd 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, O. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: E. Bishop 1, J. Roberts 2, W. Trueman 3, H. W. Bishop 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, R. Wood 2, A. C. Gasson 3, E. T. Exeter 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Coots 1, C. Holman 2, A. C. Gasson 3, A. Laker 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. C. Gasson (conductor) 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Laker 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. Steele 6.

WINGHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church on May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. Branford 1, J. Sharp 2, Harrison Smith 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, F. Fairbeard 6, L. J. Honess 7, H. Gardner 8. Messrs. Eagles and Millway were visitors from Dover.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Lovett 1, H. Page 2, R. Davies 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 3rd.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes): D. Wright 1, G. Austin 2, J. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpitt 4, J. Bennett 5, W. S. Smith 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, W. H. Joiner 8, W. Groves 9, E. Denham 10. Composed by Mr. E. Hims. Contains 4-6-8 in the middle, and the 6th behind the 9th in alternate courses.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of the Holy Saviour, for morning service, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Vernon 1, H. Bell 2, J. S. Needham 3, W. Turner 4, S. W. Chapman 5, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 6, E. H. Bagworth 7, F. Haslam 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, Mr. Jeremiah Vernon, on his retirement from the staff of St. Saviour's ringers, after over forty years of active service.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for evening service on Sunday, May 6th, 720 Stedman Doubles: C. Alderman 1, E. J. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, T. C. Walters 4, A. Coley 5, F. H. Bird 6. First 720 in the method for evening service.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A combined meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. on day of festival, 3s. each to non-members. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mellons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Bam-
burgh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at
5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members.
—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth,
Newcastle.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby
on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in
the school at 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby
District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at
Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, July 28th.
A good attendance hoped for. All are welcome.—Charles
Draper, Local Sec.

SOUTH ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.—The opening of
Anston bells after re-hanging and retuning, recasting
tenor, and adding two new trebles to complete the octave,
will take place on July 28th by the Lord Bishop of Shef-
field. Service at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Tea
provided (in the Vicarage grounds, weather permitting).
—Hy. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near
Sheffield.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The
annual outing will take place to Beverley on Saturday,
the 28th inst. Permission has been granted to ring on
the Minster bells. Train leaves Doncaster 1.25 p.m.
Will all those who intend going please meet outside
station not later than 1.15 p.m.? Fare: 6s. return.—
Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conis-
borough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley
District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-
the-Hill on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from
4 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers
and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington,
Hinckley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting
will be held at Henbury on Saturday, July 28th. Bells
open from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All members
please make a special effort to attend.—G. Way, 1a,
Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting
at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 28th. Bells available
from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) 4.30, followed by meeting.
The beautiful Rectory gardens will be open to visitors.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A
ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, July
28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — George Lambert,
Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A practice meeting
will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 28th.
All ringers and friends will be most welcome.—J. A. Fenton,
Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Abbots Lang-
ley, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6). Bells open 3.30.
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ton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A
meeting will be held at Inworth on Saturday, July 28th.
Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s.
per head.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Earl's Colne,
Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN
GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be
held at Wherwell on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from
2.30, also Longparish (5). Tea at Wherwell Vicarage
at 5 p.m.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Echinswell Vicarage, New-
bury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough
Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch
will be held at Ramsbury on Saturday, July 28th, at 2.30.
—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, S.O.,
Wilts.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The
quarterly meeting will be held at Barlow Moor Church,
Didsbury, Manchester, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells
available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. in tower.—S.
Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston
Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh
on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.
Roll up and visit these beautiful gardens.—J. Nickerson,
Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at
St. Magnus' on August 2nd, 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's
Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th;
*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; St. Andrew's,
Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting
afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham,
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.
—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Satur-
day, August 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d.,
to those who notify me of their intention to be present
before Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome. — H. Parker,
Branch Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Dis-
trict.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at
Allensmore on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) available
3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., free to those
notifying me not later than August 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis.
Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notting-
ham District.—The next monthly meeting will be at
Bingham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) available
from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be had at the Rectory.—F. W.
Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The recently re-hung bells
of St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, will be re-opened on
August Bank Holiday, August 6th. The 10 bells will be
available from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. All ringers are most
cordially invited.—C. Beeston, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the guild
will be held at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday,
Monday, August 6th. By kind permission of the Vicar,
the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, the ring of 12 at St. Nicholas'
Parish Church will be available. Business meeting will
be held at 2.30 p.m. in the belfry.—Arthur L. Coleman,
Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next
meeting will be held at Whiston, August Bank Holiday,
Monday, 6th August. Tea provided 1/- per head to all
who let Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, know before
Saturday, 4th August. Cup Committee earnestly requested
to be present.—R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Full particulars will be published later.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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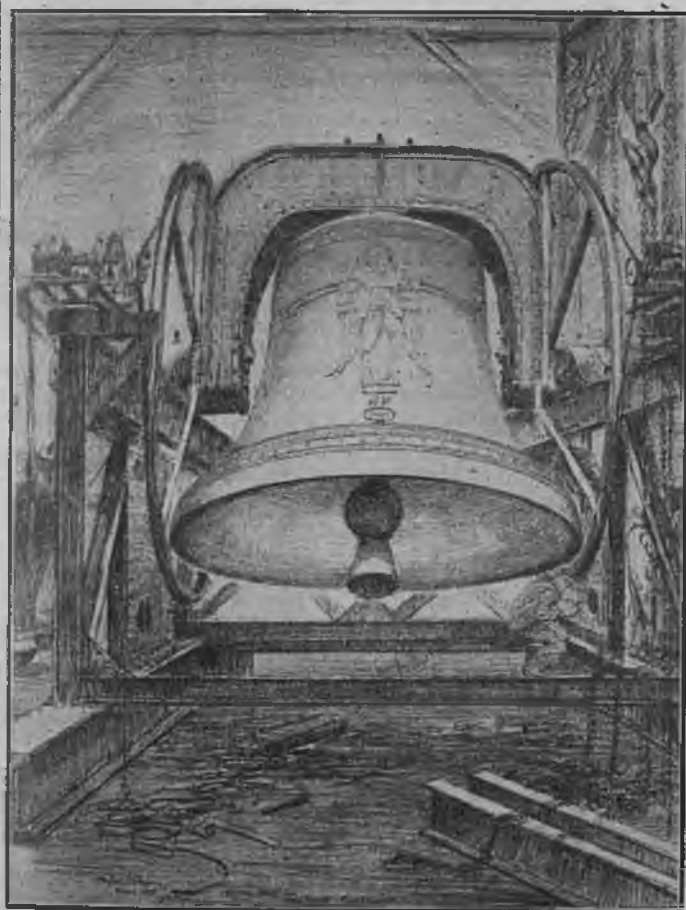
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THE VALUE OF THE SOCIAL SIDE.

In recent weeks a great many bands of ringers have been taking what has been described by one correspondent as 'a busman's holiday' and spending a day, or sometimes two, together upon a ringing excursion. A trip of this description has now become an annual event with almost every well organised company, and is developing into a custom which has everything to commend it. Such outings not only give pleasure to the participants, but they can be educational as well. Visits to other towers give men new experience, without which they can hardly hope to become efficient ringers; they provide opportunities of meeting other men from whose knowledge something may be learnt, and, not least, they help to promote that social aspect which plays no unimportant part in the Exercise.

The last few years, which have seen the rapid development of popular motoring, have brought with them great changes in the facilities for ringers' outings. It was not long since an excursion by road meant a pair-horse brake and a limited itinerary of, perhaps, twenty miles or so. If a more extended journey was desired it involved train travel, which is never so inviting as the open road, and certainly not as convenient for reaching remote towers. But all this is altered. Fast and luxurious cars can take a complete party across England in a day, and excursions covering a hundred or a hundred and fifty miles are now common occurrences. One band a week or two ago spent two days on the road and travelled more than three hundred miles before they reached home. Compare this with a century or so ago, when the only means of travel open to the average ringer of that time was to go a-foot. Think of the men who set out from London to walk to Oxford, or down into some of the old Sussex and Kent towns to ring! Few of them could have afforded to hire horse or chaise, and coaches were not always within reach of their means—yet they went, as we know from records left behind them of the performances they accomplished.

Times have, indeed, changed, and modern transport has placed facilities within reach of every ringer undreamed of two generations ago. An excursion made in those days was an adventure—the event of a lifetime. To-day we all look for at least one outing a year, and some find it possible to have one a week. They are the fortunate ones, but whether it be once a week or once a year, it is only those who make the 'business' element of ringing subservient to the social side who realise to the full the pleasure that can be got from participating in our art. It is for this reason that the 'annual outing'

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is so valuable. The social spirit is uppermost; it infuses new life into the esprit de corps of the band, and the company return to their duties with their interest reinvigorated. So it is with those who in a wider field get more constantly abroad to mix with their fellows. Jealousies—if there are any—evaporate; rivalries disappear, and with friendly understanding and mutual respect for others men go back to their own belfries with broader minds, fresh ideas, and, often, new aspirations.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK N. GORR Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	JOSEPH WREN 6
FRED W. SNEATON 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	*GEORGE S. DIPLOCK Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	RICHARD C. BELTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on St. James' Day and on the 300th anniversary of the four back bells being hung in the tower.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
SAM TAYLOR 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Specially arranged as a wedding peal for L.A.G. Percy Charles Wood, R.A.F. (son of the ringers of the tenor and Mrs. Wood, of Queenborough), and Winnie (only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Manning, of Harrietsham), who were married the same afternoon.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRID Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	*JAMES BENNETT... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 400th peal.

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On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLETT 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

THOMAS R. BDTLER Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
WALTER J. BDTLER 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JOHN COOKE 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. It is upwards of 25 years since a peal was rung on these fine bells. They have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., their 'go' being highly satisfactory.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER. MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	CHARLES R. BELTON 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. BROWN Treble	*SIDNEY CLARK 4
*WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
JEFFREY TOSSEL 3	*JOHN HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HUGH MCVAY Treble	JOHN LOWRY 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal of Minor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman, 720 St. Simon's, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,160 Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. HOPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN 3
*FREDERICK W. KNOWLES ... 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 4
HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. G. FRETWELL.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells and first peal in four methods by the association.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hilary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GREY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
JOHN GREASLEY 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, who was on holiday in the district.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently arranged 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	*FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
*JOHN W. WARD 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

First peal in the method.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	THOMAS HURD 5
WALTER LONGMAN 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by J. Taylor and Co. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Marbury for the use of the bells.

SUDBURY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Woodbine and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN BARKER Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd, 3rd and 5th ringers, in conjunction with the 26th anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding. This is the first peal by all the above ringers in the county of Derby.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

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.

VERNEY COOPER Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* BERNARD BAILEY Treble	FRED WHEELER 4
FRED WM. KNOWLES 2	* FRED CLARKE 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	WILLIAM SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

* First peal. Treble ringer hails from Blackwell, the rest from Morton. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery, after a severe illness in Derby Infirmary, of the wife of the conductor.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLY Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ladd, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

* WILLIAM MEAD Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JOHN J. PRICE 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

† CECIL TONG Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ANDREW BAILEY Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 4
JOHN KING 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

CROFTON, YORK.—On July 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Cullingworth 1, A. Kelsall 2, A. Cole 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. First 720 by the treble ringer, who is 15 years of age and a member of the local band. The other ringers belong to Felkirk.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On July 25th, 720 Wells Surprise: Miss K. Will 1, J. W. Ward 2, E. Haynes 3, E. H. Finch 4, F. Harper 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 7-8
* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9-10	

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters also on handbells.

MR. JAMES BENNETT'S 400 PEALS.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Majors rung at Chipping Barnet on Saturday was Mr. James Bennett's 400th peal. The great variety of methods which has gone to make up this total will be seen from the following list:—

Minor:	Rung.	Conducted.
In 1 method	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	17	5
Triples:		
Grandsire	18	2
Stedman	68	
Union	2	
Erin	1	
Major:		
* 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	29	10
Oxford Treble Bob	9	
Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	2	
'Cam' Treble Bob	1	
Double Oxford Bob	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob	55	
'Real' Double Norwich Court Bob	1	
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob	1	
Norfolk Surprise	4	
Superlative Surprise	22	
Cambridge Surprise	38	
New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Bristol Surprise	9	
London Surprise	9	
Londonderry Surprise	1	
Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise	3	
Caters:		
Grandsire	1	
Stedman	22	
Spliced Erin, Stedman and Grandsire	1	
Royal:		
Plain Bob	2	
Little Bob	1	
Kent Treble Bob	9	
Oxford Treble Bob	1	
Cambridge Surprise	7	
Cinquies:		
Stedman	22	
Maximus:		
Kent Treble Bob	3	
Cambridge Surprise	2	
Superlative Surprise (on treble)	1	

Total 400 30

* Includes the first peal ever rung by a Navy and Army band of ringers. Rung in 15 counties, for 15 associations, in 123 towers.

BUCKHORN WESTON, DORSET.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on May 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *W. J. Coombs 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, *P. H. Hazzard 3, *H. Andrews 4, W. C. Shute 5, F. A. Coward (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.—Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Coombs 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, H. Andrews 3, F. A. Coward 4, W. C. Shute (conductor) 5, P. H. Hazzard 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. First 720 as conductor.

A MIDLAND EXCURSION.

Irthlingborough ringers' annual excursion was favoured with beautiful weather. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. in a comfortable and commodious Leyland Lion. The presence of ladies was an innovation, and a very pleasant one too. Twelve of the feminine sex, sweethearts and wives of the Irthlingborough campanologists, together with fourteen ringers and friends, comprised the party. At Finedon the number was augmented by the addition of 'Bricky,' the 'two Johns,' Tewey and Tom; and at Kettering 'Harry B.' completed the party.

Leaving Kettering with a glance at the stately spire of the fine old Church of SS. Peter and Paul, the party journeyed on, through leafy lanes flooded with brilliant sunshine, to Rockingham, famous for its old castle, now inhabited by an American millionaire. Down the very steep incline (a terror to cyclists) we proceeded to Caldecot, and crawled carefully round the narrow winding streets of Uppingham, arriving at Oakham at 10 a.m., according to schedule. The eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.) in the Church of All Saints were soon merrily swinging, and excellent touches of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Bristol were tapped off without a hitch. The tone and 'go' of the bells were greatly admired by all. A walk round the quaint old town, and then all aboard for Melton Mowbray. A further ten miles of lovely wooded scenery dotted with numerous spires (no towers), and the next stop was reached, Melton Mowbray (of pork pie fame). Here the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Bartram and his two sons, and conducted to the commodious ringing chamber of the fine old Church of St. Mary, with its excellent peal of ten bells (tenor 25 cwt.). Courses of Treble Ten and Stedman Caters were rung, also a touch of Grandsire Caters. After 'falling' the bells, an adjournment was made to the Fox Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided by Host Fowler. Grace was sung before and after dinner, followed by a course of Caters and tunes on the handbells by the 'Arleborough' experts. After farewells, off again, and a further fifteen miles (through Rearsby and Syston) to Leicester, arriving about 3 o'clock, once more according to schedule. Straight to ancient St. Margaret's to receive a hearty welcome from Josiah and Ernest 'of that ilk,' and soon the fine peal of twelve (tenor 33 cwt.) were 'lifted,' and a touch of Stedman Caters successfully accomplished.

Treble Ten was next essayed, followed by a course of Grandsire Cinques, the first attempt on twelve by many of the band. A few rounds and changes on the twelve for the 'novices' completed the programme, and, after ceasing, the party separated for shopping and tea. In the evening, the ringers reassembled at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, and were met by the sprightly veteran, 'W. W.' Soon London, Cambridge, Stedman and Plain Bob were successfully brought round. The excellent peal (tenor 21 cwt.) and the splendid 'go' were greatly admired. An adjournment for refreshment followed, the company including some 'notorious' local lads—'Freddy,' 'Harold,' 'Josiah' and 'Ernest.' Three of the five survivors of the 17,000 of D.N.C.B. being together after nearly twenty years' wandering, much 'chin music' took place, and many of the old battles were fought again. After many thanks and fond farewells, the party were once more on the road with faces towards home; time, 8.30 p.m. A special invitation had been given to call at Great Glen, by the Rev. Farnworth Anderson (residing at Glen Hall), at present acting as 'locum' at Irthlingborough. The party were met by Mr. Anderson and taken to the Church of St. Guthbert, a typical village church with a fine old Norman doorway, and courses of Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung on the pretty peal of six (tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.). Very interesting details of the bells were afterwards given by the Vicar, reading from the book of old church records. The tenor is dated 1340, and was cast by Johannes de Stafford. It is undoubtedly one of the oldest bells in the district. Homeward bound, songs, hymns, solos, duets, and community singing enlivened the journey, several 'budding Caruso's' spraining their throats with 'Constantinople' and other classic refrains. Harry was dropped at Kettering, and the Finedon 'crush' at the crossroads, the remainder reaching Irthlingborough at about 11 p.m.

The party wish to accord their heartiest thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells; to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness; and to the numerous friends who met them and largely contributed to a most successful and enjoyable outing.

T. R. H.

A COLCHESTER CEREMONY.

After having adorned the walls of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, since 1857, the tattered Crimean colours of the 44th Regiment, now the 1st Battalion the Essex Regiment, stationed at Goojerat Barracks, Colchester, were restored to the regiment at an impressive special service conducted at the church on Sunday morning, being later conveyed to the regiment's quarters by a colour party and 200 of the battalion with fixed bayonets, and afterwards displayed on the barrack square. After appropriate treatment, the colours ultimately will be deposited in the regimental chapel at Warley, where they will hang with numerous other colours, which betoken the honourable career of the regiment, and which also have been restored to the regiment under like circumstances to Sunday's ceremony.

Previous to the service, touches of Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Peter's Church by W. Boyden, F. L. Bumpstead, E. P. Duffield, H. Evers, H. T. Pye, G. Rashbrook, W. J. Schofield, R. W. Stannard and W. J. Nevard.

CROYDON FOUNDRY CONTRACTS.

Among the bell contracts which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston now have in hand are the following:—

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Durham.—Peal of six, tenor 7 cwt., to be rehung in new frame with new fittings.

TALBOT VILLAGE, Dorset.—Chime of twelve, bass bell 3½ cwt., to be recast.

CHULMLEIGH, Devon.—Peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt., back six to be hung on ball bearings.

ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL, LONDONDERRY, Ireland.—Recast eight bells into peal of eight, tenor 20½ cwt., supply fittings for eight, and new metal frame for 13 suitable for a 31 cwt. tenor, and an Ellacombe chiming apparatus for 13 bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Mellons on Saturday, when a fair number of members from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of six, were raised early in the afternoon, and rung in various methods until 4.30. A service was then held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. Connop L. Price) officiating. His address, one quite out of the ordinary, was much appreciated. Tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and his wife, was taken in the new Parish Hall recently provided by the efforts of the Vicar, who has been but a very short time in the parish.

Following the tea, the business meeting was held, the Vicar taking the chair.

The article which recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' in reference to 'Defaulters' was read by the hon. secretary. This article, which was based on the report of the Bath and Wells Association, is by no means applicable to that association only.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouth meeting at Llangibby. The next Glamorgan meeting is already arranged for Pentre.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and his wife for their kindness and hospitality, and this terminated the business.

The visitors included Mr. Robt. J. Dawe, of Lewes, Sussex, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough.

The bells were afterwards rung, and advantage also taken to ring on the beautiful peal of six at Rumney, which was immensely appreciated by those who had not previously paid a visit to this tower.

HILLINGDON RINGERS VISIT WINCHESTER.

Saturday, July 7th, had been looked forward to for weeks by certain ringers in the Hillingdon District, and when that day dawned great was the stir in that little village. At 7.30 a.m. all those 'daft'-looking people had gathered themselves together into a charabanc and set out to enjoy life in their own 'daft' way! After a very beautiful and interesting ride through Windsor Great Park, Ascot, Bagshot and Aldershot, with its miles of barracks, Farnham (the Surrey one) was reached shortly after nine o'clock. The fresh morning air brought an appetite with it, and coffee and rolls (both hot and steaming!) were in great demand at the old Lamb and Lion Hotel. Mr. Hasted welcomed the ringers at the tower, and the bells were soon set going to Stedman Triples. Bob Major and Grandsire Triples followed, and the programme concluded with ringing the bells down in peal. The Vicar of Farnham appeared in time to say a few words of welcome.

Winchester was reached just before mid-day. There was just sufficient time before lunch for the Vicar of Hillingdon, Rev. H. J. Kiteat, who accompanied his ringers, to show them the college war memorial. This consists of a square court, bounded by cloisters, with a cross in the centre. Of its embellishments, one could write pages. Sufficient to add that no one visiting Winchester should miss this work of art. An excellent luncheon was partaken of at Dumper's Restaurant. During the afternoon some of the party, under the guidance of Mr. H. J. Wilkinson, went out to Hursley and rang some of the standard methods on the bells. Others spent their time exploring the Cathedral, Abbey ruins, Westgate, etc. Tea at Dumper's was very welcome.

The ringers then made their way to the Cathedral, and mingled with members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who were holding their annual meeting that day. After a very tortuous ascent, surely in parts the most narrow approach to a belfry, the magnificent ringing chamber was reached. The ringing commenced with a 'touch' of rounds on the twelve, after which a course of Stedman Cinques was brought round. The following Hillingdon ringers rang in the latter: F. G. Baldwin, A. R. G. Twinn, R. Warnett, J. J. Pratt, F. W. Goodfellow, and F. Corke (St. Andrew's). The ages of the three first-named are but 15, 14 and 16 years respectively. This was their first ring on twelve bells, and, as Mr. George Williams was heard to remark, he wished there were more ringers about who handled their bells as well. With a long journey ahead, a move had to be made, and the descent to terra firma was safely accomplished. Winchester was reluctantly left behind, with snatches of Caters on the Cathedral bells floating down on the breeze.

The return journey was through Basingstoke to Bagshot, where a stop was made for a 'little something,' and Hillingdon Church was reached at 10.10 p.m., after an exceedingly enjoyable day. Through this paper the ringers would like to thank the Vicar of Farnham and Mr. Hasted for their kind welcome, and Mr. G. Williams for so generously allowing the younger members of the party to enter into the realms of twelve-bell ringing. The total distance covered was 120 miles.

MUSEUMS AND ARCHÆOLOGISTS.

BY 'IRENÆUS.'

In the beginning—no, I am not going to rewrite the first book of Moses, as you might be led to conjecture by those first three words. I was going to write as Milton of old wrote—no, not about Paradise, because it is obvious to me that I cannot add one iota of poetic grandeur to his lines—but, I am going to write as the Puritan poet wrote, that is to say, 'to a line' stretched across my drawing board to guide my pencil. It will be obvious to any of my readers who have the gift of observation sufficient to learn a little art from Chantry, Rembrandt, and Raphael, a little philosophy from Aristotle and Plato, and a lump of the super-knowledge of human nature from William Shakespeare—how and why I take the Milton path across a sheet of notepaper. The mother of invention is said to be, and very truly, 'necessity,' and as 'Mester Milton' has no further need of his invention to guide his hand and pen, while I have, I have not hesitated to 'pinch' the 'Milton patent,' because the fact remains I am not a 'dictator,' as some readers might think. No, my thoughts will not flow, except in disjointed fashion, through another head and link properly to paper, and I am more convinced now than ever that too many Bakers burn the bread. It is reasonable to suppose every one of you has read how Alfred the Great was a good and wise King, but was 'licked at baking a few cakes,' and so am I 'licked into catfits' when I try to write through someone else. But just in between the gloaming and the shank end of last evening I sat thinking and wondering and pondering over our museums, and it struck me very, very forcibly that no one has taken up the pen and spoilt the virgin whiteness of one inch in 'The Ringing World' to let the Exercise at large know that we in Sheffield have got at long last 'one museum less.' Yes, it's true! A very 'King of bell-founders' has been and gone. He has put his foot in the belfry of All Saints', and, believe me, has kicked out the discord, cat howls and siren-like sounds from that 'chamber of horrors,' and with his own 'rite and' hath he 'putten' in some bells and bell music! Yes, reader, I would be the last person in the world to lead you astray, but if ever you do stray this way, just go up Ellsmere Road—sounds rather uncompromising, I agree. There is not the least danger of being distracted, or knocked flat on the pavement with a splinter through your musical heart, and there is no danger, no, not the least, of a 'bust tympanium,' because—well, All Saints' bells are eight nice, round, soft balls of velvet sounded in a descending scale. Yes, they are the most perfect series of ringing bells, tuned to equal temperament in the city of Sheffield. Gurn! Handsworth and Norton are 'sub-hubs.' Congratulations to the churchpeople who went about the job with wisdom. 'They have done their duty to a past generation by doing that which was their duty to the next!'

Yes, Mr. Editor, it has been kept very, very secret since May 21st, when these bells were dedicated, and since that day they have won, and will continue to win, golden opinion. And that's what is commonly called 'that'! Therefore I'll add: Verb sap.

Now, Mr. Editor, from comments which you have made, which have fallen on my ear, I take it that you are no lover of museums or of archæologists with 'A.M.I.S.E.' running behind their cognomens. I'm not so struck with 'em myself, either, but the question arises, 'What is a museum?' My definition is that is a cabinet, a room, or a belfry of curiosities. That may sound rather vague, but it is the best definition I can give for one who only had a 'frosty edification.' However, let me see if I can give you an illustration of my conception of a museum. H'm! Now I'm in a fix, a worse fix than ever. What? Licked? No, not yet. 'Ere, Nancy, help, help! Reader, this is Nancy speaking now: 'Wotsup?'

Nowt, my dear, only I want you to read me a few of the notes I have aforetime writ on the Sheffield Cathedral museum.

What! Do you expect me to read about six-and-sixty chapters? Oh, no, no, no; it's the dates I want.

Well, it's the dates you won't get, because we ain't got any.

I ain't talking about fruit, Nancy. I'm just axing you to read me the episodic epochs which I have copied from off the 'ribs and brazen bosoms' of the Cathedral bells and entered in that notebook. What? Yes.

1798, next 1804, next 1809, next 1836, next 1856, next 1868, next 1922, next—what!

That's all?

Very good. Off yer pop. I can manage now, thanks, till I want you as 'proof reader.'

Now I don't want anyone to run away with the idea that these figures above are connected in any shape or form with extension—beyond the 1868; that does savour of it, I agree. Neither are they the 'part ends' of a peal, nor have they any connection with that poem, 'We are seven,' or the rising and falling cadences of the 'Sevenfold Amen!' Reader, those figures alone go to prove that 'somebodies' have had seven tries to get a peal worthy of the Cathedral Church, and they have failed miserably. These 'somebodies' who knew it all, and knew nowt, lacked the wisdom which must have been, ah, even overflowing in the authorities of All Saints' who went about the job at one hitch and achieved a 'oneness'! No, they didn't want a 'sevenness': they aimed for one tensility, one elasticity, and homogeneity, and they have got it. Is there any logic in any church authorities who refuse to give logic a

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A HOLIDAY IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, July 6th, six members of the Chester Branch of the Diocesan Guild started for their annual ringing outing—Messrs. J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde, G. Jones, W. Thomas, W. Clarke and A. E. Richards. This year Hereford and district was the place selected. The party started under very pleasant conditions from Broxton, along the Whitchurch Road, live enjoying the comfort of a touring car, and the other showing how easy it was to leave the car behind on his motor bike. All went well as far as Ludlow, where they stayed for tea. Disappointment was expressed here, as Ludlow bells could not be rung owing to a choir practice. However, a quick move was made to Leominster, where on a fine peal an extent of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round on the back six. Messrs. R. J. Jones and R. T. Cooke very kindly assisted afterwards in a touch of Grandsire Triples. Among many interesting objects at this church, a fine specimen of an ancient ducking stool was to be seen. The next move was to the headquarters at Hereford, the City Arms Hotel, which was reached in good time, the rest of the evening being spent in making plans and studying maps for the following day. Needless to say, this part of the programme was much enjoyed.

'Early' next morning the 'lads' sallied forth on their errand in search of Lugwardine Church, which was only found after losing the way in spite of maps and signposts. Here Double Oxford was the order, and 720 successfully accomplished. Stoke Edith Church provided a good peal of six, and a Double Bob extent was brought round in fine style. The party then proceeded to Tarrington, where a short organ recital was given by one of the band, before the ringing of 720 Kent Treble Bob. At the Foley Arms full justice was done to an excellent lunch, and soon afterwards the party once again moved off to Fownhope Church, where an extent of Plain Bob and 120 Stedman were rung. Then to Hampton Bishop, where they successfully accomplished a 720 of Cambridge. After tea at headquarters, the party, still not satisfied, set out for Marden, where a combined practice was taking place. Here an extent of Oxford Bob was rung, and afterwards touches in other methods. This completed the ringing for Saturday.

Sunday morning found the men up and doing Stedman Triples and Kent Major at All Saints' with the help of two ringing friends. Still not satisfied, a few minutes' walk brought them to St. Nicholas' Church, where touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge were rung for service. This concluded the change ringing.

It is interesting to note that seven different 720's were rung in addition to various touches of Triples and Major. The conducting was shared by J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde and A. E. Richards.

After lunch on Sunday a move was made for home, which was safely reached at quite a respectable hour, after one or two interesting experiences en route. One in particular was a short tour in Radnorshire, which was not on the programme. The band desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all who contributed to the success of this outing, and particularly the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who so kindly secured the necessary permission at the various towers. It is said there are about seventy more towers in the neighbourhood, so no doubt at some future time a further visit will be paid to this beautiful district.

A. E. R.

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hearing? Is there any common sense in people who have got the money to hand to do the job properly and who commission a founder (I don't care what his abilities are as a founder) to melt up a couple of bells, and give them the same 'tone colour' as bells which have done service for 124 years—such as, for example, the 4th in this museum? No founder breathing can do it, any more than you or I could. Hamlet didn't approve of 'uncle fathers and aunt mothers,' and I, for one, agree there was something rotten in the state of Denmark. You'll find it also in your marketing basket if you go and purchase two pennyworth of cat's meat at seven different butchers' shops and expect to find the whole in one stage of decomposition. Now you won't find seven stages of 'anæmia' at the Crooked Spire, as Arthur and his knights of the round table know. They which hang 'neath the uplifted and twisted symbolism of the tail of 'Lucifer' are 'one anæmia,' the 1819 type. They are worthy of preservation, and they will certainly keep a little longer, for they are—reader, words fail me—not nearly so bad as Ranmore. Anybody dispute that? And who'll contradict me when I say—now, Garge, steady, lad!—that Ecclesfield has got a lovely museum? Yes, and Ecclesfield has had in time past great men, men of letters, archæologists, historians, etc., and, believe me, or not, these men knew a lot, but they didn't know their Lombardic 'alfeybet'! No, they didn't know an 'hen' from an 'aiche'! And I'll prove it when next I contribute.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—The Hatfield Guild of College Youths on Friday, May 25th, at the dedication service of the new organ in St. Etheldreda's Church by the Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Gascoigne Cecil), rang a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 53 mins.: S. Cull 1, R. Shepherd 2, A. Shepherd 3, R. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, J. G. Dunham 7, P. S. A. Lawrence 8.

SPliced MAJOR IN SIX METHODS.CANTERBURY, PLAIN BOB, LITTLE BOB, KENT AND OXFORD
TREBLE, BOB, AND LITTLE BOB.

5,256 BY A. J. PITMAN.

CANTERBURY.			KENT AND OXFORD		
23456	W	H	(Kent from 7832485).		
54326	1	1	A 4357682 in two leads.		
45236	2	2	1 2 4		
24536	3	1	B 5437682 Ox. Ox.		
7826345	1	Single Thirds.	C 3547682 Ox. Ox.		
PLAIN BOB from 7826345,			2347685 Ox. Ox.		
calling bobs at R. M. H. for			5247683 Ox. Ox.		
45263	1	1	4527683 Ox. Ox.		
24563	3	1	2457683 Ox. Ox.		
52463	3	1	3257684 Ox. Ox.		
3452867	1		5327684 Ox. Ox.		
LITTLE BOB from 3452867 for			2357684 Ox. Ox.		
4236578 in three plain leads.			4237685 Ox. Ox.		
M. H.			3427685 Ox. Ox.		
53264	S	S	6234578 Bob home		
52364	3	S	3652847 (next lead-end)		
43265	1	1	LITTLE CANTERBURY from		
45362	2	1	3652847.		
34562	3	1	5324678 in three leads.		
53462	1		W. H.		
32465	1	2	42356 1 1		
54263	1	1	43256 S		
7832465	W	B	52346 1 1		
			35246 3 1		
			23546 3 1		
			24356 2 1		
			23456 3 S		

Changes in each method: Canterbury 832, Plain Bob 848, Little Bob 848, Kent and Oxford 1,920, Little Canterbury 808.

For 5,128, call one bob Wrong at A, which will bring up B. For 5,000, call two bobs Wrong at A, which will bring up C. (Makes number of changes in Kent and Oxford 1,664.)

First rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry, April 28th, 1928, conducted by Ernest Morris.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Massey 1, F. Hawthorne 2, H. Barber 3, H. J. Chaffey 4, J. Gill 5, W. T. Beeson (conductor) 6.

A VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH BELL FOUNDRY.

With the good fortune usually associated with their annual outing, July 21st—a glorious day—was the date chosen by the company of St. Mary's Church, Ecclesfield, known as the 'Minster of the Moors,' for this year's excursion, when they were accompanied by Mr. Bell, of Wombwell, and several of the St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, Sheffield, ringers. The party, consisting of 40 members and friends, journeyed via the L.M.S. Railway to Loughborough, a saloon car contributing a comfortable means of travel. A hearty reception was given the visitors on arriving at the famous foundry, and under the guidance of several officials of the firm a very interesting tour of the works was made.

Talk about bells! One can hardly imagine such a vast number and variety as were on view, embracing all sizes and weights from several pounds to tons. The carillon for the Bird Sanctuary, Florida, U.S.A., was being dismantled ready for despatch across the Atlantic, but the framework itself conveyed to the visitors what a splendid and unique instrument of music this will be when erected in its permanent position.

Proof of the world-wide fame of Taylor's, of Loughborough, was evident by the fact of bells being in various processes for places as far distant as Indianapolis and New South Wales, Australia, whilst the home demand was represented, amongst others, by the bells of Worcester Cathedral.

Dinner was arranged at the Great Central Hotel. This proved to be a very enjoyable item, after which a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their kind invitation was loudly acclaimed. —This was suitably responded to by Mr. C. Harrison on behalf of the firm.

A move back to the work's campanile gave the visitors opportunity to try their skill on this famous peal of ten, which, we understand, is considered to be the most perfectly tuned peal in the world. Varied degrees of success attended the efforts of the visitors, after which a start was made to Stanford-on-Soor, where arrangements for ringing had been made by Mr. Collins, of the Foundry, and who formed one of the party. An hour's ringing in various methods brought tea time, which meal was again at the Central Hotel, Loughborough.

Owing to renovations now in hand, the tower of the Parish Church was not available, whilst time did not permit a more extended survey of Loughborough. However, several expressed a desire to make further acquaintance when occasion offers, and the ringers now wish to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their hearty thanks to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and all others who so kindly contributed to what proved to be a splendid day's outing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Reports of peals rung on Bank Holiday should be posted to us the same night, so that they may be inserted in next Friday's issue.

The bells of Crich, Derbyshire, are being restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and five of them are to be recast. Two trebles are also to be added to augment them to eight. The Sherwood Foresters' war memorial is at Crich. Its beacon light is visible in five counties.

Nearly a hundred and fifty members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Master, Mr. A. Wright hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert hon. secretary. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Quex Park bells, the only ringing peal of twelve on a private estate, were opened on August 4th, 1819, when there were great celebrations, and London ringers were responsible for the ringing.

The first recorded peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton, Berks, on August 7th, 1899.

Thurstans' famous four-part was rung for the first time on August 8th, 1842.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

The Masonic Peal Book is now in course of preparation, and upon completion will be presented to Grand Lodge to be placed in the library and museum. There are still several brethren who have taken part in peals and whose names will appear in the book who have not yet sent subscriptions. Will those who desire to do so kindly forward at an early date to Mr. F. White, Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent, in order that the fund may be closed? When the book is completed and presented there will be published in this paper a description of the book and the procedure necessary for recording future peals.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

The recent incident at Gloucester Cathedral, when visiting ringers were excluded from the ringing chamber on the instructions of the Dean, is no new development. History has only repeated itself. Forty years ago entry to the Cathedral tower was equally difficult. On October 20th, 1894, Mr. F. E. Dawe conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, but it took fourteen years of steady effort to get final permission. On one occasion the band were stopped at the door, on another a last-minute telegram was just in time to prevent a band of College Youths leaving Paddington.

In a report of the peal, when it was rung, it was suggested that the fact that many years before some visiting ringers had accidentally set fire to the ringing chamber had caused the difficulty. Anyhow, this unfortunate occurrence resulted in an edict which prevented any artificial light being used in the tower for the peal, and, a heavy storm coming over while the ringing was in progress, it was only by watching the rising and falling of white shirt sleeves that the darkness in the tower was overcome. Among the survivors of this peal, in addition to Mr. F. E. Dawe, are the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James and Mr. Tom Hibbert.

A HAMPSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Sherborne St. John, Hants, the Bishop of Winchester dedicated a new treble in memory of men of the village who lost their lives in the Great War. The existing five have also been retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in a very satisfactory way. The 'go' of the bells is now excellent, and after the service the undermentioned rang a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins.: J. Ballard (Basingstoke) 1, C. Ostler (Bramley) 2, K. Hunt (Oakley) 3, W. Ford (Mortimer) 4, J. Chesterman (Basingstoke) 5, G. C. Hammond (Sherborne St. John) (conductor) 6, who thus achieved his ambition to call the first 720 on the newly-augmented peal. It is 35 years since he called a 720, and all present hoped he might have the pleasure of calling the first peal on the bells.

CARTER'S 'BROADSHEET.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is there anyone who can tell your readers if there are any false peals of Stedman Caters on the late John Carter's broadsheet. If so, would you kindly publish the numbers of them?—Yours etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.

A YOUTHFUL BEGINNER.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, July 26th, 720 Plain Bob: G. R. Edwards 1, G. Battle 2, T. Birch 3, J. F. Smith 4, W. J. Battle 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. The ringer of the second is only 12 years old, and this was his first 720 with an inside bell.

JOHN BRIANT, OF HERTFORD.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO CELEBRATED BELL FOUNDER.

Early next year will occur the centenary of the death of John Briant, the celebrated Hertford bell founder, and a movement is on foot among archaeologists and others to provide a suitable memorial. A leaflet is being issued by the East Herts Archaeological Society inviting support for the proposal in all those parishes where specimens of Briant's handiwork remain. The circular says:—

'As the lofty spires of our churches ever point us upwards, so does the music of distant bells, borne on the breeze in the quiet of a Sabbath day, whether across the restful beauty of the countryside, or the teeming roofs of our cities, draw our thoughts away from earth and upward to the contemplation of the Real and Eternal. But the spire's appeal is limited to the sight, whereas the sweet message of the bells carries far and wide. While we listen to their melody, how seldom do we spare a thought for the humble and often unknown craftsman to whose skill in bell casting that melody is due? Surely we owe these men some acknowledgment for the legacy of harmony and invitation Godward which they have left us! And now comes one of those rare opportunities of paying something of our debt to one of them. Few bell founders have achieved a greater reputation than did John Briant. . . . We feel sure that you would like to participate with other bell lovers in expressing appreciation of what John Briant did in the cause of campanology by making a contribution towards the cost of placing a memorial tablet to his memory in All Saints' Church, Hertford, on the occasion of the centenary of his death in February next, 1929. The East Herts Archaeological Society has undertaken to bear the cost of the repair of his grave and tombstone in the churchyard there. In connection with this centenary celebration, the society is preparing a booklet on the life and work of John Briant together with a complete list of his bells. A copy of this will be presented free to all subscribers of £1 or more. The hon. treasurer of the East Herts Archaeological Society, Mr. C. H. R. Hulbert, of 73, Ware Road, Hertford, will be pleased to receive your contribution.'

Mr. H. C. Andrews, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, S.W., who has undertaken the responsibility of preparing the 'Life and Work' of Briant, which will include a complete list of his bells and also of his clocks as far as possible (for Briant was a clockmaker as well as bell founder), will be glad of any information about his subject which anyone cares to send him. He is, of course, conversant with all the printed authorities, such as the publications of the bells of various counties. North, in his 'Church Bells of Northants,' 1878, page 203, remarks: 'Mr. Leonard Proctor tells me that a "Life of John Briant" has been written, but I have not seen it.' If any of our readers can put Mr. Andrews on to this 'Life' he will be very thankful.

John Briant is said to have been born at Exning, Suffolk, in 1749. His father sent him to school at Newmarket, it being intended that he should go to the University, take orders, and enter the Church. But young John's tastes for mechanics led him along a different path, and he became a clockmaker and bell founder.

Before the year 1781 John Briant had settled in Hertford, and set up his foundry and workshop in Parliament Row, whence, during the next half-century, issued a continuous stream of bells and clocks. Over four hundred bells are known to have been made by him. Clocks at Swaffham Prior Church, Cambs, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, at King's College, Cambridge, at Blenheim Palace for the Duke of Marlborough, one for the Duke of Rutland, and one for the Shire Hall, Hertford, were also his work, but there must have been many others made for private persons, and now lost sight of.

Briant's reputation recognised no county boundaries. His fame with his bells spread over seventeen English counties north into Lincolnshire, and west into Devon; and even crossed the sea into Ireland, where four of his bells are to be found at Tuam Cathedral, Edenderry, and Lisburn (2).

As is only to be expected, Hertfordshire stands first in the list with ninety-four bells. Bucks comes next with forty-five, Essex has forty-one, Northants thirty-eight, Oxfordshire thirty-six, Leicestershire thirty-one, Cambridgeshire twenty-one, Warwickshire twenty, Salop nineteen, and so on. Thirty-six Hertfordshire parish churches possess bells by John Briant.

The last bell which Briant cast was for Hinxworth Church in 1824. He retired the next year and sold his business to Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, London. But in 1827 his great reputation caused the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral to consult him as to the best mode of dealing with the Cathedral bells, and especially with their famous 'Great Tom' which was cracked. But his modesty and generosity throughout his career prevented his banking account from growing with his reputation. If a parish church found itself unable to meet the bill for bells which he supplied, he accepted what it could pay and never pressed for payment of his accounts, so in the end it is not surprising that he fell into extreme pecuniary difficulties. In this quandary he accepted a home in an almshouse at St. Albans from Earl Spencer, where he died on February 27th, 1829, in his 81st year. He was buried, in accordance with his expressed wish, in All Saints' Churchyard, Hertford, on March 10th following, in the grave where his first wife, Mary, née Hanley, had been interred thirty-six years before, and his mother-in-law, Mary Hanley, in 1790.

THE EXTENSION OF SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is one sentence in the article by Rev. H. Law James in your issue of July 27th that I take strong objection to, and that is that this extension is not Superlative Maximus simply because it appeared '100 years too late.' Really, is that so? Will the Rev. H. Law James tell your readers his opinion of this question. Had Shipway extended Superlative to Maximus as now rung at Ipswich and elsewhere, would he admit that Shipway was right then in that case, or would he say Shipway was 100 years too soon? I expect he will say you must read all the article. What does Owen Kay say on this point? Their answers will be very interesting to some of your readers, and especially to

B. SHARP.

A QUESTION STILL UNANSWERED.

Dear Sir,—Why has it taken a whole series of articles on the construction of diverse methods to enable the Rev. H. Law James to write his last sentence: 'This extension (the Maximus rung at Ipswich) is not Superlative Maximus simply because it appeared 100 years too late'? If that is his answer to my first letter of nearly a year ago, when I asked him to give us a simple explanation of his reason for his statement, why could he not have said so at once? Mr. James may not agree, but I imagine ordinary ringers will not be satisfied to accept his dictum. Because somebody a hundred years ago had not found the true Maximus extension, it does not follow that when it is discovered it must be ruled out. Mr. James has himself produced what he calls the correct extension, based on Shipway's Royal, but he has yet to answer my question on that vital place, where he converts a 6th's place in Shipway's Royal into a 4th's place in the Maximus. Which is right, Shipway or James?—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

SHIPWAY'S ROYAL PARTLY MONGREL.

Dear Sir,—Historical evidence points to the fact that primitive man and his descendants for five thousand years and upwards believed the world to be flat!

Science in the last five centuries has proved beyond the vestige of a doubt that primitive man was mistaken in his beliefs.

What I should like to ask the Rev. H. L. James is this: Is the ringing Exercise, in these enlightened days, expected to go on believing for 5,000 years that the Royal method produced by William Shipway is a correct extension of 'Superlative' Surprise Major?

The most that can be claimed for Shipway's Royal is: The first four round blocks and the last four round blocks of the first half lead are correct, but this is only two-fifths of the whole, leaving three-fifths that are mongrel!

What is the use of talking of science, if science is not allowed to correct the mistakes of former generations?—Yours faithfully,

'OWEN KAY.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HASLEMERE.

Nearly fifty members and visitors, including a considerable contingent from Portsmouth, attended the Guildford District meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Haslemere on Saturday. The town is situated in one of the prettiest districts in Surrey, and the bells are one of the prettiest peals of ten in the country. The tenor is only 13 cwt., and they are a ring of Taylor's best. A good many young ringers tried their hand on ten bells for the first time, but light bells on ball bearings are not easy for beginners to handle when they have started to learn on 'the other sort.' Touches were rung in a variety of methods, including Plain and Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Superlative and London Surprise Major, but Cambridge Royal proved elusive.

The Rector (Rev. J. F. la McAnally) conducted the Guild's service, and gave an address, at the outset of which he welcomed the Guild to Haslemere, and hoped that the meeting would be the forerunner of many other similar gatherings there.

Tea was served in the school, the Rev. O. S. Walford presiding, in the absence of the Rector, who had to leave for Brighton immediately after the service.

At the business meeting the Rector was elected a life member of the Guild, and one ringing member was also elected.

The question of adopting a badge for the Guild was discussed, but there was a marked indifference on the subject, for, when a vote was taken, there was only one in favour and two against.

Mr. A. H. Pulling gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Hereford, which he attended as the representative of the Guild, and Mr. W. R. Melville appealed to the members to give further support to the combined practices in the district. None of the practices had been a failure, but the organisers would like to see some fresh faces among those who attended.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. O. S. Walford, the organist, and the ladies who had assisted at the tea, concluded the meeting.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A STRANGER'S PEN SKETCH OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

In one of his recent articles, 'Twice round the London clock in 1928,' appearing in the 'Daily Chronicle,' Stephen Graham wrote on 'The Bellringers of St. Paul's.' We cannot refrain from quoting at length from this interesting sketch:—

'Are you the Bellringers' Union?'

'No; we are called the Society of College Youths.'

'The Ancient Society of College Youths, eh?'

'Yes. Dick Whittington started it on College Hill, and since his day the bellringers have been called the College Youths.'

'So no matter how old you get you always remain one of the boys?'

The conversation took place in an old public-house in the neighbourhood of Amen Corner, called the Coffee Pot. The bells of St. Paul's had been pouring melody over the padlocked warehouses and shut shops of the city, and the joyous work accomplished of ringing out the day, the bellringers had come across to their favourite inn for a convivial glass.

I notice the bellringers, though a simple fraternity, love to talk the special technical lingo of bellringing, and in the conversation that went on my ears were constantly baffled by words like cantology and tintinnabula and cater and 'number,' and by talk of falsity of composition. But I gathered that the joyous bells of St. Michael's did a great work that day and drove the devils away.

That must have been one of the mediæval functions of bells—not only to give praise, but to drive off evil spirits from the town. St. Michael's bells have been famous for centuries—the best ring of six bells to be rung by six men that was in England.

The bellringers seem devoted to the lore of their craft, and, as is fitting to those who spend more time in belfries than other men spend on their knees, they are devotees of the clock and the calendar, hours, numbers and days.

I went upstairs to their meeting room, where they gather regularly to discuss their affairs, and I was surprised by the knowledge of City history, the devotion to the past, and the passionate belief in bellringing.

A Vicar and his wife, being ailing, complained that they could not sleep at night, and asked that the bells of the Parish Church, one of the most famous and historic in the City, should not be pealed on a week night.

This aroused instant indignation, though such letters to the bellringers are, alas, not uncommon nowadays.

'If they can stand the bells on Sundays, ringing for divine service, surely the week-night ringing will do them no harm.'

'If a man's health does not improve listening to the bells, he must be in a poor way indeed.'

The Master listened with philosophic mien. The secretary did most of the talking. Seated at a table in front of which stood what looked like the silver regalia of the Order, they held the bellringers' fortnightly meeting. There were two silver cups and a little silver bell mounted on a wooden standard, and there were little candlesticks with tallow candles on each side of these. These candlesticks accompanied Wellington through the Peninsular War, and it is possible he read his dispatches by their aid.

'Not Wellington's candle, but his candlesticks, you understand,' said an old bellringer, facetiously.

They were rather a mixed assemblage of men.

One opposite me might have posed as a village blacksmith: broad, sinuous, with big, open, self-reliant face, and the clothes of an artisan. Several ringers had a recognisable city look, old-fashioned, simple, their conversation short of grammar, but bristling with technical expressions. I should be inclined to call them not College Youths, but gentlemen of the City Watch; they were Shakespearean worthies.

I loved to hear one of them who was challenging a certain historic falsity of composition in connection with a disputed record of the ringers at St. John's, Horselydown.

'I am not harmed with evidence,' he kept saying.

He was the sort of man who fortunately has not been harmed by anything much.

But one of the College Youths did actually look like a college youth, and had the air of having come from tennis rackets rather than from the ropes of St. Paul's. Another, soft-voiced and genteel, looked rather like an organist's brother and a passer of cakes at a church social. But the stalwart, guild type of old-fashioned London man did predominate in the gathering.

There were twelve little bells like muffin bells on a side-table, and I hoped some demonstration might be made on them. But the chief business of the evening seemed to be a searching of the records and the identification of a bellringer of fame and a consideration of the disputed claim of St. John's. There were some huge books of records, in which the whole lore of the College Youths seemed contained.

'Are there any more questions before we have the beer sent up?'

Yes, more questions. They love asking questions.

Then dates were made to ring the bells at Southwark and at St. Andrew's.

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REDEDICATION OF SULGRAVE BELLS.

AMERICAN'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The historic church of St. James-the-Less, Sulgrave, Northamptonshire, was filled to overflowing on Wednesday evening, July 25th, for the rededication of the peal of five bells by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Sulgrave is the ancient home of the Washington family, and as such is the Mecca of all American visitors to England, who find absorbing interest in the beautiful church and the charming restored manor house, whence emanated the family of their national hero.

Although the parishioners of Sulgrave have nobly responded to the call for funds for the restoration of the church tower and bells, a large proportion of the cost has been borne by Americans, who are also providing a new oak vestry screen and ringing floor.

During the rededication service, the Vicar, Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, M.A., appealed for the outstanding balance of £260 owing on the restoration scheme, and it was subsequently announced that Mr. Sharpe, of Providence, U.S.A., would make up any deficit outstanding after the collection made for the purpose at the service. Mr. Sharpe, who was present, is a lover of bells, and recently ordered from the Croydon Foundry a carillon of 53 bells, bass bell 3½ tons, as a result of hearing the Louvain carillon.

The Bishop of Peterborough, than whom there is no more eloquent and able member of the Episcopal Bench, gave the large congregation, among whom were many American visitors, a most interesting and excellent address, touching first in dignified and sympathetic terms upon the tragedy of the death of Charles Austin, the bell hanger engaged upon the rehanging, and thereafter emphasising the importance of bells in Christian communities, and impressing appreciation of their music upon the people of England, who do not always realise the priceless heritage they possess of ancient churches and beautiful bells, possessions which those who live in the newer countries are often more ready to appreciate.

A short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung immediately after the dedicatory prayers, and after the Blessing 120 Stedman Doubles were brought round by Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn (Croydon), Maurice Smith (Banbury), W. J. Dore (Northampton), W. Mardell (Sulgrave), and F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild). Among other ringers who took part in subsequent touches were Mr. Cyril Johnston, Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Cold Higham, and his son, Mr. Howes, T. Impey and R. R. Lewis, of Banbury.

The five bells, tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., have been recast and rehanging in a new metal frame and modern fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the result being very favourably commented upon. Mr. Harry Godfrey has given a clock, striking the hours upon the tenor bell, with copper dial, and this is also being supplied and fixed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A VISIT TO STISTED.

On Saturday, July 14th, the Springfield (Essex) ringers had their annual outing, and the afternoon and evening being exceptionally fine a very pleasant time was spent. Starting from Chelmsford at 1.30 p.m. by charabanc, the first call was made at Stebbing, where ringing was thoroughly enjoyed for an hour before going on to Rayne. Here the party were again received, and found everything in readiness. Short touches were indulged in, and the journey then continued to Stisted, where the visitors were met by an old friend and ringer in Mr. H. F. Cooper, formerly of Chelmsford, where he was a ringer at the Cathedral before taking up his abode at Stebbing some 11 years ago. A capital repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, which was greatly appreciated by one and all. After tea a visit was made to the tower, and ringing was once more carried on upon the fine peal of six bells, which last year were rehung. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, New London, and Beverley were in turn brought round until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

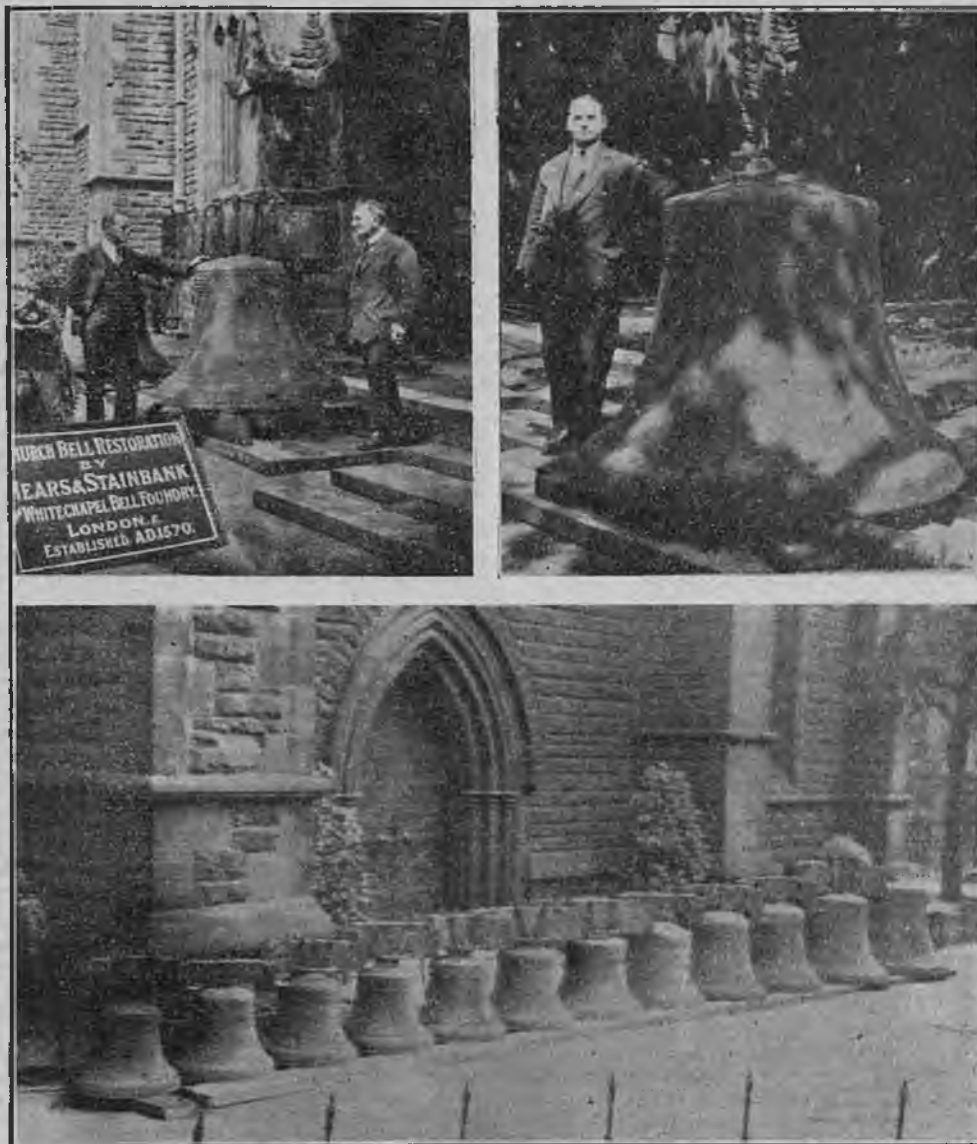
Afterwards a visit was once again made to Coopers, where handbell ringing was indulged in by the visitors and locals alike. Indeed, the visit was so much appreciated by the local band that it was difficult to break away until 10.15 p.m. The return journey was made via Braintree and Waltham, a cool ride after a very hot afternoon and evening. Chelmsford was reached at 11 p.m. Thanks are accorded to friends at the various towers for their kindness and readiness in making the excursion as pleasant as it was possible to be, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper for the kind reception extended to the party. Accompanying the visitors was Mr. W. Hawkes, who a few days earlier attained the magnificent age of 83 years. He regularly rings at Springfield, where he started his career, and has been ringing for 61 years. He still can ring with the best in the tower.

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There is no equivocation about bellringing. They love ringing the bells and giving London voice. It seems a pity that so many people nowadays have lost the ear for bells and are annoyed by continuous pealing. For this is the old voice of London, sound, clear, hearty, ever young, and so much more true than jazz or barrel-organs or street-corner oratory. I like the names of the bells of St. Stephen, Rochester Row—Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, Thanksgiving, Honour, Power, Might, and Be unto our God for ever and ever, Amen, Alleluia. These names seem to suggest what the bells are saying when the College Youths are pulling the ropes for us.

END OF A FAMOUS PEAL.

BELLS OF ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM, ON THEIR WAY TO THE FOUNDRY.



Top (left): The Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's (Mr. Albert Walker) and the Verger (Mr. W. E. Clinch) take farewell of the eleventh; (right) the tenor ready for removal after 170 years in the tower. Bottom: The twelve bells outside the church door.

[Photos by Mr. John Fearn.]

The famous old peal of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are now at the Whitechapel Foundry, where they are to be recast.

These bells have been doing duty as a ring of twelve since the year 1771, having been, before that, a ring of ten from 1758. The old tenor bears this latter date and the uncommon inscription: 'Let your ceaseless changes vary to our great Maker still new praise.'

The first peal on the bells was one of Grandsire Caters, rung on November 19th, 1758, and something approaching 200 peals have since been rung on them, including considerably over one hundred peals of Stedman Cinques.

When the new bells come back to the tower Birmingham hopes to have the best ring of twelve for their weight in the country.

IN A BERKSHIRE 'BACKWATER.' A WEEK-END AT APPLETON.

In the quiet little 'backwater' of Appleton, a party of kindred spirits spent a very enjoyable time last week-end. It followed on a visit to Oxford for the Diocesan Guild meeting, and on Saturday evening the little coterie of friends, with wives and other chattels, drifted over to the campanologically historic village, in whose belfry Whites and Holfields have long been the backbone of ringing, and, judging by the sturdy branches that are growing up, will long continue to be.

Many ringing records have been made at Appleton. Four such records were made in one year—1888—and some of those who took part in them still ring for the Sunday services. It was at Appleton, too, that the 'longest ever' was rung just over six years ago, and, while the bells, although good, are not heavy, the men who stood up to that 12 hrs. 25 mins. performance are entitled to all the honour and glory that it is possible to get out of it.

Appleton is one of the now rare unspoiled villages of England, with its thatched cottages and Thatched Tavern, the homely hostelry which has sheltered many a famous ringer. Appleton's only industry, apart from agriculture and bellringing, seems to be bell hanging, and here one can see the handiwork of frame making carried on as it was in the days of our forefathers, and by a man whose pride is in his work.

During Sunday many were the affairs of state which were discussed—solemnly and otherwise—for the betterment of the Exercise (perhaps!), for in Appleton there is little else to do between meals and ringing. The church bells were rung to Stedman Caters for an hour before each service and in the evening, when those who had tried to hang each other on the trebles in the morning had been removed to a safer, if warmer, sphere of labour, a touch of 1,083 was rung at a pace which suggested a late riser trying to catch an early train. The band included representatives of Appleton's two great ringing families and ringers from London, Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Reading, Woking and Burford.

Some folks, whose life seems to be made up of one long holiday, were able to stay on in the placid serenity of Appleton's quiet purlieus, but others with the stern call of the morrow's duties before them had to quit—however reluctantly—before nightfall to return to the noise and racket and nerve-destroying strain of a 'civilisation' which at present seems to have left Appleton untouched.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. HONOUR FOR OLD MEMBERS.

Thirty members of the Northern Division, representing ten parishes, attended a very successful meeting at Inworth on Saturday last. Favoured with beautiful weather, everyone enjoyed strolling round the pretty old Essex village, which is certainly one of England's rural beauty spots. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Dickinson), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson.

After the tea a meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the district Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided, supported by the Master, the Rector, Mr. L. Powell (churchwarden), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Arnold). One new member was elected, Mr. S. Pye, of Inworth.

Mr. Powell said how pleased they were to welcome the association, and hoped that the next time they came to Inworth they would be able to ring six bells instead of five, as it was his great wish, and also the Rector's, to have a treble added.

During the afternoon and evening 120's in various methods were rung on the tower bells, and several courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells.

It was resolved at the meeting to make Mr. W. T. Elliot, of Kelvedon, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and Mr. E. Claydon and Mr. J. T. Barker, of Stebbing, life members of the association. Each of the above have been ringers for fifty and more years.

NOTTINGHAM RINGERS' CIRCULAR TOUR.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Peter's, Nottingham, took place on Saturday, June 7th, when they made a circular tour of approximately 150 miles, embracing the counties of Notts, Leicestershire, Rutlandshire, and Lincolnshire. Only one stop was made for ringing, and that at Surfleet, where the band were welcomed by the Rev. H. Law James. An enjoyable time was spent in this 10-bell tower, although they are a difficult peal for a strange band to ring successfully. The 'drop' in peal was exceptionally good. After ringing, they adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where a magnificent dinner was provided. After dinner a well-known member of the company played some popular tunes on his weird but wonderful 'carillon' (really, it is a complicated arrangement of his handbells, his wife's clothes' pegs, his son's fretwork, and his daughter's violin stand), the company joining in the choruses with gusto. On the return journey a stop was made at a small Notts village, where several members rendered songs in most awe-inspiring and agonising voices, much to the enjoyment of the other members who had completed their 'turn' successfully. Nottingham was reached at about 11 p.m., and everyone voted it one of the best and brightest days of their lives.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCES.

A meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st, when close on twenty members visited this grand old church. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and at 5.30 the members adjourned for tea. Coming back, they were pleased to see the president, Canon Elsee, recently back from South Africa, who came from Bury, where he had been paying a visit to another branch. After a short touch of Kent Treble Bob, in which the president took part, the business meeting was held.

Canon Elsee presided, and paid a warm tribute to Mr. H. Chapman for his work in connection with the branch and the association. He said how sorry he was that Mr. H. Chapman had to leave the district on account of ill-health, and he was sure the members felt the loss deeply. The president gave the members an account of his visit to South Africa, where he had been at the request of the Bishop of Manchester. He referred to the different articles doing duty for church bells, such as a large iron ring that had been in a stamping machine at a gold mine, also two large steel burs fixed on top of an ant hill about fifteen feet high, which did duty as a tower as well, the natives striking them with a hammer. There were three rings of bells in the country, and he had managed to have a pull on two of them, and also to do some handbell ringing with a company of ladies.

Christ Church, West Didsbury, was selected for the next meeting, but this date not being convenient it has been changed to Worsley on August 18th.

The election of a branch president was considered, and after some discussion it was proposed that Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft be elected. This was agreed to, also that he serve on the committee as well, and come up for re-election at the annual meeting of the branch which is to be held at Manchester Cathedral in January. Mr. Wolstencroft, acknowledging his election, said he considered it a great honour to be elected branch president. He could not expect to come up to the standard of Mr. H. Chapman, but he would do his best.

Votes of thanks to clergy, the church officers, the local ringers, and the chairman were carried, Mr. N. Bent replying on behalf of the ringers.—This closed the meeting, and further ringing took place, learners having a good 'try out' during the afternoon and evening.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS VISIT BEDFORD.

On Saturday, July 14th, the King's Norton ringers had a most enjoyable outing. Starting from home at 7 a.m. in glorious weather, they arrived at Northampton, where Mr. Rogers met them, and they were soon enjoying Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal on the pleasing peal of ten at St. Giles'. From there a short walk brought them to St. Sepulchre's, where they were met by Mr. F. Wilford. A short wait here whilst a wedding was taking place, and then the bells were raised as the happy pair walked through the tower door. These bells are a musical ring from the Croydon Foundry, and after a little manipulation some good striking of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were all successfully brought round. A pleasant half-hour in a comfortable and very cool smoke-room, with liquid refreshment and sandwiches, provided a welcome interlude after two hours' ringing and fifty miles' riding in the blazing sun. A nice twenty-mile run then brought the party to Bedford, where a Royal visit was in progress. Adjoining to the Silver Grill, where everything was in readiness, the ringers sat down to lunch, which everyone enjoyed. Proceeding to Cardington, a quiet little village two miles away, they came to a well-built stone church with a fine tower and grand peal of eight bells by Taylor. The 'go' was splendid, and Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rolled off as it should be. This was undoubtedly the 'tit-bit' of the day. Returning to Bedford, a visit was paid to St. Paul's Church, where hangs a nice ring of ten with a 29 cwt. tenor. Here the party were met by Mr. Tingey, Miss Steel and others, who had the bells already up. Here the visitors were a bit disappointed, as three of the back bells wanted a good deal of 'milking.' However, they had young George Withers with them, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob on the ten, and Double Norwich and Cambridge on the back eight were successfully brought round. Some amusement was caused by the ropes, which made a noise like pistol shots, and some of the ringers at first really thought the Germans had come. The tenor rope was one of those gentle little things that would have been more at home on the 'Olympic.' After tea the return journey was commenced, with Warwick ahead as the last place of call. Being half an hour behind time, the cars had to get a move on, but one which stopped for 'juice' got lost, with the result that the 'speed merchant' was at Warwick ringing the front six before the others arrived. This musical ten were afterwards going to various methods, and the party finished up with a pleasant hour with the local ringers, eventually reaching home about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. They would like to take the opportunity now of thanking everyone who helped with the arrangements, and especially Messrs. Allaway, Moore and Yates, who so kindly placed their motor-cars at the ringers' disposal for the day.

NEW PEAL FOR SUSSEX. REDEDICATION OF WORTH BELLS.

On Saturday, July 21st, the recast peal of six bells at Worth, Sussex, was rededicated by the Ven. H. M. Hordern, Archdeacon of Lewes, in the presence of a large congregation.

For some years it had been recognised that the fittings were in a worn and dangerous condition, while the tone of the bells was far from satisfactory. It was decided, therefore, to have the whole peal recast and rehung with modern fittings.

The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have turned out a well-balanced peal of six, perfect in tone and tune. The 'go' is excellent, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on their latest success. By judicious distribution of the old metal, the tenor is approximately 1 cwt. heavier than before, the present weight being 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

The Archdeacon, who was assisted by the Rector (the Rev. H. F. Waller Bridge, M.A.), gave an appropriate address, referring to the history of this peal and the uses and associations of bells generally.

After the service, touches in standard methods were rung by members of the local band and visitors from Crawley, Turner's Hill, Billingshurst, Horley and Balcombe. The bell founders were represented by Messrs. C. F. Johnston, S. R. Roger and R. H. Dove. Ringing was indulged in until a late hour, everyone being satisfied with the new peal.

EXTENTS OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of July 27th, so-called extents of London Minor by the Rev. H. Law James are published, with the statement that they come under the new definition of peals of Minor. As I signed, as seconder, the notice of motion which resulted in this definition, may I make my position clear. I cannot understand, possibly through incapacity, how the first three arrangements come within the definition. However, if Mr. James is right, may I say that, in signing the notice of motion, there was no intention on my part of supporting or encouraging the ringing of peals of Minor with repetition of rows in the first 320 changes.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT UPAVON.

A meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the interesting Church of St. Mary, Upavon, on Saturday last. The towers of Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford were also visited, ringing commencing at Netheravon about 3.30 p.m. Tea was provided at the Antelope Hotel, Upavon, and a short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Higginbotham, presiding.

Mr. F. Giddings, of Upavon, was elected a member of the Guild, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, one of the vice-presidents of the Guild, for sending to the local papers copies of the inscriptions on 'Wiltshire church bells,' it being thought that by so doing Mr. Brownlee West was doing a good work, which would interest the people of the parishes mentioned from time to time.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Chilton and Maiden on August 25th.

Service followed, conducted by the Rev. Victor Jender (who is in charge of the parish during the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Joyce Watson, who is on holiday). Mr. Mead, one of the Upavon ringers, presided at the organ.

Ringers were present during the day from Upavon, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom (St. James'), Warminster, Trowbridge, Bratton, Rowde, Beechingstoke, Stratton, and Ringwood, Hants, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

The following is copied from 'Highways and Byways of Wiltshire,' by Edward Hutton: 'Upavon is an interesting place. Small as it is now, it still has an air of importance, and was a market town in the time of Edward II., who gave it to his favourite dispenser. . . . Upavon possesses a fine church, and, though much reduced and damaged, is worth some trouble to see. Dedicated in honour of Our Lady, it boasts what is still substantially a transitional chancel (circa 1175), the buttresses of which remain. . . . The tower seems to have been the last thing built, late in the 13th century—a very noble work, even as we have it, with a 15th-century parapet. Over the west doorway is a crucifix, also of the 15th century, but this has been rebuilt. The font remains a beautiful 13th-century work, carved on its eight sides with various devices. Among them on the north side is a representation of the Annunciation, very lovely.'

The treble of the ring of six is a new bell, cast in 1910 by Taylor and Co., who also recast the 4th at the same time. The 2nd and 5th are dated 1658, and were cast by John Lott, of Salisbury. William Tosler, also a Salisbury bell founder, cast the tenor in 1723. The 3rd is also an old bell, but bears no date. Its inscription is: 'Gode help us. F.M.S., I.P.S., M.D.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, F. G. Goddard 4, W. C. Parker 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gosh 8.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: R. R. Lewis 1, W. F. Judge (conductor) 2, T. Impey 3, F. Tuffrey 4, M. Smith 5, C. Bennett 6, H. Impey 7, L. Clifton 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On July 1st, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. R. Gluscock 1, Miss Upshire 2, G. Bester 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, N. Tomlinson 7, A. G. Crane 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, for anniversary services, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, E. Gower 2, A. Gower 3, G. W. Stokes 4, J. Sharp 5, A. C. Pankhurst 6, B. Hobbs 7, H. Smales 8.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Andrew's Church after afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: W. Wilson 1, A. R. King 2, L. Pell 3, H. Marcon 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6. Also 720 Single Court for evensong in 26 mins.: H. Marcon 1, A. R. King 2, L. Pell 3, W. Wilson 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6. First 720 of Single Court for ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss A. White (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, E. P. Buckingham 2, W. Hawks 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Runter 5, P. T. Poulton (conductor) 6.—Also on May 11th, 720 Beverley Surprise: H. Devenish 1, W. Lincoln 2, H. Warn 3, E. Clarke 4, E. Runter 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 of Beverley Surprise by all, and on the bells.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 48 mins.: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Ellis 4, J. W. Driver 5, F. Hawthorn 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, H. Faulkard 9, G. Block 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Triples in 47 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, A. T. Greenwood 2, J. D. Harris 3, R. J. Stone 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. Harding, sen., 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, J. Gates 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BISHOP CANNINGS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: William Bolwell 1, Sidney Wiltshire 2, Fred Lambeth 3, Charles T. Coles (conductor) 4, George R. Pye 5, Sidney Hillier 6, William Pye 7, T. Merrett (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Sunday, May 6th, for Nave evensong, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 648 Grandsire Caters: W. Arthur 1, J. Sedgley 2, F. I. Hairs (conductor) 3, A. R. Pink (Hersham) 4, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 5, A. S. Roberts 6, W. H. Southeard 7, H. Bennett 8, W. H. Sleeman 9, F. M. Roberts 10. Longest touch of Caters by all except the ringers of 3rd, 5th, and 8th.

NOTICE.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2. Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 16th and 30th; *The Coffee Pot on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Branch Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be at Bingham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be had at the Rectory.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 7th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The recently re-hung bells of St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, will be re-opened on August Bank Holiday, August 6th. The 10 bells will be available from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. All ringers are most cordially invited.—C. Beeston, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, the ring of 12 at St. Nicholas' Parish Church will be available. Business meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. in the belfry.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—Gala day and sports, dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Restoration Fund. The bells of Sutton-on-Trent (6), installed in 1922, and in good going order, will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on August Bank Holiday Monday. Visitors from everywhere welcome, abundance of ringing. Roll up in hundreds. Tea provided on the Sports Grounds at moderate charges. Admission: 6d. and 3d. Crow Park station lies between Newark and Retford. The L.N.E. Ry. Co. will issue cheap return tickets to Crow Park from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from all quarters. The express due to

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 5.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers and representatives on committee. Those intending to be present please notify me before Tuesday, Aug. 7th. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 8th?—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Whiston will be held Aug. 11th, instead of Bank Holiday Monday.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A summer meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service (Preacher, Canon Hewitt), etc., at 5. Those who require tea please let me know. Rectory Gardens also on view. Cheap tickets to Edgware, Harrow and Wealdstone, or Stanmore.—J. A. Waugh, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 9d. each, to those giving notice on or before Aug. 7th.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Room 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must let me know by Aug. 8th.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Crawley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Tower open 2.45. Will those requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 8th? All ringers welcome.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Aug. 11th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Finchley, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited to both meetings.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Full particulars will be published later.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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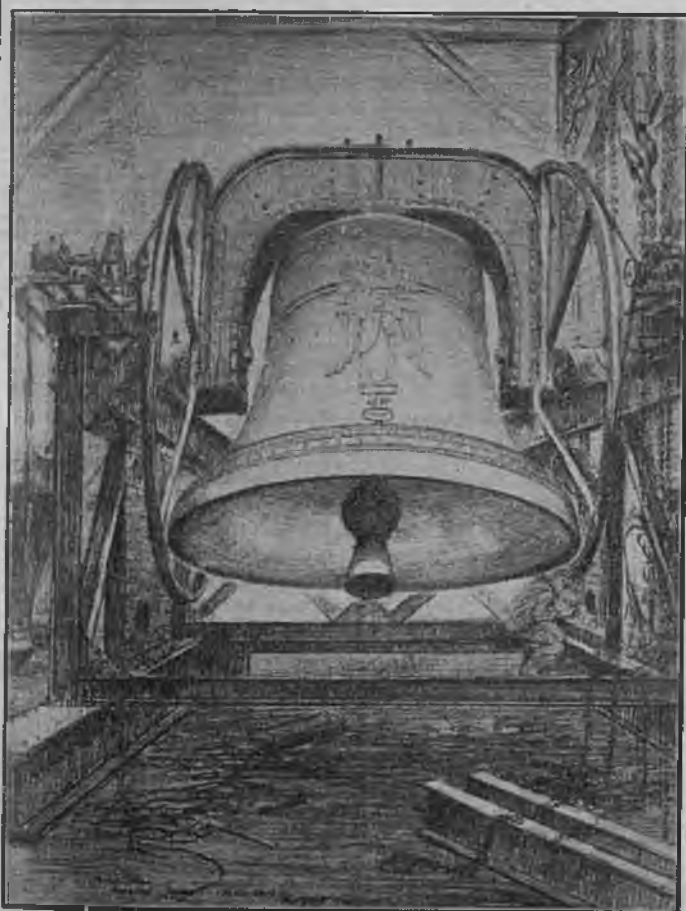
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On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES Treble	WILLIAM H. WAIN 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM H. TORTON ... 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	RICHARD T. REECE 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and for the coming-of-age of the eldest son of the ringer of the 2nd. Messrs. W. H. Wain and R. T. Reece were elected members of the association previous to starting for the peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 18 cwt.

* JOSEPH HALL, Secretary, Manchester Branch Treble	
FREDERICK HINDLE, Secretary, Blackburn Branch 2	
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Sec., Lancs. Association ... 3	
FREDERICK RIGBY, Secretary, Preston Branch 4	
PETER CROOK, Secretary, Bolton Branch 5	
WILLIAM HORAN, Secretary, Rochdale Branch 6	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary, Lancs. Association ... 7	
JAMES GROUNDS, Secretary, Wigan Branch Tenor	

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Shuker and T. Rigby.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Emmanuel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
DOROTHY A. TARLTON 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN 6
GEORGE GODDARD 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. This composition is now rung for the first time. Mr. J. P. Tarlton and Miss D. A. Tarlton hail from North Wingfield, Derbyshire. Ringers of 1st and 5th are from St. Andrew's, and the rest from Emmanuel, Plymouth. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Stear and Miss D. Baldry, sister of Mr. R. I. Baldry, one of Emmanuel ringers, which took place previous to the peal.

NEWPORT, MON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.
GEORGE WENT Treble	DONALD S. CUFF 5
EDWARD W. LUFF 2	FRED ATTWELL 6
GEORGE LUFF 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
SAMUEL JONES 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

G. Luff is from Chiddingfold, Surrey, and he was proposed a member before starting. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th are members of Usk tower.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
* JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	JOSEPH L. STANIER 6
JOHN GIBSON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR FRITCHARD 4	HERBERT TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringers of treble, 5th and 6th hail from Coalbrookdale, 2nd from Shrewsbury, 4th from Wellington, 7th from Hodnet, 3rd and tenor are local men.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
* REGINALD REX 3	EDWARD J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal, and hails from Woolton Hill, Hants.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

KING'S PYON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's, A. J. Pitman's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH STRANGWOOD ... Treble	IVOR J. RAWLINGS 3
* JOHN BOURNE 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 4

JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTIE PEPPER Treble	HORACE PEPPER 4
ALFRED H. WATSON 2	FREDRICK DEARING 5
WILLIAM HOWARD 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

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SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twenty extents with ten callings and eleven 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES R. BELLERIDGE Treble	JOHN NOBES...	...	3
†JACK HONEY ... 2	RICHARD WHITE ...	...	4

A. PERCY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Cumnor, 2nd from Sunningwell, 3rd and 5th from Steventon, and 4th from Appleton.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

†*JOHN BREESE ... Treble	*G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	4
†*JAMES F. SMITH ... 2	JOHN COOKE ...	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	†*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in seven methods † First 720 of London. † First 720 of London and of Beverley.

WAREKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-score each of Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM SHELFORD ... Treble	†GEORGE WARREN ...	3
*BURLEY MORRIS ... 2	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ...	4

SIDNEY MUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

PADBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RALPH FODDY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ...	4
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 2	THOMAS E. READ ...	5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one 240 of Pitman's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD MORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE J. PRICE ...	3
JAMES RANDLE ... 2	*EDMOND MORRIS ...	4

JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First half-muffled peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Francis L. Evans, a member of the local band, also to Thomas Perry, a former member.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: Walter P. Whitehead 1, Alfred G. Ballard 2, Archibald J. Ross 3, Leonard Towers 4, Fred G. Herbert 5, Richard G. Belton 6, Ernest W. Tipler (conductor) 7, Ronald Russell 8.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK WM. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN ...	4
ERNEST MALLENDER ... 2	*FREDERICK CLARKE ...	5
*VAUGHAN COX ... 3	BERT WHEELER ...	Tenor

Conducted by B. WHEELER.

* First peal for the association. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the visit of a former ringer, Mr. E. Mallender, of Wigan. The tenor ringer is from North Wingfield, and the rest are of the local band. Mr. F. Clarke was elected a member of the association prior to starting.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD TOSELAND ... Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE ...	4
HARRY WARREN ... 2	CYRIL D. NICHOLS ...	5
†BURLEY MORRIS ... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ...	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First six-bell peal and first attempt.

BRIZE NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*G. WORNHAM ... Treble	E. C. HUGHES ...	4
F. WHEELER ... 2	H. TAYLOR ...	5
C. J. PEARCE ... 3	T. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE ...	7-8

*PETER LAFLIN ... 9-10

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Witness: THOMAS JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand.

READING RINGERS IN BUCKS.

Perfect weather favoured the summer outing of the ringers of St. Giles', Reading, when 26 members and friends journeyed by charabanc to Hughenden, Bucks. Here the beautiful park surrounding the church was much admired by the party, who were also interested in the church and its memorials to the great Disraeli. Mr. Biggs kindly met and conducted the ringers to the belfry, where touches of Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round, and favourable comments on the tone and 'go' of the bells were made.

Returning via High Wycombe, a halt was made for tea, after which Mr. Ralph Coles and other local ringers took the visitors to the belfry, where a good start was made by bringing round two well-struck touches of Stedman Caters, conducted by E. Humphrey. Subsequently, with the assistance of three local men, a very fair course of Stedman Cinques was rung, but some of the visitors, used to 'octave' work, found the extent rather a different proposition. However, all the successes (and failures) were greatly enjoyed, and the best thanks of the visitors are due to Messrs. Biggs, R. Coles, etc., for their kind assistance and welcome. A safe arrival home at 10.30 p.m. concluded a happy half-day, and the ringers' thanks are again given to the foreman, Mr. A. W. Osborne, for arranging everything so admirably.

LADY SEXTON BARS THE WAY.

On Saturday, July 14th, the Holmer ringers, with several friends, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. C. Edwards) had an outing. The charabanc picked up contingents at various stages from Hereford to Holmer, and when all were aboard the party numbered 20. At Cleobury Mortimer the visitors were met by the Vicar, who gave them a hearty welcome. Ringing was limited to three-quarters of an hour, but everyone appreciated the tone and 'go' of the bells. Bridgnorth was reached about 12.15, and Mr. Hayward met the wanderers and piloted them to St. Leonard's, where the veteran ringer, Mr. John Overton, was waiting to show them to the well-kept ringing chamber. The bells were raised in peal, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung. After lunch, it was intended to visit St. Mary's, but the heat of the day being very trying it was decided to abandon this and go on to Conover. Ringing here, however, was denied to the party. At the moment there is no Vicar of the parish, and some misunderstanding amongst the ringers seems to have occurred. The result was the dignified lady sexton refused to unlock the door, and the visitors' stay here was limited to five minutes. After stopping for tea at Dorrington, the party went on to Church Stretton, where the captain of local ringers welcomed them. On the nice peal of eight various touches of Triples and Major were brought round. The 40-mile run home was begun at 8.30, and Hereford was reached at 10.45.

LEGENDS OF EAST BERGHOLT.

Twenty ringers and friends took part in the annual outing of the bellringers of All Saints', Maldon. Leaving at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop was at Dedham, where the party explored the church with the help of programmes provided, explaining the particular interests of each place to be visited. This is probably a unique feature in a ringers' outing. No ringing was done at Dedham, as the bells are not in ringing order, but the fine old church was much admired. East Bergholt was the next call, and here the chief attraction was the bell cage in the churchyard, which contains five heavy bells, but 'discretion being the better part of valour,' no attempt was made by members of the party to ring them. The tower of this beautiful church is only finished to a height of fourteen feet. One legend has it that the work was frustrated by the direct influence of the evil spirit. Another says that Cardinal Wolsey took much interest in the building of the church, and that his fall put a stop to the work. Still another says that there were originally eight bells in the tower, and that the devil took one away every night until they put them in the cage, and so saved the remaining five. The Rector of East Bergholt met the visiting party and told them much of interest in connection with this fine old building. It should be mentioned, too, that the bells are rung regularly by the local ringers, although they are without wheels or ropes. The next item on the programme was Stratford St. Mary, which was reached at 11 a.m. Here the company was welcomed by the Rector's warden, who is also a ringer. Some good touches were rung on this splendid peal of six. Some of the ringing was enjoyed by members of the party from the roof of the church, access to which is obtainable from the ringing chamber. The next stop was Ipswich, the terminal point of the trip. Here the ladies soon became more interested in the shops than in campanology, so the enthusiasts betook themselves to St. Clement's Church, where the peal of six bells was made good use of until after 3 o'clock. The Rector of St. Clement's, the Rev. J. C. Knapp, welcomed the ringers, and interested them with a description of the various beauties of the church, after which a move was made for St. Margaret's, where the ringers were met by some of the local band. After ringing on the eight bells, the whole company assembled for tea, which was felt to be a pressing need after their exertions, as much by the ladies after the tour of shops as by the ringers. After a good meat tea a start was made for Stoke-by-Nayland. One could write at great length about the beautiful country passed through to reach this place, when once off the main road. The scenery is hilly and wooded, Stoke itself standing on an eminence and crowned by a glorious tower rising to a height of 120 feet. The church itself is worthy of the tower which completes it, and the music of the heavy and deep-toned ring of six bells was much admired and enjoyed by all the party. The Vicar, the Rev. P. C. Scott, welcomed the company on arriving in the south porch, and took them round the church, explaining its details at great length, and showing much interest in the ringers' visit. Regretfully, at about 9 o'clock, the company tore themselves away, and turned the bonnet of their charabanc Maldonwards, to start the last lap of a day well spent. Home was reached at about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The company, through the medium of this paper, wish to gratefully acknowledge the services rendered them by the ringers at the various places, and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Tuesday evening, July 17th, a short but well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert Hims (son of the well-known local ringer, Mr. E. Hims) and Miss Wadley, which took place on that day at Bicester. The band would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, who kindly came over, at a minute's notice, to assist them.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 14th, and the eastern district of the county of Hertford was chosen. Assembling at Finsbury Square at 1 o'clock, the party, numbering fourteen, were soon speeding along in a motor coach, leaving the salubrious and picturesque spots of the City Road quickly behind. After skirting Enfield and passing Hoddesdon and Ware, Little Mundon was reached for the first call on the programme. Here Messrs. Lawrence and Carter welcomed the visitors under an ancient yew hundreds of years old. In this famous six-bell tower, Cambridge, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and after an exhaustive and diligent search for postcards of the tower the party left for Benington. The visit to this beautiful and historic church, placed, as it is, amidst such delightful surroundings, was much enjoyed by all. A course of Bristol Surprise was the first touch upon this very nice peal, followed by one of London. The Vicar, the Rev. Mills, then arrived, and said how really glad he was to welcome the visitors to Benington. He took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples, with which he seemed well pleased.

A meat tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which all did ample justice, and here a postcard signed by all was despatched to absent friends on the rugged shores of Cornwall. Aspenden was the third tower visited, and after a delightful run this fine old church was found nestling between the lovely leafy lanes and the undulating slopes of the hills. A course of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Stedman Triples were all that could be rung here, and after an 'accidental' call at the Goose the last stage was commenced. Braughing bells had just ceased ringing (after an attempt for a peal had failed) when the party arrived. Courses of Superlative, Yorkshire and Norfolk Surprise were brought round and much enjoyed, and a touch of Stedman Caters on the local handbells was also tapped off. The party then adjourned to the Arc and Compass for half an hour, and the homeward journey was commenced. One stop at Hoddesdon, and Shoreditch Church was passed at 11 o'clock, everyone agreeing it was one of the nicest and most enjoyable outings the society has had. Best thanks are due to the Vicars and towerkeepers of the various churches, and to all who helped make the outing such an unqualified success.

NORTH WINGFIELD RINGERS AT LINCOLN

A very enjoyable and interesting time was spent by the North Wingfield band on their outing. A twenty-six seater bus had been engaged for the trip, and arrangements had been made through the local secretary (Mr. Waddington) to visit East Markham, Lincoln Cathedral, St. Botolph's, Lincoln, and Newark Parish Church. In addition to the local band, Messrs. W. and A. Butler, late members of the band, and a number of friends made up the party. Starting about 8 a.m. with the weather not too promising, the first part of the run was to Workop, and the ringers were sorry time would not permit them to visit the grand old Priory Church. At East Markham they found a real old-fashioned picturesque country village, with a grand old church. Although none of the local band was there to meet the visitors, everything had been left in readiness for a pull on a nice peal of eight. Touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Stedman were brought round. After leaving East Markham the next halt was at the village of Dunham, where they partook of lunch and refreshed themselves at the village inn. Continuing the journey they came to the Dunham Bridge, where a gentleman in charge of the bridge coolly demanded 2s. toll. He appeared to be a little bit ruffled when a receipt was demanded, and threatened the party with a further 2s. on the return journey, but fortunately the plans did not fit in with this, as the bridgekeeper promptly learned. Lincoln was reached about 1.30, and most of the party made their way to the Cathedral. With Mr. Walden, one of the local ringers, as guide, the visit was made most interesting, as the party were able to explore parts of the Cathedral to which the public are not admitted while the work of restoration is being carried out, and they were able to get some idea of the magnitude and tremendous cost of the work in hand. Of course, they were specially interested in the tower where the bells are going to be hung, and in the preparations being made for the peal of twelve bells. The tower is being strengthened with reinforced concrete pillars, and efforts are being made to get the bells ready for October. The four new bells are already at the Cathedral, and a new steel frame is being constructed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. After tea Mr. Walden accompanied the party to St. Botolph's, where, on the nice-toned peal of six, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Collega Single were rung. Here they parted company with Mr. Walden, with expressions of great appreciation of his untiring efforts to make the visit to Lincoln interesting and enjoyable. Arriving at Newark about 6.45, the party were met by members of the local band, who kindly placed the ropes at their disposal. Some well-struck Plain Bob and Stedman Triples were brought round. These are a very nice peal, with a tenor about 33 cwt., and the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed. A splendid run through very nice country brought the party home about 10 p.m. They desire to thank the incumbents of the churches for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, and the local ringers for having the bells in readiness and extending a welcome.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

BY 'A RINGER.'

Ringling to order is one thing; writing to order is quite a different matter. 'Try your hand at a column or so,' said the Editor, after I had told him that anyone ought to be able to fill the empty spaces of the world, even of 'The Ringing World.' Lightheartedly I undertook to supply him with a page of reading for those who to-day will be suffering from the reaction of a misspent holiday and need an antidote; but I'm sorry now that I spoke. When writing to my local newspaper under the title of 'Pro Bono Publico,' to ventilate my views of the mismanagement of the country, I have never, I think, lacked words in which to clothe my thoughts, although I must admit that I cannot speak with any certainty on this point, because my thoughts—clothed or otherwise—on these matters—have never yet been read by any member of the public, unless it has been the printing-office charlady, when she found them in the editor's waste-paper basket. Imagine, then, how readily, I leapt into the breach at the invitation extended to me to write for this journal, and now here am I, with the opportunity of a lifetime before me to enter the charmed circle of newspaper writers, as limp as a rag as the result of sleepless nights and as empty of ideas as a burst drum.

This, my pippins, is all stuffing, as the taxidermist said as he tucked the sage and onions into the carcase of his Christmas goose.

Ringling in these days seems to be becoming the pursuit of the idle rich; or is it that ringling is such a lucrative pastime that some of its devotees have been able to join that fortunate circle? Anyhow, I've seen quite a number of them floating round in their automobiles, not all of them, from the noises they make, correctly Simpson tuned. Some of them—the cars I mean—seem a bit over-clappered; but the sounds they emit have their uses; such as, for instance, scaring the public out of the way.

Some of them, of course, have got quite 'posh' machines. I know one ringer with a car that can do fifty miles and three pedestrians to the gallon, and it goes so well that once he gets it going he can't always stop it. When he first took it out, he had to get another vehicle to pull up suddenly in front of him to stop its unruly career. It was an unorthodox method of coming to a standstill, of course, but the insurance company paid for the damage.

But motors are playing a big part nowadays in our ringling arrangements. Only recently I had to take a bus from the Strand to Ludgate Hill, otherwise I should have been too late for my appointment at the Coffee Pot.

This, however, has nothing whatever to do with what I set out to write about the idle rich—those folk who can go off to their ringling when they please, where they please, and stay as long as they please. It must be really delightful to mix with the nobility and gentry and I envy those who had the privilege the other day of 'week-ending' with the Duke of Derby and Baron Birmingham at Appleton. We need to get more of the aristocracy interested in our art, and then perhaps we shall once more see the day when, after ringling a peal at St. Bride's, as old chroniclers have told us, all the ringers drive away in their own carriages. But perhaps such a spectacle would be possible now, if only St. Bride's bells could be got for a peal.

Don'ts for summer peal ringers: Don't, don't, don't, DON'T!

Readers of 'The Ringing World' must have gasped almost when they read of Jack Thomas' wonderful performance of ringling two bells to a peal of Double Norwich. One bell at a time is enough for most ringers, and some of them can't properly manage even that, but I suppose it will not be long before someone will be trying to ring three bells to a peal—one in each hand and one with his foot. As long as a rope doesn't get round his neck, it won't matter; and it won't matter if it does, because he would be a freak and ought to be removed.

And speaking of record performances reminds me that it cannot be long now before there will burst forth with increased effulgence on a dazzled world a new record of that wonder-man of the Exercise—I leave my readers to guess his name. He is not far off his one thousandth peal—I've been counting them up since he rang the 980th, and he is getting close on to it.

When all the world was young, Jim,
And all the trees were green,
You always were a lad, Jim,
The keenest of the keen.
You'd run the country o'er, Jim,
To ring a decent peal,
With any band throughout the land;
We marvelled at your zeal.
Now all the world's grown old, Jim,
You still can stay the pace;
You still can turn a tenor, Jim,
And keep a smiling face.

A hundred peals to you, Jim,
Is now a trifling score;
We hope you'll live for many a year,
And ring a thousand more.

Having, when writing to a friend recently, told him I was 'seedy' (everyone, I suppose, gets the pip at times), I have just received a postcard telling me to take a holiday and go in for three peals a day. 'You will find your health immensely improved at the end of the week,' he says, 'and come back fit for work.' That may be very good advice for those already in training. A tour with two peals a day is too much for me, but three! Bah! as the Frenchman said.

I have just looked at the postcard again. I find I have made a mistake. It is pills, not peals, that are recommended.

In the absence of the Editor I have been deputed to reply to a number of correspondents.

What is the purpose of the 'pulley block'? asks 'Beginner.' The principal use of the pulley block is to hoist the bells into the tower. No, 'Eileen,' young ladies do not become ringers merely to find husbands, although it is true they go to the belfry for a ring.

Any competent ringer, 'Old Hand,' should know how to ring Stedman's Slow Course. It's just one slow course after another.

The Society of Tower Twisters and Gudgeon Beuders has not become defunct, 'Tommy.' 'Uncle Joe' informs me that they have twisted all the towers and bent all the gudgeons available, but hope to pay return visits when things have been straightened out.

Yes, 'Sweet William,' I have heard the rumour that a band of handbell ringers is to attempt a peal in the air and another under the sea, and that they propose to start to fly the Atlantic so that both attempts can be made in one day. At the time of going to press, however, neither the band nor the date is settled.

HEREFORDSHIRE'S NEW RING OF SIX.

The village of Bredwardine, Herefordshire, now possesses for the first time a peal of six bells. Originally the tower contained four bells, all by Rudhall, of Gloucester, and all very much out of tune. In 1919 the Master of the Hereford Guild made an inspection and suggested two trebles, to make a ring of six. The project was set on foot, and about £70 collected, but, alas, parochial differences intervened, and the matter dropped until August last, when the Master was again approached, and Mrs. Theodore Elles Williams expressed a wish to see the bells put in order. Mr. Edwards quickly suggested that if she would give two trebles as memorial bells to her late husband, the parish might raise the remainder of the funds required, and this she readily consented to do. In February last, however, she decided to pay the entire cost, £344, with the exception of the £70 already collected. The opening and dedication took place on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, the Lord Bishop of Hereford performing the ceremony, and the church being crowded. Mrs. Williams, the donor, was present with other friends. The weight of the tenor is 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., 5th 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., 4th 5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb., 3rd 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., 2nd 4 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb., treble 3 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner, as the bells are now a well-tuned and musical peal. During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung at intervals to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor by visiting ringers from various towers in the district.

OPENING UP A NEW FIELD.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION FORMED IN NORTH IRELAND.

In order to encourage change ringling in the North of Ireland, a branch of the Irish Association has been formed in that area. The branch is named the 'Northern Branch of the Irish Association of Change Ringers,' and is connected with the Irish Association, having headquarters at Dublin, where the development of the art in the last quarter of a century owes so much to Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.

The branch association was inaugurated in October of last year, and already the bands have made considerable progress, and expect in the near future to be able to ring short touches for service at their respective churches. A keen and healthy rivalry exists between the towers, which augurs well to carry the teams through the difficulties encountered by new hands unable to draw on the assistance of experienced ringers.

Although change ringling in the North of Ireland is not altogether unknown, it has never been generally practised, and the art, as understood in England, has never been developed. The new association has a membership which is determined to break through this barrier, and though they may not attain the same proficiency, it is hoped that they will be able to make such progress that the future generations will vie with their brethren across the water.

The members are not lacking in encouragement and support from the church. His Grace the Most Rev. the Lord Archbishop of Ireland, Dr. D'Arcy, is the patron of the association, and the Ven. J. F. MacNeice, B.D., Archdeacon of Connor, the Very Rev. Wm. Dowse, M.A., Dean of Connor, both take an active interest in the work.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' TOUR IN NORFOLK.

On Saturday, July 28th, the members of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their seventh annual outing. The party, numbering 16, travelled by motor coach through Bury St. Edmunds and Thetford to Attleborough, where Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford were rung. The bad circle of ropes caused some confusion to the ringers, for the second rope hangs almost in the centre of the tower. The next call was made at Wymondham Abbey Church, with its two lofty towers. The shell of the older tower still stands, joined to the east end of the present church. After climbing the ninety-three steps to the spacious ringing floor, the fine peal of eight were soon set going to courses of Stedman, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. Hethersett, with its light peal of eight, was next visited, and Oxford, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were tapped off. The next method attempted was lunch, at Ye Old Queen's Head, and although the 'courses' were few, this 'touch' was the best of the day. Two courses of Grandsire Caters on handbells before departing for Norwich, but at the eight yards mark, 'Liz' demanded another half-hour's rest. Eventually, after a bit of doctoring by a local mechanic, a second start was made with success, and with many inquiries St. John de Sepulchre's Church, Norwich, was found. Here the party were met by Messrs. Mayes, Lovett and Bailey, also Mr. Ellis, of Harwich. Time only permitted a short touch of Kent and a course of Plain Bob at this tower, then under the guidance of Messrs. Mayes and Co. tracks were made for St. Peter Mancroft, which was the party's main objective. The fine peal of twelve were rung in rounds for a few minutes, and then followed a course each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also a course of Double Norwich on the back eight with the ever-willing J.P. on the big end. After inspecting the old and interesting records, etc., in this tower and the signing the visitors' book, St. Michael's at Coslany was visited, and courses of Kent and Plain Bob were rung, also a touch of Grandsire Triples to oblige Mr. A. Baldwin, of Fakenham, once a schoolboy chum of the party's G.O.M. Visits were then paid to the Cathedral, St. John's Catholic Church, the Castle, the old Grammar School, Nurse Cavell's grave, and other interesting places. On the way home a call was made at the Swan at Palgrave for refreshments, songs and handbell ringing, and to renew happy acquaintances made at this inn on last year's outing. Home was reached at 10.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers, and all those friends who helped to make this outing a success.

S. H. S.

GRIMSBY RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE.

The St. Andrew's, Grimsby, ringers' annual outing took place on Saturday, July 21st, in brilliant weather, and proved as successful and enjoyable as on any previous occasion. The ringers, with their wives and friends, took to the road at 6.30 a.m., with Selby Abbey the first objective. Upon arrival at 9 o'clock a move was at once made to the belfry, a local member welcoming the visitors, and also taking part in the ringing. The great beauty of the bells was afterwards freely commented upon. Proceeding next to York, a visit was made to the historic Minster. This timed with the sexton's daily climb to the north-west tower for the ringing of Great Peter at noon, and he courteously permitted an inspection of the magnificent peal of 13 bells, and gave a demonstration of Great Peter in action. The sight and sound of this monster at close range is a revelation, and the experience will live long in the memory of all who were present. The next move was to the ancient borough of Knaresborough, some 14 miles from York, and the prospects of an excellent lunch were fully realised. Afterwards, Mr. Fred Smith, of the local company, took the party in hand. Incidentally, one of the visitors, an old colleague and late fellow-member of the local company, met the guide for the first occasion for many years, and reminiscences of the early 'nineties absorbed the pair for some time. The chief objects of interest in the old Parish Church having been explained, a move was made to the belfry. Here was found a fine ring of eight by Pack and Chapman, 1774, and recently restored by Taylor, of Loughborough. The 'go' and tone of the bells is all that could be desired. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, Mr. Smith taking part. The remaining time was spent in visiting the Norman castle ruins, the dropping well (of petrifying fame), and 'Mother Shipton's' cave. Here again the guide was invaluable, explaining everything of interest, including a 'photographic curiosity' of some importance and even greater amusement. Leaving Knaresborough regretfully behind, the party next pressed on to Doncaster, tea being welcomed and thoroughly appreciated. The heavy ring of eight at St. George's next claimed attention. Several of the local company extended a friendly welcome and joined in the ringing. Thanks are due to them, to Mr. Smith, of Knaresborough, to Mr. Cryer, of Selby, the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and to all who contributed to the complete success of the outing. A happy and contented party reached Grimsby at midnight, after a perfect day.

WENHASTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday, August 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Nora Hardingham (first 720) 1, S. Ellis 2, R. H. Bullen 3, J. Larter (conductor) 4, G. Pearce 5, J. Punched 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers throughout the country will regret to learn that Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) has had to enter a nursing home to undergo an operation, and all will wish him a speedy return to health.

Bishop's Stortford bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were reopened on Monday, and the many ringers present were much struck by the great improvement which has been effected in this peal of ten.

Saffron Walden have never been a satisfactory peal of twelve. The four trebles were added to the old eight just before the war, and they are now to be recast. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, the popular hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Herts Association, who has suffered a severe bereavement by the death of his wife.

In connection with the meeting of St. Martin's Guild, at Erdington, on August 18th, the bells of the Abbey Church will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.

The first peal of Bob Triples rung by the old Society of Union Scholars was composed and conducted by John Holt. It took place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London. According to Snowdon's 'Grandsire' it was rung on August 8th, 1748; but in 'Ropesight' the date is given as August 12th.

It was Holt who put new life into the Union Scholars. The society rang 36 peals between 1718 and 1757, and Holt took part in 21 of these between 1747 and 1752. He must have been the 'live wire' of the society, for during his connection with it he took part in every peal and called all but one of them.

The first peal of Double Norwich Major in Wales was rung at Rhyl forty-five years ago next Monday, by the famous Burton-on-Trent band. One or two members of that company are still taking an active interest in ringing.

It is twenty years ago next Wednesday that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung. It was one of the 'land marks' set up by the Ipswich band at St. Mary le Tower.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Bromborough recorded last week was Walter J. Battle, not Butler as published.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip, which is always interesting, you say that Thurstans' famous four-part was rung for the first time on August 8th, 1842.

In Mr. Henry Johnson's peal book are the following entries:—August 8th, 1842, at the Parish Church, Aston, 5,040 changes Stedman Triples, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.—then follow the names—conducted by Thos. Day. This peal was the joint production of T. Thurstans and John Lates, and contains 240 bobs and two doubles, made thus:—

2314567

3214567

2315476

2134567

1235476

1324567

3125476

This composition was again rung at Aston, February 9th, 1843, conducted by William Chattell; and again October 29th, 1844, at St. John's Chapel, Deritend, also conducted by W. Chattell.

Now we come to the four-part as we know it: May 18th, 1846, at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 5,040 changes of Stedman Triples, 2 hrs. 53 mins.—then follow the names—composed by Thomas Thurstans, conducted by Henry Johnson. Footnote: This was the first peal composed and rung with 240 bobs and two common singles only; first time of its performance.—Yours, etc.,

JAS. E. GROVES.

RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett, of Northallerton, celebrated their diamond wedding on August 1st. Mr. Barnett is 79 years of age, and his wife is 78. Both are active and well, and continue to fulfil the duties of caretakers of the North Riding Court House.

Mr. Barnett is captain of the Northallerton Parish Church ringers, and has been a ringer for 63 years, all but three at the Parish Church. He still continues his duties, and last week's auspicious event was celebrated by his belfry colleagues, who rang the bells in honour of the occasion.

In his younger days Mr. Barnett was a fine rifle shot, and took part in the N.R.A. meetings at Wimbledon. He holds the N.R.A. bronze medal, won at a prize meeting at York.

Mrs. Barnett had a terrifying experience in the war. One of the soldiers stationed at the Court House was going downstairs with a gun when it was accidentally fired. A sergeant, to whom Mrs. Barnett had been speaking, was shot dead, and Mrs. Barnett had an amazing escape.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday week at Oxford, and, as usual, attracted a large gathering of members. The proceedings began with a service in the Cathedral, at which the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was the preacher. He took his text from Psalm cxxii. 4, and in the course of an address, which was full of encouragement, he reminded his hearers that they had come there to keep their festival. They thanked God that in spite of their shortcomings the Guild was what it was. They must remember that a festival note was to ring through all they did that day. There must be joy all through. They would have an opportunity of meeting those members of the Guild whom otherwise they had no chance of meeting. It was not always that a meeting of churchpeople was attended with joy. There was not too much joy in the meetings of the Church of England. They thanked God for the way He had blessed the Guild, and for the blessings He had allowed to come to the Church through the Guild. One that had been most marked in the last year had been the repairs that had been done in the belfries. Some of them had looked on it as a hopeless task, but the work was still going on. During the past year there had been signs that they would have a really promising number of recruits to the ministry of church bellringing, and they thanked God for it.

The business meeting, held in the Chapter House, was presided over by the Master, who was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), the attendance numbering 134, all the 15 branches being represented.

At the outset the Master referred to the death of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, a trustee of the Guild, who, he said, did much to set it properly going. At the committee meeting a resolution of condolence was sent to the family, and a reply had been received from the Misses Hart-Davis.

Sir George Dashwood was elected a trustee in place of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

'THE TIDE HAS TURNED.'

In his annual report the Master said: The year 1927 has been one of steady progress towards the attainment of those objects for which the Guild stands. The attendance at the festival from the diocese showed a decided improvement on last year, and in addition we were glad to welcome so many non-resident members who are of note in the Exercise. I have kept in touch with the branches, and have been present at some splendid meetings arranged by them. There is considerable keenness to make progress in change ringing. If our peal total is not much greater than last year, we can show more peals in the higher methods, and I believe a greater number of unsuccessful attempts which count for a good deal. Referring to my last report and 'the young ringer,' I have received no letters such as I invited, but viewing the Guild as a whole I think it is true to say that the tide has turned, and that there are more recruits than there were a few years ago, though they may not all be juveniles. By request I have visited to give advice on bell restoration at the following places: Aston Abbots, Aston Sandford, Aston Tirrold, Barkham, Bray, East Claydon, Steeple Claydon, Clewer, East Garston, Hinton Waldrist, Maids Moreton, Olney, All Saints' Oxford, St. Lawrence Reading, Stratley, Sunningwell, Towersey, Tingewick, Waltham St. Lawrence, Old Windsor. Restoration work has been carried out at Adderbury, East Garston, East Hagbourne, Hughenden, Hungerford, St. Giles' Oxford, All Saints' Oxford, Whaddon, Old Windsor. Trebles to complete the octave have been added at Hungerford and at the two Oxford towers. It is a matter for congratulation that two of the finest rings in the diocese, Adderbury and East Hagbourne, have been thoroughly restored, and that Henley is well on the way. While speaking of restoration work, it is to be regretted that in so many cases the authorities and even the ringers fail to realise the importance of securing a comfortable distance between the bells and the ringing floor, together with proper light and ventilation for the ringer. There are many towers in which a vast improvement might be made either by bringing the ropes to the ground floor or by constructing a ringer's gallery, neither of which need entail very great cost. As it is we go on too often so near to the bells that our sallies are drawn round the wheels, amid such a noise that the music is drowned and the voice of the instructor or conductor is smothered, and this in an atmosphere that is decidedly secondhand. Quietness, light, and fresh air are as necessary to the ringer as good bearings are to the bells. Among those who have passed from us during the year there will be noted the name of Frederick Webb, of Kidlington. Until comparatively recently, as the head of the firm of Webb and Bennett, he was engaged in some good bell-hanging work in many parts of the country. For many years he served on the Guild committee, and was as regular and helpful in his attendance there as he was at the meetings of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. A man to be relied on, whose words though few were sincere, and whose actions were the outcome of an honest desire to do good.

PERMANENT INCOME FOR RESTORATION FUND.

The treasurer, in his report, said a balance of £160 had accumulated, and had been placed in the bank. He hoped all branches would have proper banking accounts. Their total funds were £378 16s. 2d., and he understood there was no Guild in a better financial

position. That was largely due to the energy and enterprise of the branch secretaries and treasurers. Commenting on the restoration fund, he said he thought it was generally acknowledged that the fund had been of great assistance, and it was necessary that it should be maintained. He proposed to use some of the money obtained from hon. members for this purpose. He found that the Guild received from this source about £25 annually. He suggested that 25 per cent. of the sum should be transferred to this fund to give it a permanent income.

The General Secretary, presenting his report, said they had a very hopeful time before them. He had visited every branch, and he noticed that the young people were coming forward more than they had ever done. Some, however, slipped off the hook if it was not properly baited. If there was no other way of keeping them, they must lock them in the tower (laughter).

Membership had increased slightly. This would have been very marked had they not to regret the loss of four towers. However, by the affiliation of Aston Bampton, East Claydon, Hungerford, Nettlebed, and Woughton they were one tower better off. Restorations had been numerous, three instances being on a large scale, viz., the heavy eight of Adderbury, Hungerford old six tuned and trebles added, and the grand old eight at Hagbourne, all hung in massive iron frames with all the latest improvements. All Saints' and St. Giles', Oxford, had also been increased to eight.

A brief summary of peals showed more by ten than last year, and was very satisfactory, for Surprise Major peals number ten, including Bristol, London, Cambridge, and Superlative. One peal of Cambridge Minor and one in Surprise Minor methods were also rung. Two peals of Stedman Cinques were rung at Wycombe, and amongst the Stedman Triples one was conducted by that talented lady, Miss P. M. Moss. They must congratulate the East Berks and South Bucks members on their energy and ability. One branch deserved congratulation, and he was sure all old peal ringers would agree that the Vale of White Horse men had made a real beginning by scoring two peals of Grandsire Doubles without outside help. The Secretary added that he had visited most of the branches during 1927, with their energetic Master and hon. treasurer, and had found in every case there was good feeling and a striving for progress. He thanked all the branch secretaries for their help.

All the reports were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Master, Mr. A. J. Wright hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary, and the Master referred to the splendid help he received from the treasurer and secretary.

The committee were re-elected en bloc.

It was agreed that the 1929 festival should be held at Oxford.

The Master referred to the tremendous revival in change ringing that had taken place at Banbury, which had resulted in a great quickening of interest in the district.

Grants of £3 were directed to be made to Hinton Waldrist, £4 to Deddington, and £5 to Banbury. It was stated that grants had been approved to Bradfield (two guineas), Witney and Woodstock (five guineas each), and Chipping Norton (three guineas each). These branches had given these amounts to the Guild restoration fund.

Mr. A. J. Wright moved: 'That all applications for grants from the restoration fund which are received after the annual meetings and before March 31st be referred to a committee consisting of the Master, trustees, treasurer and general secretary, who shall have power to make grants up to £12.' The motion was lost by the casting vote of the chairman.

The following proposal by Mr. T. Trollope was also lost: 'That the foremen of towers supply to their branch secretaries or to the general secretary the evening of their weekly practice and the time of meeting. This information to be printed in the annual report.'

The election of 162 new members was confirmed.

Canon Coleridge gave an interesting account of the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the preacher and organist, proposed by Sir George Dashwood.

The many bells of Oxford were rung during the day, including the twelve at the Cathedral, where a good 'service touch' of Stedman Cinques was brought round; New College, Merton College, where the unusual ringing conditions attracted many visitors; St. Ebbe's, with its tiny, but musical, peal of eight; St. Giles', with its newly-gained octave; St. Aldgate's, Holywell, and St. Mary Magdalene's.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Owing to a service in the church the bells were not raised till nearly 4 p.m., but were then made good use of. The association service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Mummery) officiating, and delivering an interesting address. Tea was served at the Boyne tea gardens, and was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar being unable to preside, Mr. W. J. Jeffries was voted to the chair. Three new members were elected, and St. Mary's, Woolwich, was chosen as the place of the annual district meeting, to be held in October.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, and to the organist for his services.—This having been carried with applause, concluded the business, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

RINGERS WHO MIGRATE.

A SCHEME FOR KEEPING TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO MOVE.

At the Central Council meeting at Hereford a scheme was adopted by which it is hoped that associations will be able to keep in touch with ringers who move. Many young ringers are lost to the Exercise, because, on going into a new district, they do not, for one reason or another, seek out a new tower. The object behind the proposal of the Council is that instead of these young ringers being left to seek out a belfry, they would themselves be sought out by the ringers in the district to which they remove.

In order that this may be done, the co-operation of officials is necessary, and an effective means of following up the migrants is as follows:—

In cases where the ringer removes from one parish to another in the same association or guild area, his new address should be sent by the local secretary direct, or through his association secretary, to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In cases where a ringer moves away from the area of his own association or guild, the new address can be sent by the local secretary to his own association secretary, to be forwarded to the association secretary in the new area who will, in turn, pass it on to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In either case it is hoped that, on receiving the information, the local ringers will seek out the newcomer and invite him to the belfry.

If members of associations will make this simple scheme part of their routine, it is felt that many young fellows, just beginning to ring, and who might otherwise be lost to the Exercise, will be kept in its ranks.

To facilitate intercommunication between association secretaries an undertaking was given at the Council meeting to publish their names and addresses in 'The Ringing World.'

In compliance with the promise made, we now publish 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, Gauber Road, Barnsley.

Hath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Hedfordshire 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, Cockerham, Cumberland.

Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

Doncaster and District Society: Mr. P. Gledstone, 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

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. Pilstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley, Hereford.

Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.E., Dublin.

Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, The Precincts, Canterbury.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shaker, 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, Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

London County Association: Mr. S. C. Moore, 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, 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. Colman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

North Notts Association: Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksep.

North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

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, Gedding, Kettering.

Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. 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. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

Sheffield District Society: Mr. R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnott, 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. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington.

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. Lenton, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newman, Shcepote, Severn Stoke, Worcs.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at the six-bell tower of Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th, twenty-five ringers being present. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and at 4.30 a short service was held in church, an interesting address being given by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Williams. A collection, taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 5s. 7d. A visit was then made to Horsted Place, the fine old Tudor residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barchard, who had kindly invited the members to tea, at which the Rector presided, supported by the Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman.

The business meeting was mostly of a routine nature. The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Smith (Lindfield), A. H. Drew (St. Nicholas', Brighton), and W. Luxford (Hartfield). The election of Mr. R. H. Bullen, Euston, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

The meeting concluded with the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, and for presiding at tea, and to Mr. and Mrs. Barchard for their generous hospitality.

Ringing was again resumed, some returning to Little Horsted, others proceeding to the eight-bell tower of Uckfield. At Uckfield, methods from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Surprise Major were rung; at Little Horsted, Doubles to Cambridge and London Minor. The 'go' of the tower at Little Horsted is far from satisfactory.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Brighton, Burgess Hill, Coleman's Hatch, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Scaford, Shoreham, Little Horsted, Uckfield.

KNIGHTON. RADS.—On Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. T. Preece 1, A. E. Jones 2, E. W. Watkins 3, J. J. Price 4, J. F. Evans 5, T. H. Y. Smallwood 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. H. Jones 8. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

NUTHALL. NOTES.—At St. Patrick's Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the choir festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Chase and 300 Grandsire, in 40 mins.: J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 1, T. Harrison (first quarter-peal in five methods) 2, R. Harrison (first quarter-peal in five methods) 3, F. Wilcox 4, G. Burton 5.

LONDON SURPRISE.

- 123456
213546
125364
215634
- (a) The structure of this method is different from anything we have seen before.
The method is derived from the plain hunting course reversed.
In (a) 3.4.5.6 are hunts.
In (c) 2.3.5.6 are hunts.
- (b) In (d) 3.4.5.6 are hunts.
In (f) 2.3.5.6 are hunts.
Sections (b) and (e) are ordinary Treble Bob, the second being in the hunt in (b) and the 4th in (e).
- 526314
562341
653214
635241
- (c) The extension to Major consists in adding two more hunts, 7 and 8, when the treble is in 1.2. Two more Treble Bob bells when she is in 3.4. There are four hunts in 1.2.3.4 when the treble is in 5.6, and six when she is behind.
- 365421
356412
534621
543612
- (d) This is a different system of extension to anything we have seen before.
- 453162
541326
543162
451326
- (e) The extension to Royal is useless, as 5.6 come home at the next lead-head, and the other bells are in hopeless confusion, but the extension of Maximus made exactly like the Major, with 8 hunts when treble is in 9.0, and 10 hunts when she is in 11.12, brings the 2nd home at the next lead-end, runs 5 leads, and contains the ten lead-heads and ten lead-ends of Grandsire Maximus.
- 415362
145632
416523
146253
- (f) Caunterbury Surprise Minor produces a regular Royal by the same system of extension.
- 142635 (g)

H. LAW JAMES.

A WEDDING GIFT.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Sunday, August 5th, for morning service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

After the above had been rung, Mr. E. Clapshaw, the captain of the local band, handed to Mr. H. Kemp, the ringer of the 5th, a case of silver-mounted carvers as a present from the whole of the ringers on the occasion of his recent marriage, with the best wishes of the band for his and his wife's future.

Mr. Kemp, in returning thanks, stated that the present was a great surprise to him. His brother ringers could rest assured that the gift would be greatly appreciated and valued, both by him and his wife.

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipston on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available at Kirkby from 4 p.m. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Easthampstead (nr. Bracknell) on Saturday, August 18th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 6.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at Barton-under-Needwood (8 bells) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells open 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from New Street Motor Park, also trains to Barton and Walton. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro tem.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

BRISTOL'S NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

GENEROUS GIFT TO ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH.

As already briefly announced in these columns, Bristol, already a city of bells, has gained yet another peal of eight, which have been erected in the fine church of St. Ambrose, in the St. George's district, through the generosity of Mr. John Gardiner, who had previously provided the tower. The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who have tuned them on the Simpson five-tone harmonic principle, and hung them in a cast-iron frame mounted on massive steel girder foundation, heavily cross-braced, and taking its bearing in all four walls. The fittings are of the very latest pattern, and include cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, new-type clapper fittings, and ball-bearing rollers. The tenor is 11½ cwt.

The dedication of the bells was performed, in the absence of the Bishop of Bristol, by the Bishop of Malmesbury, in the presence of a large congregation. The tower is over the south porch, and here the ceremony took place. Following prayers offered by the Bishop, eight ringers from eight churches rang a short touch on the bells which demonstrated some of their excellent capacity. While the procession returned to the chancel, the hymn 'Lifted high within the steeple' was rendered.

The Bishop of Malmesbury gave a short address, and explained that the Bishop of Bristol was unable to attend as a great citizen of Bristol—one who had given wonderfully of his wealth to the city, both in religious and educational matters, had passed away that week and the Bishop was to officiate at the Cathedral and at the committal at the graveside in Easton-in-Gordano. The Bishop of Bristol had been anxious to come to St. Ambrose because of his personal interest in the progress there, and his association with Mr. Gardiner and his many forms of work in the diocese. They were thinking that day of a deed for the glory of God. In the countryside they saw many church towers, and what did that mean? It meant that work had been started and augmented in glory and beauty. All the churches were a living witness to the power and vision of God, and of those who lived in the past. In that church they had an example, perhaps more than had any other church in Bristol, of that similar witness to God—a witness of beauty. The Bishop spoke of the ennobling influence of the peal of bells on the neighbourhood, because people were made aware that adults and children gathered there to get strength and go out to witness for God, and were glad because their church was beautiful.

The final hymn was 'Hark on high the joyful music,' and after the concluding prayers the bells rang out merrily to a touch of Stedman Triples by ringers from St. Mary Redcliff, St. Stephen's, City, St. Thomas', City, St. James', City, Clifton Parish Church, Henbury, and Mangotsfield, and St. Ambrose. The ringers were W. H. Thomas, P. C. Williams, J. Burford, W. Knight, H. Pring, H. Howell, J. Jefferies, and J. Gould. Tea was afterwards served to a company of about 300 on the Vicarage lawn. The bells were also rung on Sunday by members of the diocesan association.

The tone of the bells is exceptionally fine, and the authorities and the donor, as well as the ringers who inspected the work, are extremely pleased with the way in which the contract has been carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

A young band of ringers is being instructed at the tower.

THROUGH KENT.

St. John's, Croydon, bellringers, visited Folkestone for their outing. Starting at 7.30 a.m., they stopped first at Maidstone. Here Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung, and then a quick run brought them to Ashford, where some good ringing was obtained on the fine ring of eight. A look round the beautiful church, and then on to Folkestone, where an excellent dinner was partaken of. After a short ring on the bells of the Parish Church, the party split up until time for departure. Homeward, the road lay through Hythe and Dymchurch, to New Romney, where ringing brethren of Kent heartily welcomed them. After a short stay they journeyed on to Headcorn, where the last ringing of the day was indulged in, and Croydon reached at 11.20 p.m., everybody having had a really enjoyable time. Through 'The Ringing World' the party wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the day, the towerkeepers at the churches, the Vicars for their permission to ring, and the ringers at New Romney for their hearty welcome and kindness in placing the bells at the visitors' disposal.

COOKHAM REVISITED.

On Saturday, July 28th, the ringers of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, visited Cookham-on-Thames. It was three years ago that this tower was last visited by them, and the band are to be congratulated on the progress made in ringing since that time. Touches were rung in Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, etc. (Cookham being a six-bell tower). It was a matter of regret that three of the ringers were prevented from joining the party, as also was Mr. Fowler, who had made such excellent arrangements. After tea, rowing was indulged in, and the party were lucky in seeing some of the racing at the Bourne End Regatta. The Guild greatly appreciated the presence of Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. W. Coles, who do so much to further the ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Fowler for making arrangements, and to Dr. Bachelor for the use of the tower.

GEORGE BAKER'S ROUND-BLOCK TRANSPOSITIONS. THROUGH 'MINORMANIA'S' SPECTACLES.

I should like to commence this article with a statement and an apology. First, that it is an analysis of another's work as viewed by a tyro in matters pertaining to the vexed problems of extension. Secondly, that at the end of last year I wrote of 'Analysis' and 'Progression,' closely following a paper by 'Owen Kay.' I am sorry that I omitted specifically to acknowledge this at the time, an oversight which I deplore. But to make full reparation to all of those gentlemen whose work was embodied in 'A Beginner's Theory' would necessitate enumerating the standard works, the writings of those who have contributed to 'The Ringing World' during the last few years, and a host of 'word of mouth' teachers whom I have pestered from time to time. I must confess to plagiarism with intent to profit the beginner, and I make belated acknowledgment of what I supposed to have been a very obvious fact.

A 'Round Block,' as its name implies, is a block of rows, which, in due course, will complete a circle. If continued, it will repeat itself with the monotonous regularity of a switchback roundabout. In short, at the end of its variations it will produce the first row again, which need not of necessity be 'rounds.' Rounds as understood in the tower has no real bearing upon a round block.

Let us enter a vehicle on our roundabout; its station we will call 'row 123456.' Off we go, and, having travelled the full circle, we are back again at 123456. We have completed a 'round block.' But the car behind us, which commenced from 'row 214365,' has also pursued the same circle and has returned to 214365. This car, too, has completed a round block of its own, as, indeed, have all of the others. Each has commenced the same circle from a different station; each has performed a revolution of its own, and each one of these revolutions is part of the whole.

A plain course of Bob Minor is an example of a round block. Commence at 123456, and, at the end of the course, 123456 will turn up again; continue, and every other row in the plain course will be reproduced. Therefore, every one of the sixty rows which go to make the plain course heads (and ends) a round block of its own.

Then a complete round block typifies a certain number of others, each of which is complete within itself, and all of which are embodied in the original.

Our roundabout circle comprises a number of movements which are caused by the switchback track. We go 'down-up-over,' or 'up-over-down,' according to the position at which our vehicle is stationed. Each movement is typical of all of those that go to make the full round. When we have travelled one 'down-up-over' we have done all that there is to do, because all of the remaining movements are similar. Further, each car makes the same movements in travelling its particular round.

In our method the plain lead is the 'down-up,' and the 'over' is the second's place at the lead-end. This 'place' is the only variation of the principle, and it goes to make this particular method. Once we have completed this movement (or lead) we have done all that we need. The whole of the method is contained in this one lead, and it typifies the whole course.

It follows that each row in the first lead heads a movement (of one lead in length) which is symbolical of its particular round block, and, therefore, all round blocks contained in the plain course are typified by those movements, of one lead each, which are headed by the several rows of the first lead. Each row will start the movement in a different place. Rounds will commence with 'down-up' and 'over' the lead-end; whereas the middle row of the lead, for example, will commence with 'up,' 'over' the lead-end, and 'down'; and so on.

In other words, between each row in the first lead of Bob Minor, and the corresponding row of the second lead, we have (in all) twelve blocks which are typical of all of the round blocks contained in the original—the plain course. This means, that within these twelve blocks the second's place (usually at the lead-end) will appear in each of the twelve possible positions in the block. If we commence a movement at the second row in the first lead, we meet the 'place' at one row earlier in the block; and as we commence our blocks at the succeeding rows the second's place 'creeps up,' until it is at the lead-end again.

This may reasonably be applied to any method. All of the 'places' that go to make a lead of, say, London Surprise Minor, may be handled in the same way. In Plain Bob we have only the one place (or, the one alteration to the principle), whereas in London we have many such alterations to deal with. But these alterations form the lead of the method, and are moved upwards en bloc, as we commence our blocks at the successive rows, in exactly the same way as the second's place in Plain Bob.

Before the analyse Mr. Baker's figures, it will be well to say a word or two on the subject of transposition. Change ringing essentially is the placing of bells in different positions in rows. A certain number of such rows, be it two or one thousand, will produce a given transposition, and for our purpose we make take it that a 'given transposition' is always relative to rounds. If we can get into the way of asking ourselves how a transposition will affect rounds, we shall have no difficulty in understanding what follows.

I shall show transposition in a simple form in the examples, viz., the reading of pairs vertically (and downwards) in the rows which are placed 'in column.'

A plain lead of Bob Minor for example. We commence with rounds, and, after a certain number of rows we produce a 'lead-end.' The formation of this lead-end row is in certain transposition from rounds; 123456 has become 135264 after certain rows have been produced. It follows that, after a like interval, the row produced will be in relative transposition:—

If 1.2.3.4.5.6 has become 1.3.5.2.6.4,

then 1.3.5.2.6.4 will become 1.5.6.3.4.2.

And if 135264=156342,

then 156342=164523, and so on.

The second example and those which follow it in a natural sequence are, however, in very inconvenient forms, and for the sake of ease we transpose each one direct from rounds, example (1) below.

It follows that, taking any two given rows in a block, we can find this most convenient form of transposition, viz., that which is relative to rounds, as in example (2) below:—

(1)
If (rounds) 123456 becomes 135264,
then row 156342 becomes 164523.
Etc., etc.

(2)
If row 156342 has become 164523,
(rounds) 123456 will become 135264.
Etc., etc.

Then we may know that the given (or standardised) transposition which governs 156342-164523, as in example (2), is 135264 (from rounds understood).

Here, then, we have means of producing results from a given transposition, as example (1), and also of finding the required transposition from given results, as example (2).

The following is typical of Mr. Baker's articles on Round Block Transpositions. It is given as published on April 10th, 1925, except that the columns are lettered and numbered for convenience:—

BOB 'SINGLES.'

No.	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
1.	1234 x 1342 equals 1342	1342
2.	2143 x 3124 " 4213	2314
3.	2413 x 3214 " 4132	4213
4.	4231 x 2341 " 2314	2143 . . . (Half-way)
5.	4321 x 2431 " 3124	4213
6.	3412 x 4213 " 2431	2314
7.	3142 x 4123 " 3241	1342
8.	1324 x 1432 " 1423	1234
	1342 1423	
	(a) (b) (c) (d)	

(a) is the first lead and (b) the second lead. Between corresponding rows in (a) and (b) we have eight different blocks, each of which is typical of its round block. For example, between (a)1 and (b)1 we have a typical member of the plain course round block proper. Between (a)2 and (b)2 we have a member of the round block commencing (and ending) at (a)2; and so on. In these eight blocks we have the second's place in each of the eight possible positions.

(c) These are the required transpositions (standardised for convenience, by relating them to rounds) which will produce b-rows from a-rows. They are produced thus:—

If (a) 1234 becomes 1342 (b), (a) 2143=3124 (b),
(rounds) 1234 becomes 1342 (c). (rounds) 1234=4213 (c).
Etc., etc.

This means that we have substituted 1234 for every separate row in (a), and have found the rows which will be produced after one member of each round block has been completed. In short, we have standardised all of the round blocks by commencing each one from rounds, and have, in (c), ascertained the 'first lead-end' of each.

In another way we have taken the plain principle, and have caused the second's place to be made in the eight possible positions in the block, and the rows in (c) are the resultant 'lead-ends' of this procedure.

(d) These are rows resultant upon the transposition of the round blocks in their consecutive order: 1234 (understood) in (d), transposed by 1342 (c) gives 1342 (d); 1342 (d) by 4213 (c) gives 2314 (d), which, transposed by 4132 (c) gives 4213 (d), etc.

This means that in (d) we have the 'lead-ends' (as it were) if the blocks between (a) and (b) were commenced at the block-end next preceding, thus:—

(a) 1234 produces 1342 (b) (a) 2143=3124 (b) (a) 2413=3214 (b)
Then (d) 1234 produces 1342 (d) (d) 1342=2314 (d) (d) 2314=4213 (d)

In another way we commence block No. 1 at 1234 and travel to 1342; block No. 2 is commenced at this 1342, producing 2314 at the end; No. 3 is commenced at this 2314, giving 4213, and so on. It will be observed in (d) that the results after 2143 (the half-way) are the reverse of the first-half of the lead, and that rounds has turned up at the last block-end, having commenced at this row in (a).

(To be continued).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—For evensong, on Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Hill 1, F. Reakes 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, Miss E. E. Emm 4, H. Sanger 5, R. Whitehead 6, H. Haines 7, A. White 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Angell.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 5th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, F. G. Symonds (London) 2, F. A. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. R. J. Poulson 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, F. G. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Faiers 6, A. Symonds 7, F. A. Turner 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, August 5th, 720 Norwich Surprise: E. J. Wakeling 1, K. A. Jutson 2, A. M. Dale 3, W. H. Waldron 4, F. Rowlinson 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Withers (conductor) 1, W. Cartwright 2, G. Pigott 3, W. Mumford 4, W. E. Moore (King's Norton) 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, W. Dowler 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: A. Neale 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. Prior 3, G. Cross 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Butler 6, E. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8. First quarter on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, July 29th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Chandler 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, S. Casley 3, J. Sumpter 4, W. Soer 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8. S. Casley's first quarter-peal of Grandsire away from the treble.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Old Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Harry Withers (conductor) 1, W. B. Cartwright 2, Geo. Piggett 3, W. Mumford 4, W. E. Moore 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, W. Dowler 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, H. L. Cook 2, W. G. Cook 3, J. Hosgood (Exeter) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.—For evening service at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters: H. L. Cook 1, A. Parsons 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. S. Parsons 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. Edwards 10.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 39 mins.: P. Warren 1, H. Kew 2, W. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, A. Bull (conductor) 5, E. Arnold 6. This is the first quarter by all with the exception of the conductor, and all, except him, are Sunday service ringers.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 49 mins.: D. Barnard 1, R. Gilbert 2, C. H. Jennings (Weymouth) 3, E. J. Ridler 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, W. Knight 6, H. Knight (Clapton-in-Gordano) 7, E. Bennett 8, J. A. Burford 9, W. H. Thomas 10. Arranged for the ringing of the 3rd.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, before evensong, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: S. R. Linnett 1, J. Amos 2, A. South 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, F. White 5, F. P. Lewis 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, F. Chalk 8.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford: A. E. Sneath 1, J. Landan 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, W. H. Freeman (first spliced 720) 5, J. A. Freeman 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, July 29th, for early morning Communion service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Fleet 1, E. J. Hobbs 2, C. W. Smith (Simpson) 3, W. Peacock 4, A. Fleet (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. H. Smith 6. Rung in connection with the Patronal Festival.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss A. Johnson 1, R. Lewis 2, F. Whitworth 3, H. Price 4, T. Albutt 5, A. J. Martin 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, G. Perry 8.

WARFIELD.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering, in 46 mins.: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, F. Buxton 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Collyer 6, G. Higgs (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 7, 8 covering, in 47 mins.: W. Boggis 2, W. Dyer 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, G. Higgs (conductor) 6, C. Collyer 7, J. Collyer 8. Rung as a compliment to five local ringers, whose birthday anniversaries occur in July.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Richards 1, P. Heath 2, W. Richards 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, F. Smith 6, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) 7, G. Large 8, A. Parnell (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 16th and 30th; *The Coffee Pot on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; *Coffee Pot on the 21st for handbell practice; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. St. Michael's, Cornhill, is closed for three weeks; no ringing there on the 19th or 21st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 5.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers and representatives on committee. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunblinba Road, Wavertree.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Whiston will be held Aug. 11th, instead of Bank Holiday Monday.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A summer meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service (Preacher, Canon Hewitt), etc., at 5. Those who require tea please let me know. Rectory Gardens also on view. Cheap tickets to Edgware, Harrow and Wealdstone, or Stanmore.—J. A. Waugh, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who send applications to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley. Two of Cawthorne's Company, H. Crossland, aged 83, and Edward Dearnley, are to receive recognition from J. M. Spencer Stanhope, Esq., J.P. It is hoped with the attractions of this beautiful village that a good number will be there. All ringers welcome. Note.—The annual shield contest is to take place at Penistone. No practice is allowed at that tower after August 12th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 9d.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Room 5 p.m.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Crawley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Tower open 2.45. All ringers welcome.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Aug. 11th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The meeting advertised for St. Alban's on Saturday, August 11th, has been postponed. Further particulars will appear later.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who send word not later than Aug. 15th to Mr. J. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Finchley, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited to both meetings.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after in the Schoolroom. Parish Church bells (8) available after tea. Will those who require tea please give me notice by previous Tuesday? —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, August 18th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, nr. Cheadle, before August 15th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, the 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Secretary, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd, please.—F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. —Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible. —E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantfill Road, Blackburn, not later than August 22nd?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 21st inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.—The usual Monday practices are abandoned during August. Next meeting Monday, September 3rd.—James E. Davis, Towerkeeper, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

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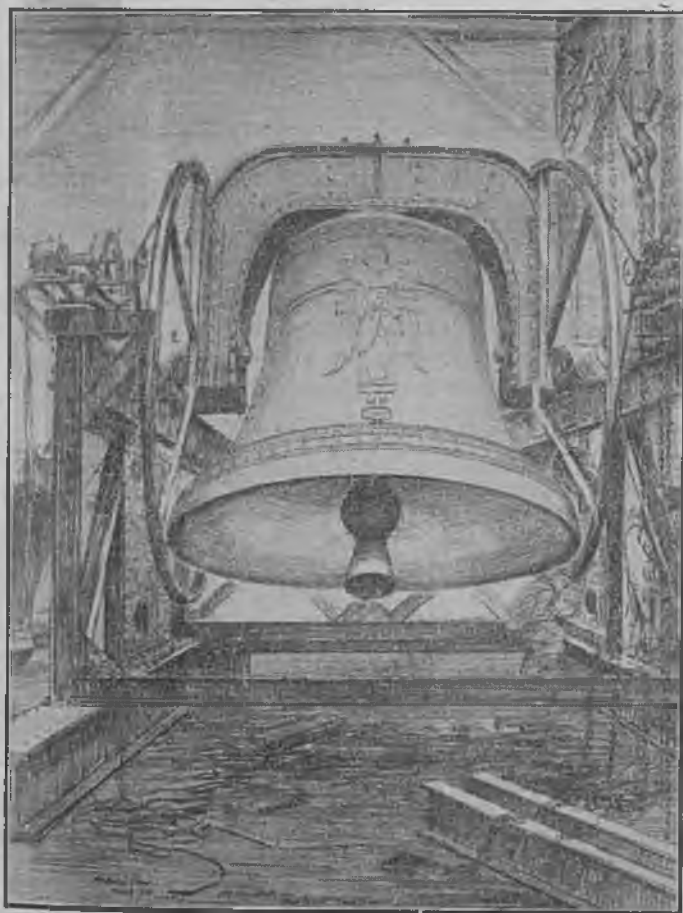
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The diary throws up in a picturesque manner the efforts which Stedman himself made to spread the art of ringing and which was made possible by the publication of his 'Tintinnalogia.' To what extent he was responsible for its contents need not here be entered into, but for more than a hundred years this volume was the basis of the various books which came into being. When a later edition appeared he changed its name to 'Campanologia,' and this title held the field for ringing books down to Shipway's day. Of course, as time went on, efforts were made to improve the contents of the publication; some things were left out, other material was added, but those early publications were largely based upon what Stedman himself had given us in 1668. That much we knew; we now see that Stedman actively set out to spread the art by visiting other centres, and it is quite believable, with the evidence we have of his visits to Leicester and London, that he went to other places as well, and none more likely than Norwich.

The information revealed by these Leicester diary entries leads to another conclusion, and that is that what has been looked upon for the past five and twenty years as being Fabian Stedman's will and, as such, has been cherished as a great discovery, is in all probability the will of some other person of the same name. Arguments on this point are set out in the article which we are printing and need not be traversed here. Perhaps the evidence which we have is not absolutely conclusive in the matter, but it does seem to us to bring the tradition of Stedman having been at any time a civil servant in London within the category of those which can be said to be 'improbable although not demonstrably wrong.' The belief that Stedman was a printer of Cambridge seems to be definitely established by the diary.

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On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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Tenor 30½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BASIN 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	†JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	*JAMES F. DOFFIELD... .. 10
*GEORGE H. CROSS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus away from the treble. First peal of Superlative Maximus in the county and for the association.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
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LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
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TEN BELL PEALS.

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... .. Treble	ARTHUR MOORE... .. 6
JAMES CHINERY... .. 2	*RUSSELL RICHES 7
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SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

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†REGINALD G. TOWNSEND ... 2	JESSE GILLET 7
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELLS ... 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 9
ROBERT W. HYNER 5	*WILLIAM A. JONES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. William A. Jones was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*HECTOR G. BIRD 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED HACKETT 8
CHARLES WEBB 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Batchelor to Miss Maggie Withers, daughter of Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham. It was also the quarterly peal for this branch.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	GEORGE FREEBERRY 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	*JACK BAILEY 7
HENRY FLETCHER 3	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... 8
*ALFRED MOULD 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	†PERCY H. TATE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBERRY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	*DONALD BARNARD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	*REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 8
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	JOHN A. BORFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BORFORD.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN W. RANSON ... Treble	*ALFRED UNDERWOOD ... 5
WALTER FERN 2	JOHN RANSON 6
*WILLIAM JOHNSTONE 3	*JOHN A. WALTON 7
†HARRY KIRBY 4	*JOSEPH L. WATERFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. Rung in celebration of the tercentenary of the four oldest bells in the Parish Church.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	†JAMES F. DUFFIELD 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDMUND A. PASSAM ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JACK HONEY 3	JOHN NOBES 7
†RICHARD A. POST 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCY GREEN ... Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
GEORGE E. WILSON 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
STANLEY W. BAYBAT 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Wood. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th hail from Prittlewell, the rest belong to the neighbourhood of Chelmsford.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER ... Treble	*TOM CLARK 5
*HERBERT TORR 2	*JOHN T. BARTON 6
*C. ALAN HEWITT 3	†HARRY MORGAN 7
*JOSEPH DIXON 4	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged for the conductor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
*JOHN W. WARD 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*ROBERT G. KING 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE PERRY Treble	JOHN BASS 5
FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH ... 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
MISS AMY JOHNSON 3	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
HARRY MIDDLETON 4	ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Amy Johnson, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES,

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK G. COLE 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	† JAMES BASSETT 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	BERTRAM LUCK 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 7
*MISS ROSE THOMAS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford. † First peal on eight.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS JERVIS Treble	FRED STUBBS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	FRANK KIRK 6
JOHN COLEMAN 3	AMOS SMART 7
CYRIL WILSON 4	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, on leaving to become Vicar of Finedon. He entertained the band to tea after the peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JOHN T. KENTISH 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

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 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
ALEXANDER EVANS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
SIDNEY A. WYATT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
WILLIAM PIKE 2	GEORGE COOKE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, and believed to be the first on the bells.

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 3
*THOMAS PITTHAM 2	JAMES H. RAPER 4
	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal. This was the first peal on these bells.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

GEORGE PARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW 3
ROWLAND ADAMS 2	HARRY ENGLAND 4
	THOMAS WISE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Mr. Parker has now rung each bell to a peal.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST A. MARSH ... Tenor	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
R. ADAMS 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
	A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

R. Adams was elected a member of the association before starting the peal. The band wish to thank Mr. Marsh for kindly providing refreshments before the start and at the conclusion of the peal.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 270's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ERNEST MALLENDER Treble	BERT WHEELER 4
FRED WM. KNOWLES 2	FRED CLARKE 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	WILLIAM SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

* First peal for association. Arranged for E. Mallender of Wigan, Lancs.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... Treble	ARTHUR M. THOMAS 4
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 5
HORACE BENNETT 3	WILLIAM J. HODGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, dedicated on June 24th of this year. First peal by the ringer of the tenor, which was given by Mr. Hodge in memory of his father and mother.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

PERCIVAL W. GRICK Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 4
JOHN HOUGH 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
HERBERT HURDMAN 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

CHECKLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwark, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN BARKER Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, which were cast by Rudhalls in 1761.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS TURNER Treble	JAMES MITCHELL 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
WILLIAM SHELFORD 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal other than on the treble to Doubles.

A WESTERN TOUR.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT 6
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 8
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES 9
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CWYBI,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2	ERNEST W. MARSH 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FRED HAYES 3	HARRY PARKES 8
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
ERNEST W. MARSH 5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1928, in Three Hours;

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY PARKES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM G. LAVERS 2	ERNEST W. MARSH 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 4	ALFRED WONNACOTT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

MR. W. B. DUNCAN'S 100 PEALS.

Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, New Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 40, Double Oxford Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Bob Major 8; Stedman Triples 1, Minor in three methods 4, Minor in two methods 1, Minor in one method 12; total 100.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that Mr. Trollope has definitely decided not to do that which he asked for powers to do in the matter of sweeping away such absurdities as duplication of names in the 'Collection,' perhaps I might suggest that the committee in charge of the Methods Collection, which I trust includes Mr. Trollope, should publish in the next issue of that publication a complete extent (60 changes) of Carter's Principle of Doubles. We are not all of us so clever as Mr. Trollope and his fellow-figurists, and I am afraid the few things published are rather fogging. I confess I cannot see how to extend the few I see in the old 'Collection,' and have been asked by quite a few five-bell men how they can use this method. Pending the next issue, perhaps someone will oblige in your columns.

And I might just point out in passing that if even the parable of the five wise and five foolish ones is re-enacted in the hereafter, I know an awful lot of folk who will be left outside the door (other than the methods and 'Nomenclature' experts, I mean). I believe at least nine out of every ten country steeplekeepers would be left outside the door, as they never, no never, have any oil in their lamps when the bridegroom arrives, nor on their bells. I am sure that Mephistopheles will spend his moments of leisure in choking all of the lot with broken but empty oil bottles, and then making them ring the never, no never, oiled parish tons. Oh, yes. We have all heard of the 'Parish ton.' 'How much does she weigh?' 'Just a ton, sir!'

I came across two such yesterday. I took my usual Bank Holiday, as Auntie tells all and sundry, sowing a few more 'wild oats.' I enclose one of 'em for publication in the peal columns. I am quite sure that all peal ringers will be left outside the door. They have no oil in their lamps, or else they wouldn't go peal ringing. Now, would they, sir? If the energy expended in all ringing, other than the call to worship, were put to a profitable use the whole of the debt on the church property would be wiped out in ten years, and the dole would no longer be required in the land. All ringers who go country tower hunting would be left outside the door with the towerkeepers, for they have none in their lamps. Yesterday, after one and a half hour's contortions we gave up trying to keep the ropes in the wheels, and watching the enormous cracks in the tower open and shut. Afterwards we wended our weary way to a place the O'Bacon had spotted, and put some oil in lamps. We then went forward to venue No. 2. Here we were told all was in apple-pie order, and the bells rung regularly. I asked how often that was, after I had pulled mine up, and was told they had rung half a dozen changes last Christmas. The peal over, O'Bacon enquired the weight of the 'jam jar,' and got the answer, 'Thirteen or eight.' 'No,' quoth O'B., 'I don't want to know when you fattened them last: I want to know how big she is!'

THE BROAD BLASTER.

For the information of 'The Broad Blaster' and others interested we append the plain course of Carter's Principle. It is worth ringing:—

12345	53124	41532	25413	34251
21435	35214	14352	52143	43521
12453	53241	41325	25134	34512
14235	52314	43152	21543	35421
41253	25341	34125	12534	53412
14523	52431	43215	21354	35142
15432	54213	42351	23145	31524
51423	45231	24315	32154	13542
15243	54321	42135	23514	31452
51234	45312	24153	32541	13425
15324	54132	42513	23451	31245
51342	45123	24531	32415	13254
53124	41532	25413	34251	12345

A Single is made thus:—

12345
21435
12453
14253
41235

WEDDING BELLS AT BERKSWELL.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised on Bank Holiday at Berks-well Parish Church, between Mr. H. W. Wright, of Nuneaton, and Miss C. Rowley, of Balsall Common, near Coventry. The bridegroom is a member of the All Saints', Chilvers Coton, band, and after the ceremony his fellow-ringers rang touches on the nice-toned peal of six. Rounds, 'Queen's,' and 'Firing' were followed, with the assistance of Mr. H. Summers, of Allesley, by a course of Kent Minor and several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

At the reception which followed, Mr. J. E. Moreton, on behalf of the ringers of Chilvers Coton, presented the happy couple with a set of carvers, together with the good wishes of the band for their future happiness. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Wright were given a rousing send-off when they left by train for their new home at Oswestry (Salop). The ringers were Messrs. J. E. Moreton, A. H. Beamish, J. Draycott, H. Summers, J. Thompson and A. Harding.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday last the Farnham District held their third district meeting at Yorktown, 24 members and visitors attending from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Dorking, Blackwater, Woking, and the local company. Yorktown has a modern church which was opened in 1851. The handsome spire was erected and the eight bells installed in the year 1891. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the Vicar (Rev. R. M. Curwen) conducted the Guild's service, and gave a very encouraging address.

Afterwards, tea was partaken in the Parish Room, and the Vicar, who was unable to stay for the business meeting, was very warmly thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker, the Guild's hon. treasurer, on behalf of the assembled company for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and for taking the service.

At the business meeting Admiral Walker presided, and was supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), the district secretary (Mr. R. Clark), and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). The contingent from Aldershot included several youthful members who are learning the art under Mr. Denyer.

One new member was elected from Farnham, and Mr. Goldsmith gave a report upon the Central Council meeting at Hereford, dealing particularly with the matters in which the Guild was specially interested. He stated that the scheme for putting ringers who migrated into touch with other associations had already been of use.

—Mr. Goldsmith was warmly thanked for his services and report. The Chairman then brought forward the question of a Guild badge, and remarked that from a young ringer's point of view he approved of the scheme. Other ringers present, both young and old, approved of a badge he exhibited, which is made by a Minehead ringer, Mr. G. Stacey.

At the conclusion of the business, Admiral Walker was given a very hearty vote of thanks for presiding.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where ringing in the standard methods was kept up until 8.30 p.m., when another successful meeting was brought to a close.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH OXFORD GUILD.

A successful meeting of the South and West District was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 28th, by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Kitcat.

The bells pealed forth about 3.30 under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Holloway, and assisted by Mr. J. J. Pratt, and good practice was put in on ten bells. Another ten-bell tower is sadly needed in the district, and the hon. secretary is sadly in want of more money for the Isleworth fund to meet this need. Service was conducted by the Rev. Monks, who on behalf of the Vicar welcomed the association to St. John's. The organist was Mr. E. Williams, assisted by Mr. Wm. Taylor. Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodfellow.

The Ringing Master presided at the meeting which followed, and the first duty was to accord Mr. Tom Beadle a most hearty welcome, everyone being delighted to see him again after his long illness. Mr. Beadle received a great ovation, it being nearly two years since he was last able to attend.

The meeting's sympathy was expressed to Miss P. Moss on her recent serious illness, and she received a hearty welcome with best wishes for her speedy recovery. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (South Bucks District), it being left to the hon. secretary to arrange with the hon. secretary of Oxford Guild, if possible, it being pointed out that the Bucks District and West Middlesex ringers had worked in harmony for upwards of 54 years.

Among the well-known ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Fussell, W. Henley, C. Mayne, W. Welling, J. Hunnisett, Corke, R. A. Fardon, Wingrove, Turner, W. Gutteridge, Fletcher, Taylor and others, while the ladies were represented by Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Mrs. W. Taylor, Misses K. E. and D. R. Fletcher and Miss W. F. Bolt.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to the Rev. Monk, the organist and assistant, the host and hostess, and those who helped with the refreshments, Mr. J. J. Pratt and other members for their attendance and support. The tower was again visited, and Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, etc., were rung.

IN LAKE LAND.

The ringers of Houghton, Lancs., had an enjoyable excursion into the Lake District for their annual outing. Travelling through Lancaster and Carnforth, they stopped at Kendal, where they rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. After dinner, they proceeded to Ambleside, where they rang on one of the finest peals of eight in the North of England. Hawkshead was reached in time for tea. After ringing at this church also, the return was made via Newby Bridge, Kirby Lonsdale, Settle and Clitheroe, Blackburn being reached at 11 p.m. It was the best outing in the annals of the company, and the ringers wish to thank the clergy of the churches visited, also Mr. W. Atkinson and Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, and Mr. C. Webb, of Hawkshead, for meeting them.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**VETERANS' LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED.**

A meeting, anticipated by the members of the Barnsley and District Association with great pleasure, was held on Saturday at Cawthorne, when occasion was taken to do honour to two of the local veterans, Mr. H. Crossland and Mr. Edward Dearnley. The former who is now 83 years of age, worked in a mine until he was 76, and he still rings for service and takes part in contests. He finds daily occupation in doing useful work, such as gardening, and continues to join in the social amenities of the village life. Mr. Dearnley, who is 76, has been a ringer for 57 years. He is still able to join in service ringing, but owing to failing eyesight is not one of the team which has been so successful in ringing competitions, the Cawthorne band having won the Hoylandswaine challenge cup this year, as well as in the years 1925 and 1926. He, however, still follows his occupation as a 'stone waller' on the estate of Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope, at Cannon Hall.

A good company of ringers, ladies and friends, gathered for the meeting. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon, and at 4 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Woolley) conducted a service, assisted by the Vicar of Penistone (Rev. E. B. Carleton), who gave an address.

After tea at Tate's Cafe, an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where the Vicar, who presided, said that the Church Council welcomed the visit of the association, and looked upon it as an annual event.

The Chairman of the Church Council (Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope) also gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He expressed pride in the local ringers, who were, he said, like the bells, 'ever the same, yet ever new.' As chairman of the Council he was asked to present large photographs to Messrs. H. Crossland and E. Dearnley as an appreciation of their long services to the village. In times of joy and sorrow, they had never failed in their duty. He also handed smaller photos to the rest of the band, with the hope that they would all share in the longevity for which the village is famous.

Mr. W. Reyner, president of the association, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope for his services, and on behalf of the association declared that such recognition of the veteran ringers made the day a landmark in their history.—Mr. C. D. Potter (secretary) seconded the vote of thanks.

A photographic group of the whole party was afterwards taken outside the Parish Room, and copies may shortly be had from Mr. W. Brown, Gillygate, Pontefract.

The rest of the evening was happily spent, many of the visitors rambling through the picturesque village to the beautiful park at Cannon Hall, kindly thrown open to them by Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope.

THROUGH THE WEALD OF KENT.

The Canterbury Cathedral company visited the Weald of Kent for their annual outing. Starting from Canterbury at 8.30 a.m., the party of thirteen members took their way via Chartham, up through the pretty little village of Chilham, and on until they reached Charing Hill. And what a magnificent view they had of the valley below, with Eggerton Church nestling amongst the trees on the opposite side. Harrietsham was reached at 10 a.m. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist has a Norman vestry and a beautiful Early Perpendicular nave. The bells, a light peal of eight, with a tenor 13 cwt., went very well indeed. Leaving Harrietsham, the route brought the party close to Leeds Castle and the Church of St. Nicholas, where there are ten bells, and, as some of the party had never rung there, permission was obtained of the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Jacques), who kindly sent his man to see that everything was in order. Here the visitors were pleased to find evidences of 'colt' training, for two of the bells were tongue-tied, and one of them had had its slider removed, which no doubt would be conducive to careful manipulation, but the visitors preferred to have the machinery intact. Then on again through Sutton Valence to Headeorn, arriving at 12.30 p.m. The excursionists were disappointed not to have Mr. Philip Hodgkin to meet them, business having taken him away from home, but he had kindly left everything ready for them. Having broken the programme by stopping at Leeds, they had to push on to Cranbrook, where they arrived half an hour late for dinner at the George Hotel. Cranbrook Church, sometimes called the 'Cathedral of the Kentish Weald,' is a very fine old church, having a lovely toned peal of bells. Hawkhurst was the first stopping place on the homeward journey, and here some of the party had a surprise, for they were met by one who had learned to ring at St. Alphage, Canterbury, some thirty years before. He was then known as 'Ted' Waghorn, but now as Mr. Older Waghorn, so he must have got Older since, or he must have been Older than his colleagues suspected. However, he remembered Mr. H. G. Fairbrass teaching him Stedman slow work on the return journey of a ringers' outing to Deal, so of course he rang some Stedman Triples with the visitors to show he had not forgotten his lesson. Arriving at Tenterden at 5.20, the party were very glad of a cup of tea, the kindly Vicar calling on them whilst in the midst of it, and he welcomed them to his belfry. Some good ringing in various methods was accomplished here, Mr. and Mrs. Baker taking part. They showed their enthusiasm by cycling over from Frittenden, a distance of about eight miles, for the purpose. Departing from Tenterden about 9.30 p.m., the party arrived safely at Canterbury after a most enjoyable day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Strange it is how little trouble ringers will take. In our issue of July 27th we specially asked that reports of peals rung on August Bank Holiday should be sent off the same night. Yet not one was dropped into the post that evening.

When a request of this kind is made there is always a purpose behind it; and we hope that future requests will not fall upon similarly deaf ears. Verb sap.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand a new peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., for Newcastle-on-Tyne, and they are also making a small carillon for Leith.

On August 17th, 1812, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on Coventry's now departed bells.

A peal of '5,376 Cambridge Surprise 8 in,' the 'first in the north of England,' was rung at Keighley, Yorks, on August 18th, 1811.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Caters on August 23rd, 1788—one hundred and forty years ago next Thursday—at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 'being the second peal that was ever performed in that method.' It was composed and called by John Reeves, who had composed and called the earlier one at St. John's, Horsleydown, rung by the College Youths. It is further interesting from the fact that it was the first peal in which William Shipway took part with the Cumberlands.

Here, perhaps, we may offer a word of explanation, and apology, if it is required, to the College Youths. When recalling, in this column, the Horsleydown peal, we referred to it as having subsequently been proved to be false, and not unnaturally the Ancient Society have asked the reason for the aspersion.

The information came to us in this way, that when the centenary came round in 1887 it was proposed by a band of College Youths to ring the same composition at the same church, but the conductor was informed by the celebrated composer, John Cox, that the peal was not true, and it (the composition) was therefore abandoned. If John Cox was wrong, we go into sackcloth and ashes in our endeavour to show our regret, and add, in the words of the recording tablet, "'Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop," and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits.'

CLITHEROE BELLS RECAST.

The ring of eight bells at Clitheroe Church, Lancs, have been recast and relung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The peal has a tenor of about 17 cwt. in F, and they are tuned on the true harmonic principle. A new iron frame, carried on steel girders, has been installed, and the bells are hung with the latest type of fittings, including ball bearings. The cost of the restoration of the bells is being generously defrayed by Mr. Samuel Green, as a thankoffering for recovery from a serious illness.

The dedication will be performed on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., at 7.30 p.m. by the Bishop of Blackburn.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

Secretaries of associations and others are requested to make the following amendments to the list published last week:—

The hon. secretary of the North Wales Association is now Mr. William Catherall, 20, Ifordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.

The address of Mr. H. Lofthouse, hon. secretary of the Leeds and District Society, is 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

A YORK MINSTER ANNIVERSARY.

BELL HANGER'S QUAIN ADVERTISEMENT.

In the year 1765, York Minster, which had been the first to have a ring of twelve bells, changed them for a peal of ten, which was opened on Aug. 19th, 1765. The old peal had not been satisfactory, the front four bells having been too light for the back eight, the tenor of which was 55½ cwt. There had also been the big disparity of about 15 cwt. between the ninth and tenth.

Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel, cast the new ring of ten, which were to be as nearly as possible like Bow bells, and they came very close to this specification.

Prior to the opening in August, 1765, the following advertisement appeared in a York newspaper:—

'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 opened 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 peal of bells, after escaping a fire in 1829, caused by Jonathan Martin, a mad incendiary, was destroyed with the tower in a fire on May 20th, 1840. When the tower was restored, the ten were replaced by the ring of twelve, which was recast recently.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

AN HISTORIC INCIDENT.

Anything which can throw light upon the history of the founders of the Exercise is more than welcome in these days, when almost all details except some of the peal performances of these pioneers are lost to us, and the following extracts from an ancient diary, which have been brought to the notice of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, are singularly interesting, because they refer to the 'father' of change ringing, Fabian Stedman.

From these extracts it will be seen that Fabian Stedman visited Leicester in the year 1669, to introduce his 'New Book on ye Artes and Mysteries of Tintinnalogiæ.' This book, the 'Tintinnalogia,' published in 1668, was the first book, as far as is known, ever published in connection with change ringing. Whether Stedman was sole or only part author of the book we do not profess to say. The subject was discussed in our columns some time ago, but opposing writers failed to convince 'the other side.' What is certain, however, is that Fabian Stedman was responsible for its publication, and went as far afield as Leicester in order to bring it to the notice of the ringers of that town.

Before commenting further, however, let us give the extracts from the diarist and Mr. Morris' account of how he came by them. Mr. Morris writes:

'In my pursuit of additional "data," etc., for my revision of the "Church Bells of Leicestershire," to which I am adding a chapter on change ringing in so far as concerns this diocese, I have come across many hitherto little-known facts, additions and corrections. One of the most interesting additions I am able to make is the following relative to a visit to Leicester by Fabian Stedman. The source of this information (which was given me as a result of a notice in the local Press and Diocesan Leaflet) was a Mr. Tyers, who, in his younger days, used to help ring with his father at King's Norton, Leicestershire, but who now passes his declining years in reading his many interesting books and cuttings of historical notes.

The following forms part of a "chronology" written by the late W. Barrow, a well-known Leicester historian and brother of the late Joseph Barrow, a ringer of Long Eaton. I have myself personally investigated many of the details this chronology gives, especially relating to the history of St. Margaret's Church, and also dates, inscriptions, etc., of various bells in and around Leicester. In every case I have found the information correct, and see no reason to doubt this "side-light" on the life of Stedman, which I am sure will prove interesting to all ringers.'

DIARY EXTRACTS.

The extracts are as follow:—

1668. May 11th, Whit Monday.—Mr. Fabian Stedman, printer, of Cambridge, sent his letter to ye bell ringers of the town, settinge forth that having discovered the "artcs or mysteries" of performing ye sweete musick of change-ringing on church-bells, to the great edifyinge of youthe, and the publishinge of his "booke" called "Tintinnalogie, or ye Artes, Mysteries, and Fancie of Diffusing Sweet Musick," explaininge to ye bell ringers ye desirabilitie of establishinge a societie of scholars for setting forth ye "artcs and mysteries" of change-ringing not onlie for ye edifyinge of their minds, but also for their enjoyment, and the healthfull exercise of their bodies. And desiring, with Almighty God permitting, to visit their citie at a time appointed, and hoping the pleasure of their good will and companie.—Fab. Stedman. St. Martin's MSS., Leicester. W.B.

1669. September 30th, Thursday.—Mr. Fabian Stedman came on a visit to the town for several days, for to introduce his "New Book on ye Artes and Mysteries of Tintinnalogiæ" (campanology), and being ye fayer time, and manye strangers coming in, Mr. Stedman was entertayned by ye gentlemen ringers to sweete musick at ye churches, expressinge joye with ye late newe ring of heavie bells that bee in St. Margaret's, which discoursed sweete musick nightlie. Saturday being ye 2nd day (Oct.) young ringers did entertayn Mr. Stedman with musick at St. Marie's. And in ye night tyme gentlemen and young ringers entertayned Mr. Stedman sumptouslie at Maister Baker's at ye "Angell," £1 16s. 8d. being spent for meates, wines, beere, tobacco and pipes, etc., as appears by bill. Sondaye being ye 3rd daye (Oct.) after ye morning service at Seynt Martin's, Mr. Stedman entertaynd them all at his inn neere ye High Cross, and afterwards gave

forthe his orations on ye "Artes and Mysteries" in ye Greate Chamber, or gallerie of his quarters, wherewith the gentle'n and youth, with many others, clergie, and gentle'n, were mightilie pleased, all departinge to their homes neere seaven of ye clocke. Munday ye 4th daye, Mr. Stedman departed his quarters at ye Red Lyon by ten of ye clocke, when ye gentlemen and youths companied his horse a mille beyonde ye conduite springe hill, and so gave him their farewell on his journe towards Harbrow.—Nath'l Baker, filius, St. Martin's MSS. W. B., per W. Thirby, clerk.

Then is added: 'It would appear that Mr. Stedman was a person of good repute in those times, and the circumstance of his visit to Leicester to diffuse the "artcs and mysteries" of campanology or change-ringing, was probably the first origin of the Society of Leicester Scholars, and from the fact that Mr. Nath'l Baker, son of mine host of the "Angell," written an account of Mr. Stedman's visit, he was one of the "gentlemen ringers" who "discoursed sweet musick nightlie." And the Angel, in the Sheepside (Cheapside) would be the rendezvous of the gentlemen ringers and youths, and it is only to be expected that the "sumptuous entertainment" got up in honour of Mr. Stedman's coming to the town, would likewise take place at the Angel Inn, the site in after times being occupied by Messrs. Morley. Regarding the "sweet musick," it would be somewhat difficult to explain the matter, taking into account that St. Margaret's and St. Martin's contained rings of six, and St. Mary's a ring of five bells. They might possibly at that time understand a Plain Grand sire of 120 changes on five bells with a cover (tenor), or the 24 changes on four bells with a tenor, which might be rang several times in succession, or they might have some knowledge of change-ringing by other methods. Mr. Stedman's "booke" and his oration no doubt threw considerable light on the "artcs and mysteries" of change-ringing, and his book would be resorted to as a work of reference both at the Angel and bellries of the town. A Sunday afternoon dinner and entertainment would be nothing unusual in those times, as the services of the church were morning on one Sunday and afternoon on another Sunday; and persons, after attending services, were at liberty for the transaction of any necessary business or pleasure.'

The writer then goes on to explain the situation of the Conduit Spring Hill, etc.

Under the date 1710, May 2nd, Monday, I find: 'A number of gentlemen of the Musical Society, Scholars from Neighbouring towns of Coventry, Hinckley and Loughborough, etc., came in to the fair, and rang the six great bells of St. Margaret's for the space of more than two hours; and afterwards about 30 gentlemen dined together at the Angel Inn, after which it was "voiced" by the scholars that the projected adding of two new "fore-bells" to the ring of six heavy bells in St. Margaret's, Leicester (making the number to eight), would much enhance the musick of the town, and facilitate to the instruction and improvement of youth in the arts and mysteries and diversion of ringing.'

The two "fore-bells" mentioned were cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1711, and erected in 1712, making the first ring of eight in Leicestershire.

STEDMAN AS AN 'APOSTLE.'

Can we not draw a fairly good picture of the circumstances and the scene? Stedman had produced his book, and, filled with an enthusiasm for the new art, he determines to become an 'apostle.' The centres in which anything in the nature of ringing took place in those days were few and far between, and the best that was practised was probably only changes in which one pair of bells moved at a time. The College Youths had been in existence in London as a society for about 50 years, and Stedman knew all about them, for he became a member in 1664, and to them he dedicated his book. It was printed in London, and among the ringers there, of course, it would find a circulation. But outside London and Cambridge there would be little demand, partly because in very few places would its existence be known, and, in addition, those who rang the bells needed educating to the advantages of the 'artcs and mysteries' of this new 'fancie of diffusing sweet musick.' Leicester was possibly one of the nearest places at which Stedman could hope to get together any considerable number of persons likely to be interested in the subject. Norwich is slightly nearer, and it would be extremely interesting to know if he made a similar pilgrimage to that city. It is certainly not unlikely, when it is remembered that it was at Norwich that the first peals were rung.

Things moved slowly in those distant days, and the arrangements for the visit took a long time to materialise. It will be observed that his letter was sent in May, 1668, but it was not until sixteen months later that the visit actually took place. It must have been something of a venturesome journey. The distance would be at least seventy miles, and, as we see, Stedman travelled on horseback. His route would probably be through St. Neots and Higham Ferrers to Kettering and Market Harborough; or it might have been via Huntingdon and Thrapston. Certain it is that it would be at least a two days' journey, if not more, and he would fall in on the road with many others making their way to Leicester, for was it not 'fayer time, and many strangers coming in'?

Stedman arrived on Thursday. He was welcomed by the gentlemen ringers, and taken with evident pride to hear the new bells of St. Margaret's and those of St. Mary's. Then on the Saturday they feasted the stranger, and we can imagine what a merry time they

spent at 'the Angell' that evening. They dined 'sumptuously,' and we can picture them sitting round the table afterwards, smoking their long clay pipes, and discussing, over their tankards of beer, the new method of producing changes. And the next day Fabian Stedman returned the compliment. The ringers were his guests at the inn where he was staying, and afterwards came his 'orations' in the big room of the hostelry. There must have been a considerable company to listen to the lecture on change ringing, and they were apparently of varied stations in life. Stedman evidently pleased his audience, and it would be interesting to know what the practical sequel was. Did they establish a 'Society of Scholars'? Did they become subscribers to 'Tintinnologia'? Did they take up change ringing in the new way which Stedman had put before them? These questions remain unanswered, but it is believable that all three could be replied to 'in the affirmative.' At all events, Stedman created a good impression, and a cordial spirit of friendship must have developed, for they escorted him on the first stage of his return journey, when he left for Cambridge, after a stay which lasted from Thursday until Monday.

FABIAN'S CONNECTION WITH CAMBRIDGE.

This visit of Fabian Stedman, 'printer, of Cambridge,' to Leicester in the autumn of 1669 raises another question. What is supposed to be the will of Fabian Stedman came to light in 1901, and, as a result, considerable research was made by Mr. R. A. Daniell in the hope of discovering further facts about the life of Stedman. The result of his labours was published in 1903 in 'The Bell News,' but his conclusions were based largely on the assumption that the will was that of Fabian Stedman, the ringer.

Mr. Daniell put forward the result of his research 'for what it may be worth.' Tradition, he said, having constantly asserted that Fabian Stedman was born in Cambridge in 1631 or thereabouts, the first thing to be done was to search the registers of the old parishes in that town. That was done, and although all the registers, and, where necessary, the Bishop's transcripts of them at the diocesan registry at Ely, have been examined, no entry recording the baptism of Fabian Stedman was found.

'Traditions,' continued Mr. Daniell in his interesting article, 'may for present purposes be divided into three classes. Firstly, those which are demonstrably false, of which we may take as an example the statement which crops up from time to time that Annable was a professor of mathematics at Cambridge. It is only necessary to consult the official lists of professors in the University Calendar to see that Annable's name is only conspicuous by its absence. The second class includes traditions which, though not demonstrably wrong, are in themselves so improbable that nothing but the most positive evidence can render them credible. The tradition that on the conclusion of the peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726, every member of the band left the steeple in his own carriage, belongs to this second class. The third class includes traditions which, on the face of them, are at least as likely to be true as false. And the tradition connecting Stedman with Cambridge obviously belongs to this class, since there is no reason, on the face of it, why Fabian should not have been born at Cambridge as probably as anywhere else.

A branch of the Stedman family had apparently been settled at Haslingfield, a parish about five miles from Cambridge, prior to 1563, as in that year Letters of Administration of the goods of Walter Stedman of that parish issued out of the Court of the Bishop of Ely, and it appears from the Bishop's transcripts of the Haslingfield registers that the family remained there at least down to the time of Fabian. In Cambridge itself the only member of the Stedman family I have found is John Stedman, who married Mabel Middleton at Holy Trinity Church, April 14th, 1629. This date is very interesting, as it obviously coincides so well with tradition, for nothing could be more natural than the birth of a son of this pair in 1631 or thereabouts. I do not know what the occupation of John Stedman was, but he evidently lived in Cambridge and was a householder of respectable position, for in 1646 he served the office of churchwarden of Trinity parish, and in that capacity signed the registers for that year. His year of office seems to have been uneventful; there is a payment of eighteen pence for a bonfire on the fifth of November, and of sixpence for "shooting" (a variation of "shutting," which means splicing) a bell rope. Of course, we cannot infer from these things alone that Fabian was the son of John, but he very well might be, and I have found nothing inconsistent with the relationship.

If Fabian was the son of John, and we should, therefore, naturally expect to find the record of his baptism in one of the Cambridge parochial registers, there is a fact which suggests a possible reason why we have not found it, and that fact is the Plague. This dire disease visited Cambridge both in 1630 and 1631. The former of these visitations was very severe, and broke up the work of the University. Tutors retired with their pupils to the country places, and as many persons as could leave the town probably did so. The epidemic of the following year was not so deadly, but the recollection of the previous year would scare people, face to face with a possible repetition. I suggest two ways in which this may be material to our present consideration.

Further extracts from Mr. Daniell's article and arguments as to whether Fabian Stedman was ever a civil servant in London, as has been supposed by some, will be printed in our next issue.

NORFOLK GUILD.

THE JAMES MOTTS MEMORIAL.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday, when, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, M.A. (Vicar), the ring of 12 bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day, and there was a very satisfactory attendance, over 40 members being present from various parts of the diocese, including 14 life members (non-resident). It was very gratifying to the Guild to welcome so many of its life members, amongst whom were Messrs. Thomas Faulkner (Barking), William Keeble (Feering), Charles A. Catchpole, James Rose, Frederick J. Tillett, Charles Woodcock, W. J. G. Brown (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Charles F. Sayer, James Spalding, Robert Spalding (Beccles), Thomas Beckett, Miss Violet Beckett (Shipmeadow), Frederick Watling (Saxmundham), Messrs. W. Keeble and J. T. Brown (visitors), and representatives from Diss, Fakenham, Great Yarmouth, Heveingham, Lowestoft, Norwich, Marham, Loddon and North Walsham. The bells were kept going merrily until one o'clock, when the members adjourned for luncheon. This was followed by the business meeting, held in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, Mr. Denison Hayward being voted to the chair, in the absence of the president of the Guild, the Archdeacon of Norwich. He was supported by the secretary, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, and Messrs. William J. Lee and Ben S. Thompson, district secretaries, Great Yarmouth and Norwich respectively, and 28 members.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary) moved the ratification of the following belfry elections of members, viz.: Messrs. David Whiting, Garnham A. Blaxcell, Thomas J. James, Albert William Coles, Charles W. Roberts, as life members (non-resident). Mr. Arthur L. Coleman also moved, and Mr. William E. Bason seconded, the election of Messrs. Bertie Sales and Walter R. Watson, of Marham, as members of the Guild.

The Secretary brought before the notice of the meeting the James Motts Memorial Fund, and said that the fund would be closed in September, and that he had already received donations from some of the Norfolk friends of the late Mr. Motts, and if there were any other members of the Guild desirous of subscribing to that fund he hoped they would kindly send their donations to him, which he would gladly forward to the secretary of the fund at Ipswich.

Mr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Denison Hayward seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken for his kind permission for the use of the bells, especially so as he had so very kindly postponed 'Vicar's steeple day' (August Bank Holiday) to enable the Guild to have the use of the bells, or, to put it in the Canon's own words to the secretary, 'That the Guild should come first on such an occasion.' The motion was carried with applause.

An outstanding feature of the day was the fine performance by the youngest member of the Guild, Miss Violet Beckett (who is only 15 years of age). On her first attempt on a ring of 12 bells she rang her first course of Stedman Cinques, and also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the greatest ease and with the competence of an experienced ringer. Miss Beckett received congratulations from the members present on her fine ringing. Touches in the standard methods of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus were rung during the day, which proved a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

YOUTH AND AGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—What must surely be a record occurred at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday. Immediately at the conclusion of the Norfolk Guild's meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung. Included in the band were several visitors, the majority of whom had passed the half-century. There was, however, at one end of the scale Miss Beckett, of Beccles, ringing the 4th, who had scarcely reached the age of 15 years. There was also the veteran John Souter, of Diss, well over 70, at the other end of the scale, ringing the 8th. Is this another record for a lady?—Yours truly,

SIXTH BEFORE THE EIGHTH.

BEGINNERS PROGRESS AT CLAINES.

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Claines, Worcester-shire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the back six of this grand peal of eight by the following members of the local band in 48 mins.: E. Wilson 1, R. Woodvatt 2, A. Barton 3, L. Dowdeswell 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lawrence 6. The conductor was Mr. J. J. Jefferies, Ringing Master of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, who has taught the band since their formation just over twelve months ago. This is the second occasion this feat has been accomplished by them, and now their attention has been turned to Grandsire Triples, of which they have rung several short touches.

The bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in June, 1927. Previously there were five bells, which were chimed, and before rehanging they had not been rung since the wedding of Canon Porter (a former Vicar) in 1886. The dates of the bells are: Treble, 2nd and 3rd, 1927, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.; 4th, 1686, by W. Huntback, recast Taylor, 1927; 5th, 1888, by Warner (cast for chiming); 6th, 1622, 7th, 1623, tenor, 1622, all by Richard Oldfield.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD BELLS. THE REOPENING.

The recently returned and rehung peal of ten bells at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, were reopened on Monday, August 6th. At 8.30 a.m. the St. Michael's Society were entertained to breakfast at the George Hotel (in the room in which Charles I. was entertained in 1629). The Vicar, Rev. W. McCarthy (president), was in the chair, supported by Rev. F. W. Ling (vice-president), Mr. F. Wheeler and Dr. V. Morris (churchwardens), Mr. A. J. Adams (treasurer of the fund), Mr. L. Dupere (organist), and the following members of the society: Messrs. H. Wacey, H. W. White, C. Bull, P. Springham (steepkeeper), W. T. Prior, W. Tucker, F. Springham, V. Matthews, C. Ridgewell, H. Champness, P. C. Springham and C. Beeston (hon. secretary). A welcome visitor was Mr. H. J. Tucker, who was for many years steepkeeper at St. Michael's.

Following the breakfast a short service was held in the church, at which, in addition to the ringers, there was a fair sprinkling of the general public.

An adjournment was then made to the belfry, where the local band of ringers opened the bells with a touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker. During the day visitors arrived from the following towers: St. Paul's Cathedral, Rochester Cathedral, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Clement Danes, Hunsdon, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Braintree, Chichester, Edmonton, Bishopsgate, Tring, Kensington, Ware, Potter's Street, Bentley, South Weald, St. Stephen's, Ely, Romford, Springfield, Southgate, Woodford, Leytonstone, and Melbourne (near Royston). A number of lady ringers, including the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, of Hunsdon, took part during the day, and did some exceedingly good ringing.

The following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Treble Bob Royal, London and Superlative Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, has effected a great improvement.

AMONG THE TOWERS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

'A most enjoyable time' was the opinion of those who took part in the Apsley and Hemel Hempstead ringers' outing. Friends from Rickmansworth and St. Albans accompanied the party, including, of course, the jolly old 'father,' still going strong. The route lay along the main road, via Tring and Aylesbury. The wind was rather chilly, causing comments from the 'regular subscribers' about the beastly early hour of starting. Swanbourne was reached at scheduled time, and the bells—a nice peal of six with a tenor of about 15 cwt., rung from the ground floor—were raised. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, and while various touches were brought round, delighted some of the remainder of the company by pointing out the various objects of interest in the church, and explaining some of the old customs still carried on. One of these old customs is the ringing of the tenor after morning service on Sunday, supposed to have originated from the idea of letting the housewives of olden days know when to set the dinner! Shortly after, the party were introduced to Sir Morris Heywood. Not being a ringer himself, he was most interested. Time for departure came all too quickly here, so after paying a brief visit to the bells and top of the tower the journey was resumed. Padbury, the next stop, possesses a light peal of six, with tenor of 10½ cwt., also rung from the ground floor. Here a local ringer was waiting, and touches of Doubles and Minor in various methods, also rounds for the beginners, were successfully accomplished. Leaving here shortly after 11.30, Buckingham was reached, with its beautiful peal of eight, with a tenor of 28 cwt. Local ringers welcomed the visitors, and Triples and Major were rung. A move was then made to the West Street Bakery, where an excellent hot dinner was served and fully enjoyed by all, notwithstanding the fact that a certain person well sugared his dinner instead of salting it! Leaving Buckingham at 2.15, the journey was continued to Stony Stratford, where the party were met by some of the local ringers. Having to wait a few minutes for a funeral, the 'camera men' were able to get busy, also the 'postcard hunters.' A great difference in the belfry space to that of Buckingham here caused much comment. After all had had a pull, a course of Cambridge Major was attempted with the aid of local friends, but failed when about three-parts through. Leaving 'Stony,' the next call was Chicheley, where hangs a peal of six, with tenor about 16 cwt. A notable feature was the surrounding beauty of trees and parks, and the picturesque entrance to the churchyard. Back to Newport Pagnell, where a splendid tea was provided by Messrs. Lawmans, and then ringing on the fine peal of eight until 7.30. Next to Fenny Stratford, where the light but musical peal of six were made good use of, the ringing including a course of Cambridge. This was the last port of call, so with the local ringers, who arrived at Fenny, the party adjourned to talk over the day's happenings, and to thank the responsible persons. The journey home was enlivened with songs (some spliced!), and a perfect day terminated about 11.30. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. The band take the opportunity to thank the various incumbents, towerkeepers and local ringers for the help they gave to make this outing such a splendid success.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDENHAM.

Under perfect summer conditions, a quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday last at the picturesque little village of Edenham, over forty members and visitors attending from Spalding, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Bourne, Market Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Peterborough, Rotherham, Branstons, Orston, Sleatford, Folkingham, Rippingale, Morton, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), who also presided at the business meeting, which followed a most enjoyable open-air tea, nicely spread under the shade of an old apple tree at the Five Bells Inn, at which 36 sat down.

Folkingham was decided upon for the next meeting.

The handy peal of six were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, several members scoring their first touch in various methods.

The handbells were also set going after tea to Stedman Triples, etc. Heartly thanks are accorded for the use of the bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and for presiding at the business meeting, also to the organist and to those who made the necessary arrangements for this particularly bright and successful meeting.

DEATH OF AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

At his residence, Cobholm Engineering Works, Great Yarmouth, on July 19th, there passed away an interesting personality in Arthur H. Webber, who died after a long and painful illness in his 73rd year.

When quite young he spent some considerable time in London, and was elected a member of the College Youths well over 50 years ago. Many interesting tales he has told the writer of the 'giants' of those days. He was favoured by that small but select company which used to meet in Church Lane, Bethnal Green, on Sunday mornings, by being asked to join them, and so acquired the art of ringing 'in hand,' of which he was no mean exponent.

By trade Mr. Webber was a millwright and engineer, and he built up a considerable business as a millwright, marine and general engineer. He was a recognised authority on milling, his reputation in this direction extending far beyond the eastern counties. He was of an adaptive and inventive turn of mind, and his shops were fitted with up-to-date appliances and machines, many of which he designed and built himself. During the war he turned his whole attention to munition making, adapting his old plant and making new for this work, and he had no small part in the success which the eastern area attained in the production of munitions.

He was of a retiring nature, but will be remembered by many visitors to Yarmouth for his genial and kindly disposition and fund of quiet humour, and, in addition to these qualities, by those who knew him well for his sterling character. There was no room for anything petty or mean in his make-up. His ringing was the same; clean and good. He had no use for anything indifferent.

He was laid to rest in Gorleston Cemetery, the Yarmouth company paying their tribute by ringing half-muffled for the funeral the peal of six at Gorleston, and during the evening the bells of Yarmouth Parish Church.

His was an honoured name. May he rest in peace. B. S. T.

MR. W. FISHER'S 300 PEALS

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	1	—
Minor (seven methods)	1	—
Grandsire Triples	47	21
Grandsire Caters	16	—
Grandsire Cinques	3	—
Darlaston Bob Triples	1	—
Bob Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	4	3
Stedman Triples	79	25
Stedman Caters	26	5
Stedman Cinques	18	4
Bob Major	25	6
Bob Royal	4	—
Bob Maximus	2	1
Double Oxford Major	2	—
Double Oxford Royal	1	—
Double Norwich Major	22	3
Double Norwich Caters	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	10	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major	5	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	9	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	6	—
London Surprise Major	5	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	1
	300	80

GEORGE BAKER'S ROUND BLOCK TRANSPOSITIONS THROUGH 'MINORMANIA'S' SPECTACLES.

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PROGRESSION.

In altering the plain principle, by making second's place when the treble leads, we produce Plain Bob on all numbers; and if, to six bells we add '7-8,' the Major will so interweave the extra bells in the rows, that it causes what Mr. Baker terms 'progression.' For convenience he standardises this progression by relating it to rounds. The bells which occupy the same positions in the two rows compared are deleted, and the remainder are reduced to standard terms of transposition from rounds.

For example, the first lead-ends of Bob Minor, Major and Royal:—

Rows	Bells unaltered	Bells altered
Minor ('78' added) 13526478.	1352.4..	....6.78
Major 13527486.	1352.4..	....7.86
Major ('90' added) 1352748690	135274.6..	.....8.90
Royal 1352749608	135274.6..	.....9.08

Then if 678 has become 786

If..... 890=908

Rounds (123) becomes 231

Rounds (123)=231

Showing a 'progression' of 231 between Minor-Major and Major-Royal.

If all of the lead-end progressions of Plain Bob are compared, we shall find that, as the plain course develops, the progressions grow, until the half-way is reached, when they commence to diminish as the course works back to its 'homing position' (or rounds). Compare the first and last lead-ends in Maximus (135.... and 142....) back to the Minor, and, all through, we find a three-bell progression of 231 and 312 respectively. Now the second and last-but-one (15.... and 164....), and we have four-bell progressions of 3412 and 4321 respectively; and so the progressions grow as we work towards the centre of the course. The lead-ends which have a similar number of bells in progression Mr. Baker terms 'interlocking' lead-ends.

All methods having 'regular' (or Plain Bob) lead-ends, it follows that regular progression will pertain to the lead-ends of any method as typified by the progressions found in Plain Bob; and it should vary according to which of the Plain Bob lead-ends is the first lead-end of the method.

It seems to amount to this: In Bob Minor, second's place at the lead-end produces 135264, and, in Major, 13527486; the second leads are commenced from these rows, and the Major is in progression of 231 (when compared with the Minor) at this commencing row. Then if, as in London, the first lead-ends of Minor-Major are 142635 and 14263857, then the second lead commences from a row that is in progression of 312, as we have already found from our Plain Bob comparisons.

It is only reasonable to assume that the block-ends of our column (c), which are derived from the rows of the first and second leads (a) and (b), should likewise show regular progression when properly extended to the higher numbers. And, further, we assume that this progression should be governed by the Plain Bob lead-end which applies, and its 'interlocking' fellow. In short, if the first lead-end of a method is in three-bell progression, then the block-ends ought to show progression which corresponds. For instance, a method with 135... as its first lead-end should show block-end progressions of 231 and 312. Whereas a method with 15.... should show a four-bell progression of 3412 and 4321. Alternatively, a method with 14.... should, presumably, show 312 and 231.

If we produce the round block transpositions of Bob Minor on exactly the same lines of the Bob Minimus, we shall have the following comparisons. The progressions are obtained as before:—

Bob Minimus	Bob Minor.	Progressions.
with '56' added.	(c)	
1342-56	135264	231
4213-56	421635	312
4132-56	513264	231
2314-56	261435	312
etc.	etc.	etc.

If these comparisons are continued in the corresponding rows of the second half of the lead, the progressions will be found to be 231 and 312 alternately, all through.

Apparent facts may be summarised thus:—

1. That it is incontrovertible that a plain course contains these round blocks.
2. That the blocks between the rows of the first and second leads are typical of the whole.
3. That the rows of the second lead are responsible for the block-ends of our column (c), which are merely transposed from rounds for comparison purposes.
4. That the second lead of an extension of a regular method commences from a lead-head which is in certain progression.
5. Therefore the rows in this lead are in like progression.
6. If, in properly extending a method, we are compelled to aim at a given lead-end (or, in other words, are compelled to put the bells into certain progression), we should, reasonably, also be compelled to aim at block-ends, as shown in column (c), which will conform to this rule.

Unfortunately, it is practically a general rule that the obvious is the most likely to be overlooked, and we cannot see these things for ourselves. It is the full realisation of this that compels diffidence, and for this very reason I avoid trying to be dogmatic. But until a very able and concise writer points out to the Exercise an obvious fallacy in this apparent truth, I must confess that I shall view askance an extension that does not produce a natural progression within every block which goes to make the first lead.

We should be shown in a clear and simple manner if this is wrong. When we get down to 'brass tacks,' most of the mathematical laws which govern method construction may be construed into simple positions of plain fact.

It will not be sufficient in that we are told baldly that the facts are all wrong, or in that we are given figures to bolster another theory. Mr. Baker has propounded a theory which he claims may generally be applied, and he has consistently advocated it. No doubt he has facts and arguments, hitherto unpublished, in its support, but for the moment the foregoing will serve. It seems to be a reasonable contention even in the form which is here shown, but whether it is contested rightly or not, I may not say.

In any case, it is worth consideration by those who are competent to judge. It should be taken on its merits, or demerits, and (if necessary) exploded once and for all.

And the explosion should be plain for all to see, and understand.

'SUPERLATIVE' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents, Mr. B. Sharp, 'A Plain Ringer' and 'Owen Kay,' are not likely to receive satisfactory replies to their enquiries from the Rev. H. L. James for this simple reason:—

'There are none so blind as those who won't see.'

Following are twelve changes of 'Superlative' Surprise Major, and the same place-making on ten bells:—

12345678		1234567890
21436587	3rds and 6ths	2143658709
12463578		1246357890
21645387		2164538709
26143578	4ths	2614357890
62415387		6241538709
26145837		2614583079
62418573	5ths	6241850397
26481537		2648153079
62845173		6284510397
68241537	3rds and 6ths	6824153079
86425173		8642510397
	4ths	

By continuing the 'Superlative' Major place-making this Royal can be extended as a SINGLE method, as shown by me in 'The Ringing World' of July 30th, 1926; but if it is desired to make a DOUBLE method of the figures here given, all that is necessary to accomplish this is to make 7th's place to balance the 4th's place in the third section, and then reverse the previous place-making.

The result will be, as I also pointed out on July 30th, 1926, a Double Surprise Royal method, which is irregular except for three lead-heads, and this method is 'Superlative' Royal.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

HELP FOR AN AGED COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Keeble, of Romford, desire to express their sincere thanks to the members of the Essex Association who responded to the appeal on their behalf. The amount received was £18 12s. 6d.

Mr. Keeble was one of the founders of the Essex Association, and in those early days did a great deal of teaching among beginners. Mr. Keeble is 81, and his wife will reach that age on the 24th of this month. Unfortunately Mr. Keeble has been in declining health for nearly two years, and an accident to Mrs. Keeble has necessitated their daughter going home to look after them. Mr. Keeble has been a member of the 'United Patriots' Friendly Society for 62 years, but in this organisation sickness benefits cease at the age of 70. Mr. and Mrs. Keeble are therefore dependent entirely upon small pensions, and there are, doubtless, ringers outside the Essex Association, especially those who knew Mr. Keeble at the Central Council meetings for many years, who would like to send their contributions to the fund to help these old people in the evening of their days. Remittances should be sent to the general secretary of the Essex Association, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Friday evening, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: Miss E. Mathews (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wignmore 2, Miss D. Futter 3, J. Hazell 4, Miss S. Davis 5, R. Rex 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, Miss E. Davis 8. Weekly practice Friday 7.30 p.m.; visitors welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Holden 1, S. Greenfield 2, C. Smart (conductor) 3, J. Netley 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, P. H. Doick 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. J. Netley, of Arundel.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Piran, on Sunday, August 12th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Miss D. Mannell (first 720 in the method) 1, A. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, F. I. Hairs 4, H. Bennett 5, F. Bennett (Brighton) (conductor) 6.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.—For morning service at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, August 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Bramham 1, E. Chamberlin (conductor) 2, C. Bell 3, F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) 4, A. Gil 5, C. Walsh 6.

PORTMADOC.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Ed. Humphreys 1, R. McMillan 2, J. Vaughan Humphreys 3, John Owen (conductor) 4, H. McMillan 5, R. A. Brookes 6, Pierce Roberts 7, G. Humphreys 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 6th. Rang as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman 1, W. V. Webb 2, E. J. Bakcombe (Covebury) 3, A. H. Webb (conductor) 4, J. Dearlove (Brighton) 5, R. G. Rice 6, G. C. Rice (London) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 5th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. H. Walder 1, H. Tomsett 2, H. J. Gravett 3, G. Lucas 4, G. Tomsett (conductor) 5, J. Parsons 6, T. Stringer 7, G. F. Gaston 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 1, J. King 2, G. Clapham 3, C. R. Belton (Barwell) 4, G. Ette 5, J. R. Main 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, G. Basford 8.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, July 29th, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, J. Lee 2, W. Bennett 3, J. Johnson 4, H. Martin 5, H. Philips (first 720 as conductor) 6.

—CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, June 10th, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 7, 6 and 8 covering: M. Feltham 1, T. E. Francis 2, A. H. T. Parker (conductor) 3, S. James 4, G. Marshall 5, G. H. Perry 6, J. Hedges 7, B. J. Wyatt 8. This is the first quarter-peal by a band of all service ringers at this church, also the first quarter-peal for the ringers of 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and the first quarter for A. H. T. Parker as conductor.

WHITWICK'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The tercentenary of the four oldest bells at Whitwick, Leicestershire, has just been celebrated. Two peals have been rung—Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples—and on Sunday, July 29th, special services took place. Throughout the day these were well attended, and the preachers were, in the morning the Vicar, and in the evening the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley).

Special touches were rung before the services, the conductors being Messrs. J. Ranson, S. W. West and Walter Fern.

The collections were for the bell fund, the bells having recently been overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Thursday, August 8th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Daniells 1, R. G. Townsend 2, E. L. Box 3, N. Allnatt 4, W. W. T. Daniells 5, J. Berry 6, J. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. A. Bullock 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 30th; 'Coffee Pot' on the 21st for handbell practice; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. St. Michael's, Cornhill, is closed for three weeks; no ringing there on the 19th or 21st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Rd., Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Finchley to-morrow, Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill on August 28th is postponed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after in the Schoolroom. Parish Church bells (8) available after tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, August 18th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, nr. Cheadle, before August 15th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, the 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Secretary, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at Barton-under-Needwood (8 bells) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells open 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from New Street Motor Park, also trains to Barton and Walton. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Easthampstead (nr. Bracknell) on Saturday, August 18th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 6.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipston on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available at Kirkby from 4 p.m. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd, please.—F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantill Road, Blackburn, not later than August 22nd?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harrington (6) on Saturday, August 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, August 21st?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, August 25th. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AND BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Ossett and Horbury on Saturday, 25th August. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Tuesday, 21st August.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarians, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 21st inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Association and the above association have agreed to hold a joint meeting at Ossett on Saturday, August 25th. It is hoped all our members who are able will attend. See separate advertisement. The shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, September 8th, under same rules as last year. All towers are requested to enter at once, 6s. each, to be paid to secretary. All applications for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening. All those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, by August 28th.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. The address will be given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. All those intending to be present must notify me by August 28th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter's on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

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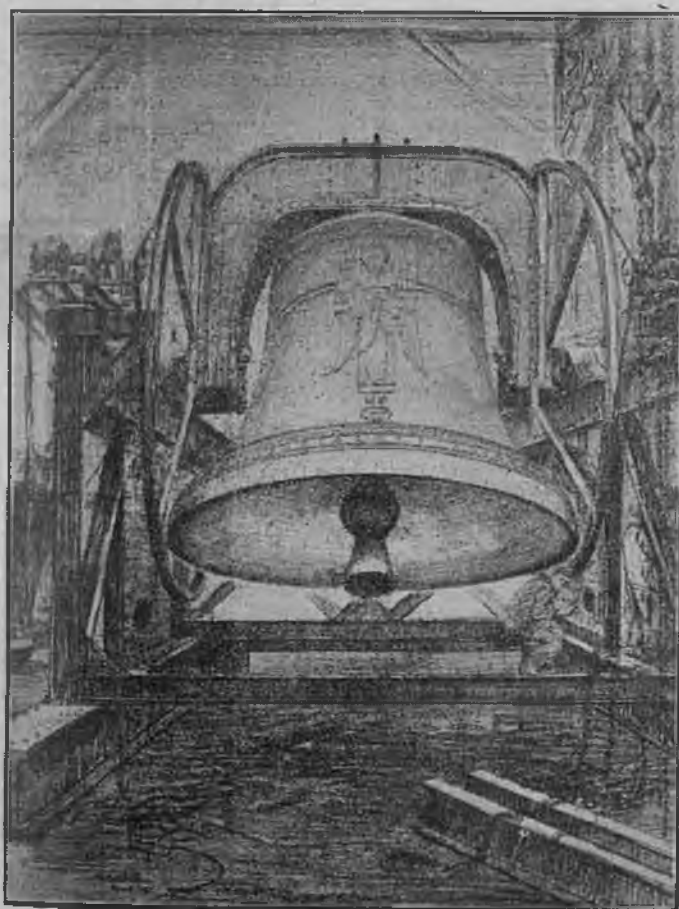
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The associations are not altogether to blame for the state of affairs. It is the Church authorities who are largely responsible. If there was a falling off in the attendance of the choir, the clergy would be the first to inquire into the cause and they would quickly apply a remedy. Either the choristers would have to mend their ways or other singers would be found. If however, the bells are unring, or partially silent, many of these same clergy do not even trouble to ask for the reason. As long as there is some sort of sound from the belfry for a few minutes, that is all that matters in this department, and where this happens it is nearly always at those towers in which the ringers never receive a visit from the clergy. What is badly needed in all these 'dead' spots is as much a 'conversion' of the authorities as a re-inspiration of the ringers. If in every church we could get the clergy really interested in their bells and ringers, what a different story there would be to tell! These 'dead' spots would soon disappear and all our bells would quickly be ringing again for Sunday services. Would it be possible to inaugurate a national campaign? Could not every association ascertain exactly the position existing in every such tower and make a report to the Bishop of the Diocese, whose help should be invoked to apply pressure on the clergy where necessary? Failing the Bishops, the

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Tenor 19 cwt.

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

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JOSEPH WOODS 3	JOHN HIRST 7
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JAMES E. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
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Tenor 21 cwt, 2 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE BASFORD Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON ... 2	THOMAS ABBOTT 6
GEORGE ETTE 3	JOHN KING 7
†CHARLES RICHARDSON ... 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung by an entirely local band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who was inducted the day previous as Vicar of Finedon.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTIS ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

HERBERT HAIGH Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
*SAMUEL HARRISON 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method for the association, and first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the splice being excellent. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Stenton, of the local band, for the 70th anniversary of his birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORRY Treble	*HAROLD V. COOPER 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	*HECTOR G. BIRD 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Superlative by all except ringers of 3rd, 5th and 6th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S,	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... ..Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	THOMAS W. LAST... ..Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, New London, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. KELSALL ... ..Treble	H. CHANT 4
A. COLE... .. 2	D. SMITH 5
M. PERRY 3	J. T. WHITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

First peal of Treble Bob and also first peal in seven methods by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers. Also first peal of Treble Bob rung on these bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. RUFERT RICHARDSON Treble	*ROGER W. DANIELS... .. 4
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	RUFERT RICHARDSON 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	HORACE M. DAY... ..Tenor

Conducted by RUFERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in three methods.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary Grandsire, and sixteen spliced; each six-score differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY AMOS ... ..Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS ...Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells recently overhauled and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Although this church is a few yards inside the boundary of Northants, it is in the Leicester Diocese, and is the 111th tower in the diocese in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... ..Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	WILLIAM TILLEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung, by request, by the same band that rang the 10,080 in this tower a year ago. Mr. Tilley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

GEORGE EDWARDS ... ..Treble	GEORGE WAGHORN 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for W. D. Ashdown, of Godstone, Surrey.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BEECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM PIKE ... ..Treble	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM... .. 4
*GEORGE POPNELL 2	†ALEX A. RACKHAM 5
*PERCY JONES 3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in three methods. † First 720 of Oxford. First peal in three methods for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HUGH McVAY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4
HENRY B. TAYLOR 2	EDWARD LOWERY... .. 5
THOMAS COLVIN 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who is leaving Newburn for Bradford.

FORTY YEARS ON.

A NOTABLE CELEBRATION AT TIPTON 'PEPPER BOX.'

The peal at Tipton Parish Church ('The Pepper Box') on Saturday was an interesting one. It celebrated the 40th anniversary of Mr. Benjamin Gough's first peal rung in the same tower. It was also rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. George Rae Mortimore (Vicar of Tipton) to Miss Florence Elsie Davis, which happy event took place on August 9th; and on the eve of Mr. Jesse Screen's birthday.

On August 18th, 1888, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Tipton by George Hughes 1, William Cheshire 2, Harry Mills 3, William Rock Small 4, Benjamin Gough 5, Samuel Jesson (conductor) 6, Samuel Reeves 7, Edward Goodreds 8. Since that time the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7 have 'crossed the bourn'; whether the conductor is alive or dead is unknown; the tenor man retired from ringing a quarter of a century ago; but George Hughes and Ben Gough are as enthusiastic at the rope and as ever, and have rung many a peal together since. Last Saturday's band were all old ringing friends. Messrs. Gough and Hughes have rung for over 40 years with Messrs. Green, Round, Screen and Fullwood, and for over 35 years with Messrs. Baker and Fisher, and it was a great gratification that such a company should have been successful on this occasion. Messrs. Hughes and Gough rang the same bells as on August 18th, 1888, and, while it was the 40th anniversary of Mr. Gough's first peal, it was, by a coincidence, his 40th peal on these bells and Mr. Green's 40th peal during his 50 years' ringing career. This band, too, has a wonderful record of Sunday service ringing at their respective parish churches, for between them they can total 352 years: George Hughes (Tipton and Wednesbury) 50 years, Samuel Baker (Coseley) 36 years, William Green (Old Hill) 50 years, Richard Round (Netherton) 56 years, Ben Gough (Coseley) 41 years, Jesse Screen (West Bromwich and Sedgley) 41 years, William Fisher (Coseley) 36 years, Ben Fullwood (Sedgley) 42 years.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, August 13th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Smith 1, W. Willson, jun., 2, W. Willson, sen. (conductor) 3, G. Straw 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Vallance 6, J. Smith 7, R. Hubbard 8. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the conductor, which occurred on the previous day.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a holiday in Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight:—

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, August 12, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal by the Rector (the Rev. G. T. Tritton) and Mrs. Tritton.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, August 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FRANK HART Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The first peal on the bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8 by Taylor and Co.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, August 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, August 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberta,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. in C sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
*JAMES L. HAYWARD 5	*NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Harper (first 720 in method) 1, W. Wilkinson (first 720 in method) 2, F. Dewey 3, W. Houghton 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, J. Phillips 6.

ST. GILES, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung by request of Lord Shaftesbury (president of the Guild) on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to St. Giles on this date. Her Majesty signed the visitors' book in the church whilst the peal was in progress, and outside listened to the ringing for 15 minutes.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, August 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. A. CAVE.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

KINGSTON, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, August 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal on the bells which were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and erected in the tower 48 years ago. The band wish to thank Mr. Bastable for making arrangements and also meeting them; also Mr. Martin Stewart for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

A SPLICED 720.

On Monday, August 13th, at the Church of St. George, Mossley, Lancashire, a 720, consisting of Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Kingston, in 26 minutes: R. Taylor 1, J. Claydon 2, F. Welham 3, J. Singleton 4, E. Garside 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6. First 720 in the methods by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung in the town of Mossley.

FATHER AND DAUGHTERS.

An interesting 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, for service on Sunday last, when father and two daughters took part: Miss M. Cooke (first 720) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke 2, J. Cooke (conductor) 3, T. Birch 4, J. Hughes 5, W. Dunn 6. These two young ladies are 13 and 15 years of age respectively, and this is the first time a 720 has been rung in the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild with father and two daughters taking part.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. OUT IN THE 'WILDERNESS.'

The summer meeting was held at Bamburgh, a place noted for its magnificent old castle, perched on the summit of an isolated basaltic rock, 180 feet high, its lofty embrasured turrets and battlements enclosing an area of over eight acres. In its early days it was quite impregnable from any point of attack, and proved so until 924, when King Alfred was forced to flee. Sacked, but not totally destroyed by the Danes in 933, 993 and 995, Bamburgh Castle, some six years later, afforded refuge to Earl Waltheof during the Scotch Invasion under Malcolm of Scotland. During the reign of Elizabeth it was in ruins. The Castle and Lordships of Bamburgh and the adjoining manor were granted by James I. to Claudius Forster, a grandson of Sir John Forster, and remained in the possession of the Forster family until 1704, when it was sold for the payment of debts to Lord Creve, Bishop of Durham, whose second wife, Dorothy, was one of the co-heiresses, being daughter of Sir William Forster of Bamburgh. In 1894 it passed into the hands of the late Lord Armstrong, who restored it to its present condition. Three and a half miles north-east of the Castle is the inner Farne Island, with its fine Cuthbert's Chapel. The chapel is believed to stand on the site of St. Cuthbert's Hermitage, where he resided for nine years for meditation and prayer, with only sea birds as companions. On this island also is a ruined keep, and although $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles out to sea, has its fresh water well. Four miles further out is the Outer Farne (or Longstone). It was from this lighthouse that William Darling and his heroic daughter Grace put off to the rescue of nine half-drowned survivors on September 7th, 1838, when the steamer 'Forfarshire' broke her back on the Harker Rock. The rescued party were compelled to stay on the Longstone for several days until communication with the land was possible. A burst of admiration came from the nation when the news of her heroism became known. Presents, congratulations, even offers of marriage, showered upon her. She was destined not to enjoy for long the honours which were bestowed on her, for she died of consumption four years later at Bamburgh in the October, age 26. With the exception of the Longstone Lighthouse the islands are now tenantless, except for the keepers, who protect the birds three months each year, in the nesting season, May, June and July. About six miles (as the crow would fly) north-west from Bamburgh, Holy Island can be seen, and can be reached by sea from 'Sea Housed' by boat, or a walk across the sands (at low tide) from Beal. Holy Island Castle can be seen for miles, standing on the only high rock on the island. Bamburgh and its neighbourhood is a most interesting place for a holiday; it is steeped in history.

The meeting, however, was very disappointing as regards numbers. Only eight sat down to tea, including two friends. Before tea 120 of Stedman Doubles was brought round on the back five. Then a local ringer arrived, and he was piloted through his first 120 of Bob Doubles on the treble. At tea time the president came on the scene. After a course of Grandire Triples on the handbells, another visit to the tower and a 720 of Kent Mings on the back six was brought round. The nearest band of ringers to Bamburgh is about 40 miles distant, which accounts for the smallness of the meeting. There was, also, another reason. It is considered against the rules to ring a peal on a meeting day, but one of the Whitley Bay men was guilty of breaking this regulation, for on the 23rd he rang a Single 'Belle' Peal. It is presumed the remainder of the Whitley ringers were taking off the part ends to see there was no change course. No censure will be passed on this occasion, but good wishes are extended to both bride and bridegroom for long life, health, happiness and prosperity. The local men were engaged in a cricket match.

The Vicar of Bamburgh had accepted the invitation to tea, but was prevented at the last moment from attending. He, however, came later, and signified his wish to become an honorary member of the association.

The President, staying at Embleton, had only about nine miles to travel, four others went in state from Gosforth in a young 'Rolls Royce,' the secretary went by bus, and had the pleasure of waiting for two hours about 12 miles short of the journey's end with punctured tyres. But there was a happy crew on board, and there was no lack of fun. The destination was reached in 5½ hours instead of three. Notwithstanding the drawbacks experienced, those who went thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Bamburgh has a very musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The band of ringers here was sadly depleted during the war. Six never came home; it was the heaviest hit tower in the association. The church, which is cruciform, is of national interest. It stands on the long eastern slope of the Budle Hills in view of the Castle and Lindisfarne (Holy Island), in whose histories it is entwined. The present church stands on the site of a former church, which was probably constructed of wood, and is ascribed to St. Aidan, who died in a small cell at the west end, in view of the altar and within hearing of the Vespers Service. So says tradition. Abutting the end of the church then existing a chapel and cell were built for the pioneer monk, and these form the present crypt. Over this the present chancel was raised. It is 63 feet in length, and was constructed between 1200 and 1220. This nave and other parts formed the parish church. The oldest parts of the church and transept date 1115-1160, and the western arches supporting the square tower 1170.

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EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—During the past year you have published a series of articles dealing with this subject, and now I mean to call attention to the facts which I have pointed out in those articles.

Referring back, at the beginning I called special attention to the word 'extension,' and pointed out that we must carefully avoid reading into it any ideas which are not contained in the word itself. Different people dealing with this subject have read into the word different conceptions of what an extension ought to be; some people think of an extension as mathematical, others consider the places made, others the passage of the hunt or hunts from one position to another among the working bells.

Now all these different ideas are not included in the word 'extension,' they are simply read into it; the word actually means to stretch out in any direction. Bearing this in mind, every method or principle is in some way or other an extension of the Plain Hunting Course on three bells.

We have examined all systems of extension which have been actually used in the past, and we have seen that different methods have actually been extended in different ways, that some methods extend in one way only, while others are capable of being extended in a large number of ways, so that all the pure Court methods are really derived from Single Court on four bells.

Stedman Doubles can be extended in three different ways, Stedman Triples, etc., as we know it, Erin Triples and also a system of Slow and Quick Tens on five bells with two bells dodging behind.

Cambridge Surprise Minor will extend to Major, Royal and Maximus as they are rung to-day, and also to Lincolnshire Major, Royal and Maximus.

Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus in one way and to Maximus only as it has been rung at Ipswich.

Double Norwich Major to Royal in two ways, and to Maximus in two ways.

Now, all these are facts, not theories; and what I have been pointing out in these articles during the last year is that the facts do not agree with the various theories which have been put forward by different people.

People who have only dabbled in science do not as a rule understand what a scientific theory is; it is only a system of classifying all the facts known at the time, and as soon as a new fact comes to light which does not agree with the theory, it is the theory which has to be discarded, so that the theory put forward by the writer who signs himself 'Owen Kay' is 100 years out of date, because Shipway extended Superlative to Royal 100 years ago. Shipway, like Galileo, produced an accomplished fact, and 'Owen Kay' is the obscurantist who clings to a discredited theory.

Superlative Maximus exists in two forms, one extension is the same as Shipway's Royal, and it was published in the 'Bell News' in the nineties of the last century; the second appeared at a later date, and must have some distinguishing name attached to it unless we are to continue in needless confusion.

H. LAW JAMES.

DEATH OF A LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

On August 8th there passed away, in the person of Mr. Israel Lovett, of Sibley, Leicestershire, a well-known figure in Midland ringing circles. He was to be seen at most meetings in Leicestershire, whether at a five-bell tower or ten. He was an old member of the Midland Counties Association and the Goscote Society. He rang eleven peals for the Midland Counties Association.

Mr. Lovett, who had attained the age of 64, and died after a brief illness, was head of the business of H. Lovett and Son, coal merchants, of Sibley, and was very much respected by all who knew him. He held the office of collector of taxes for a lengthy period, and had been a member of the Constitutional Club since its formation, serving for a number of years as a member of the committee. He was also a representative for Sibley on the Goscote Rural-decanal Conference.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 11th. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, where deceased had filled the office of parish clerk and sexton for many years. The Rev. F. J. Barrow officiated. In addition to the family mourners, the sidesmen of the Parish Church, the directors, committee and secretary of the Constitutional Club attended, and the hearers included members of the club. At evening service on Sunday, August 12th, the deceased's favourite hymns were sung, and appropriate references were made by the Vicar in his sermon. At the close of the service the 'Dead March in 'Saul' was played by the organist. A muffled peal in memory of Mr. Lovett was rung on the nearby bells of Cossington Church, the bells of his own village church being in a bad state and unringable.

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In the north transept is the original effigy of Grace Darling, above which is a stained glass window to her memory, depicting Faith, Hope and Charity. In the north wall of the chancel is a recess showing a window now filled with stained glass, representing St. Aidan in Bishop's robes. On a scroll near the upper part of the window are the words 'Quies Aidani' (Rest of Aidan). The following is a Latin inscription translated:—'Not far from this spot, worn out by his labours, St. Aidan, first bishop of Lindisfarne, fell asleep in Christ 31st August, A.D. 631.' The crypt has a beautiful groined roof, and is the resting place of the Forster family.

E. F.

PFNDLETON RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE. THE HEIGHTS OF HEPTONSTALL AND DRAUGHTS OF TODMORDEN.

On Saturday, August 11th, the ringers of St. Thomas', Pendleton, had their annual outing, which took the form of a visit to Heptonstall, with a call at the Parish Church, Todmorden, on the return journey. This is the first Pendleton outing for many years without the genial company of Mr. Harry Chapman, one-time leader of St. Thomas' ringers, but now retired to his country home in Huntingdonshire, where it is hoped he is organising a harvest supper or something in that line. The party assembled at Victoria Station in good time for the 1.35, '3rds and back' to Hebden Bridge. The train was apparently waiting for us, so seats were quickly taken up, corner men getting well down, etc., when a porter suddenly announced that this was not the Manchester to Hebden Bridge usual, but a special to some place on the horizon not specified, so out we came again. Pessimists please note, platform No. 13. This incident would have had a more significant construction put on it, had it occurred coming back. However, the special drew out, the 'usual' drew in, and an hour later the party were at Hebden Bridge. Here, after negotiating a somewhat difficult passage through streets lined with marching children and gaily-decorated wagons (it was show day), they found themselves on the slopes of the Heptonstall Road, one of the steepest hills the writer ever saw a bus climb. The party preferred a stiff climb to the roaring of an engine and a seat slanted back about 30 degrees, to say nothing of a possible chance of a backward dive through a low stone wall with a cliff the other side.

At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket the visitors were received by the churchwardens, Mr. Francis Robertshaw and Mr. W. H. Naylor, who with Mr. T. Robertshaw gave them a hearty welcome to the tower. One, at least, had vivid memories of 'battles won and lost' here, of over 36,000 changes rung in two starts. The Pendleton 'youths' soon dispelled memories with present realities in the form of touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, and a course of Double Norwich. Washbrook's 'masterpiece' touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a mixed band of 'callow' and 'sere' youths in a style that drew praise from Yorkshire friends, who are used to test ringing. One wonders if they could foresee the oration that a breach of good striking would draw from the worthy conductor, one-time of Leiston, to whom bad ringing is like toothache. Had he not 'whispered' to us what he would say? But with Heptonstall's organ-like bells, who could go far out? After almost continual ringing from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, the party reluctantly left the tower, and whilst Mr. Francis Robertshaw was seeing about the splendid meat tea shortly to be set before them, Mr. Naylor showed some of the visitors a splendid view across the hills towards Black-

stone Edge and Heptonstall Moor. They stood on the edge on a cliff that breaks down almost sheer to the road from Hebden Bridge to Todmorden, which road winds pleasantly far below among the trees. This cliff appears to be a handy short cut from Heptonstall to the road below, useful for long pealers in the event of being wanted elsewhere suddenly, as it takes about half an hour to reach this point by the other route. The meat tea was a great success, and was speedily disposed of, and the same might be said of one or two of the 'youths' who tried their wit on the auburn-haired young lady who had charge of the table.

'Old Sam,' who is, of course, a Pendleton 'youth,' having reached between 30 and 40 annual outings, then returned thanks on behalf of the visitors for the splendid reception at Heptonstall.—Mr. Francis Robertshaw, who was seconded by his brother warden, Mr. Naylor, replied, with a further welcome at any time, adding that Mr. Lewis Greenwood, the towerkeeper, was not able to be with them that day owing to being away in a training camp as instructor. Farewells having been said, the party left for Todmorden. There was far less puffing going down hill than there was coming up. Who whispered that those two 'sere' youths, 'Old Sam' and W.H.S., even thought of rolling down, feeling so skittish? At Todmorden the party were welcomed at the Parish Church by Messrs. S. Hartley, Crabtree and Barker, the wives of the two former, and Miss Bell, two of these ladies being ringers. The Vicar also came into the tower and added his welcome. The bells were soon going, and although the long draught without rope guides was expected to inconvenience the more callow youths, yet once again they rose to the occasion, and touches and plain courses rolled home in good style, the local men and the two ladies taking part. It was the first time we had ever seen a treble man strolling round the belfry after his sally in a course of Double Norwich, but Raymond achieved the miracle somehow, and kept going. The secret lies between Raymond and the stay, doubtless. Harold also discovered something—a bell that could pull as hard as he could, which surprised and warmed him up a bit, but he, too, kept going in spite of the heat. After this all adjourned to the nearest house of internal comfort, where the draughts were even longer than at the tower. More local ringers came in, and the fraternal gathering brought a delightful day to a close. At 10.13 p.m. the visitors started for Manchester, arriving just in time to call it Saturday at home. Harold and Billie are, however, asked kindly to explain what became of them from 8.30 to 10 p.m.

Mr. Herbert Greenhalgh is to be congratulated on this his first attempt at organising an outing, and both the Heptonstall and Todmorden ringers are cordially thanked for making everything so pleasant for the visitors at their respective towers.

P. L.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Coleridge, President of the Central Council, who is now in a nursing home, underwent a second operation on Tuesday. So far his condition is quite satisfactory.

Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, the popular Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association, and an enthusiastic horticulturist, was honoured this year by being elected President of Shrewsbury Floral Fete, one of the most wonderful horticultural exhibitions staged annually in this country. He gave a trophy valued at thirty guineas, for which there was keen rivalry.

A restoration which promises to provide Somerset with another fine ring of eight is that which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are carrying out at Chew Magna. The ring of six, with a tenor of 30 cwt., are to be rehung in new framework, with the addition of two trebles.

At Hythe, Kent, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are recasting the five front bells and rehanging the peal.

The Bristol United Guilds' 'Ringers' Directory' is now in the press. There have been 500 subscribers, from over 300 towers in nearly 50 counties.

Sixty years ago to-day a party of Yorkshire veterans whose total ages amounted to 553 years rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guiseley. Four of them were between 70 and 80, and the rest between 60 and 70. Henry Hubbard was the conductor.

Sunday is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung. On August 26th, 1718, John Garthorn's peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

On April 26th, 1776, the College Youths rang in 6 hrs. 31 mins., at Mortlake, Surrey, a peal of 10,640 Bob Major.

Benjamin Annable called a peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It was one of the last peals in which this celebrated ringer took part.

A peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major was rung at Otley on August 27th, 1814.

Ringing has been stopped at St. Mary's Church, Bocking, Essex, where there is a ring of eight bells, with tenor 19 cwt. An expert has been called in to inspect the bells, and he reported that they were in a dangerous state, and that the ringing of them might affect the tower. A promising young band has only recently been got together here, and it is hoped that something will soon be done, so that the band will not lose their interest. It is hoped to continue the handbell practices every Tuesday. Should the bells be rehung they will be one of the finest rings in the district.

'Sir Rome' wishes to tender an apology for trying to pass off at Brighton a certain well-known Midlands ringer of the 'W.G.' as the editor of 'The Ringing World.' It is no consolation to know that others have been similarly mistaken, and he stills feels a very 'be-nighted' knight. The said Sir Rome thinks either the editor or his double ought to shave off their moustaches, grow a beard, or disguise themselves; otherwise they should wear a label.

The practice meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on August 28th, is postponed.

FAMOUS IPSWICH RINGERS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO W. L. CATCHPOLE AND JAMES MOTTS.

At a recent meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, it was decided to take steps towards the erection of a permanent memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts.

It has been suggested that the memorial take the form of a tablet placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower.

It is well known that these two gentlemen did an immense amount of work towards the advancement of change ringing in the district, and many ringers who knew either of them personally, or by repute, not only locally, but throughout the country, would probably like to subscribe towards the memorial.

It is hoped to publish a list of subscribers later. Meanwhile subscriptions may be sent either to C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

HECKINGTON BELLS RESTORED

On Sunday afternoon, August 12th, the bells at Heckington, Lincs, were opened again, after being silent for some time. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has made a first-class job of the rehangings. During the afternoon and evening many visiting 'brother strings' turned up and gave the bells a good test.

Before divine service in the evening 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins.: F. A. Holden 1, J. H. Clark 2, W. H. Wood 3, W. Dickinson 4, A. Dixon (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, J. H. Brothwell (Rotherham) 6, W. Haigh (conductor, Rochester) 7, M. Clark 8. After service, 1,152 Treble Bob, in which T. Brothwell very ably rang his first long length on eight bells.

The dedication service was conducted in the afternoon by the Rural Dean, the Rev. MacKenzie, of Great Hale.

The ringers of the Sleaford district have waited with patience for this event.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

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DOUBTS AS TO RESIDENCE IN LONDON.

In the first part of this article Fabian Stedman's visit to Leicester in 1669 was described and the results of Mr. R. A. Daniell's researches into his connection with Cambridge was quoted. We now come to the question of whether Fabian Stedman ever filled the post of a Civil Servant in London.

In the continuation of his article, written about 25 years ago, Mr. Daniell, in explaining why any record of Stedman's baptism was not found in the Cambridge registers, wrote:—

'First, we must remember that parochial registers were not written out at that time in the way they now are. The practice seems to have been that the clerk, or someone else, kept a record of baptisms, marriages and burials, and these items were written up annually into the register books. It is obvious that a system of this kind offered chances of omission in the final record, and that with such a disturbing element about as the plague, these chances must have been considerably increased. So that, though Fabian was not registered in Cambridge at the traditional time, it is still possible that he was born in the town. If people were being scared away by fear of the plague, nothing can be more in the natural course of things than that Mabel Stedman should seek some more healthy spot for her confinement than Cambridge then was; and it may be that the record of her son's baptism is to be found in one of the Cambridgeshire villages. This would be sufficiently near the tradition, though not exactly agreeing with it, as in any case it is reasonable to suppose that if Fabian was the son of John, his boyhood's home was in Cambridge, and his birth elsewhere a mere accident. So far, then, as the Cambridge registers go, it seems to me that they are not inconsistent with the truth of the tradition; but, of course, a fuller investigation of these documents in Cambridge and neighbouring parishes might confirm, refute or leave undecided the relationship of Fabian to John Stedman; and if anyone has the opportunity of pushing the inquiry farther than I have been able to do, I hope the results will be laid before the readers of these columns.

Fabian undoubtedly received a good education. If he was, as I am supposing, the son of John, his life at Cambridge would afford ample opportunities for obtaining it, for there must have been a good supply of private teachers available, and there was also the Grammar School, founded some years before by Dr. Stephen Perse, Fellow of Caius College. I was especially hoping that the records of this school would exhibit Fabian's name, but inquiry elicited that the register of admissions from the opening of the school was accidentally burnt in 1885.

Besides all this, the language of some titles in Stedman's books appears to indicate his connection with Cambridge, the peals stated to be composed there, and a method of Doubles called Fulbourn, the name of a neighbouring village. This is all I think that I have to say about Stedman's connection with Cambridge, and although precise details are wanting, I think we may presume that this connection was in some way true in fact.'

THE QUESTION OF THE 'WILL.'

Mr. Daniell then proceeds to quote in extenso the will of Fabian Stedman, of the Parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, London, Gent., which he infers was the will of the Fabian Stedman known to ringing. Before coming to this point, we think we may add that Fabian Stedman's connection with Cambridge is fairly well proved, for in the College Youths' ancient 'name book,' which gives a list of its members, and which is one of the society's cherished possessions, under the date 1664 appears the entry: 'Fabian Stedman, Cambridge.' Further, there is now brought to light the entry in the diary quoted last week, of 'Fabian Stedman, printer, of Cambridge.' These two entries make no doubt of his connection with Cambridge.

In the will, which was proved on November 28th, 1713, there is no reference direct or indirect to the testator's connection with Cambridge, or to his interest in bells or any publication. It contains a number of bequests to relatives, officials and other employees in the Excise offices in which he had worked, to the poor of the parish where he was born ten pounds, and to the poor of the parish where he should die five pounds.

Mr. Daniell in his article draws his conclusions from this document. 'The nature of Stedman's employment in London becomes quite clear from a perusal of this document.' He says: 'He was what we should now call a Civil Servant of the Crown, in the office of the Auditors of the Excise, and he must have held a high position in it; for it is plain that no inferior member of the staff would have left legacies to so many officials, and, moreover, he refers to the maid who cleaned his office, from which we may infer either that he occupied a room to himself, or that any other person sitting with him was his subordinate. From the nature of the bequests Stedman appears to have been an old man—indeed, he must apparently have been about 80—who was either a bachelor or a childless widower. But who were Mrs. Wickens and Mrs. Walker? (beneficiaries under the will).'

The register of St. Andrew's Undershaft, in the city of London, recording Stedman's burial there on the 16th November, 1713, describes him as "a lodger," thereby showing that he was not a householder; and I am therefore disposed to identify Mrs. Wickens with a

certain "Widow Wiggins," who was the tenant of a house belonging to the parish on the west side of St. Mary Axe, and with whom I suppose Stedman to have lodged. The will was duly proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and is now among the documents preserved at Somerset House. The churchwardens' accounts of St. Andrew Undershaft show the receipt from the executors of the legacy for the poor, and it is most tantalising that the testator did not mention the name of the parish where he was born. There is no existing monument or tombstone recording him in St. Andrew's. To complete the dates, I may add that Stedman's "Tintinnologia" was published in 1668 and his "Campanologia" in 1677.'

TWO FABIAN STEDMANS?

Mr. Daniell's deductions as to Stedman's parentage and early connection with Cambridge are deeply interesting, and, as he says, are at least as likely to be true as false, but it seems open to serious doubt whether the Fabian Stedman who died in the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft was the same man as Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge. It is most unlikely that, in those days at any rate, a man would engage in two distinct professions. That he was still a printer of Cambridge in the year 1668, is clear from the Leicester diary.



ST. BENET'S, CAMBRIDGE.

Where, it is believed, Fabian Stedman learned to ring and Stedman Doubles were first practised.

That he must have had a lucrative business is also fairly certain, otherwise he would not have been able to take the risk of the publication of his book or to embark on a journey such as that to Leicester, for which he had to hire, if he did not own, a horse, and in the course of which he was able to offer hospitality to the 'gentlemen and youth' of Leicester. If, as is supposed, he was born in 1631, he would, on his visit to Leicester in 1669, have been about 38 years of age, and it seems extremely improbable that at that stage of his career he would suddenly exchange his livelihood as a printer in Cambridge for the post of a Civil Servant in London. Again, if the Fabian of the will and Fabian of Cambridge were one and the same, he must have been, when he died, over 80 years of age. Is it likely that even in the seventeenth century a man would have been actively engaged in such an important office up to that advanced age? That the writer of the will was at the time still discharging his duties is, we think, clear from the fact that he gives twenty shillings to the maid who 'cleans' (not 'cleaned') his office. Again, had he been engaged as a Civil Servant in London he would not have been

described in the College Youths' name book in 1664 as 'Fabian Stedman, Cambridge'; and in the Leicester diary in 1668 as 'Fabian Stedman, printer of Cambridge.'

The only things that connect Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, with London are the printing of his book there in 1663 and his holding office in the College Youths as steward in 1677 and as Master in 1682. On the title page of 'Tintinnologia' we find the imprint, 'London. Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman, at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard, in Fleet Street, 1668.' As in those days, such publications had to be licensed—and this book was licensed, November 1st, 1667—it is quite a probability that Stedman visited London for the purpose of getting the license, and while there made arrangements for the printing of the book, for, although he was himself a printer, it is possible that his plant and facilities were not sufficient to produce a volume of 136 pages, such as the first edition of 'Tintinnologia' made.

As to his connection with the College Youths, his election to office does not necessarily imply residence in London. He had dedicated his book to the College Youths, many of whom he doubtless knew and had rung with on his occasional visits to the city. Is it not possible, therefore, that his election as steward was a return compliment to him when he was again in London in connection with the publication of another edition under the title of 'Campanologia'? The dates coincide. 'Campanologia' is dated 1677; Stedman was elected steward of the College Youths in the same year. Although we know of no publication to link him with London in 1682, when he was elected Master, there is nothing inconsistent in the circumstances with his continued residence in Cambridge and his election as Master of the society in that year.

Sifting the evidence and weighing the possibilities seems to us to eliminate the connection between Fabian Stedman, the 'father' of the art of change ringing, and Fabian Stedman, the Civil Servant of St. Andrew Undershaft, and we are afraid that the document which was brought to light about a quarter of a century ago was not the last will and testament of the Fabian of the Exercise. Apparently at the time Mr. Daniell made his laborious search for information no inspection of the burial registers in the Cambridge parishes was made—for the obvious reason that it was thought that he had died in London. If such investigation is at any time possible, it would be interesting to hear the result. Fabian Stedman, of 'Tintinnologia' fame, we are inclined to think, lived and died a printer of Cambridge, and never served the Crown as a Civil Servant in London.

LEICESTER SCHOLARS ESTABLISHED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article on Fabian Stedman containing my researches, and your queries, I can answer the first of the latter: 'Did they establish a Society of Scholars?' in the affirmative. There is no doubt whatever that the Leicester ringers did take up the art of change ringing seriously, as I have many extracts of visits to and from this city for the purpose. A few weeks ago you published an account of Solihull bells by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, in which a letter appears from the pen of the Rev. Sam Scattergood, 'Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester,' saying 'especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd [27th day August, 1686] by myself and about 20 other skillful psons accompanying me from Leicester to that purpose.'

Leicester did not become possessed of a peal of eight until 1711, when two trebles were added to the existing six at St. Margaret's. We are told 'that the two new bells were long delayed in coming to the town, till towards the races time, and, when they were hung in the tower, a number of gentlemen and ringers came in to the Michaelmas fair to try the bells, which gave every satisfaction to them all. After ringing for the most part of the day, the company dined and supped together at the White Hart Inn, the night being spent in jollity and mirth, when the ringers agreed that the new bells had been cast on a Tuesday, hung in the tower on a Tuesday, first rung on Tuesday, the day was fixed upon to be the practice night at St. Margaret's ever since.' The bells were 'afterwards rung almost nightly to the satisfaction and entertainment of the town and neighbourhood. The above statement was told to the writer [W. Barrow—chronologist] by J. Johnson.'

The Society, thus having eight bells now to ring upon, doubtless studied Triples, for we read in the 'Norwich Gazette,' Feb. 23rd, 1730:—

'Leicester. This morning, upon the celebrated peal of St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung by the LEICESTER SCHOLARS, the whole peal of 5,040 Triples in 3 hours 6 minutes and 27 seconds, to the great satisfaction of all the hearers, and (save one bell) the same was performed on the best peal of eight in England; and considering the length of pull, the weight of the bells (the tenor being 32 hundred) and short space of time in which the same was rung, it's one of the greatest performances that has been heard in this age, except by the College Youths and London Scholars, the only performers in England, to whom all preference in this Art must be given, and who have rung much longer peals on greater numbers of bells.'

It is a great pity no record can be found as to the names of the performers of this—the first recorded 5,000 in Leicestershire.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

RINGER'S DEATH IN BELFRY.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE AT WALKDEN.

During the ringing for service at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on Sunday evening, August 12th, there was a tragic occurrence. One of the ringers, Mr. John Worthington, collapsed, and died before medical aid could reach him. He had first taken part in a short touch of Stedman Triples, and was sitting talking, when he fell over on his side and expired.

Mr. Worthington, who was 72 years of age, had been a ringer for over 48 years. He was most regular in carrying out his duties in the church, seldom being absent from service ringing. He had rung 21 peals in the standard methods, but owing to an accident 19 years ago he was a cripple and had to walk with two sticks. He had not, therefore, rung any peals lately. Deceased was well known locally, and at the funeral on Wednesday, August 15th, there was a crowded congregation. As the cortege entered the church hymn tunes were chimed on the bells, and the organist played 'O rest in the Lord' and the 'Dead March.' The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' was also sung.

His brother ringers were the bearers, assisted by a few friends from Bolton and Eccles. At the graveside the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. Morris, E. Cutsforth, John Potter and G. Pincott. After the funeral an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made, but unfortunately came to grief after an hour and a quarter's ringing, the ringers being: E. Cutsforth (Bolton), G. Pincott (Bolton), B. Welsby, Jas. Donner, M. Berry, J. T. Potter (Eccles), John Potter (conductor) and R. Denner.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT KINGSLEY.

On Saturday last the monthly meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Kingsley, a beautiful village situated on the side of the Churnet Valley, which extends from Leek to Uttoxeter. The tower was opened at 3 o'clock, when visitors began to arrive from Bucknall, Norton, Burslem, Stoke, Cheadle and the local company. Ringing in various methods was indulged in until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, under the supervision of Mrs. H. Carnwell, who herself had baked all the bread in her own oven at home, while the fruit in the pies was out of her garden. The meal was typical of an old-time feast, and, needless to say, it was very much appreciated by everyone present.

Tea being over, the Rev. G. R. J. Biggs said how pleased he was to welcome such a band of churchworkers to Kingsley. As he had only been inducted as Rector of the parish on the previous day, that meeting was his first public function. He hoped the keynote of his life in Kingsley would be broadmindedness, and that he would have the co-operation of everyone in the village, whether he be tinker, tailor, soldier or sailor. The Rector afterwards regaled the company with humorous anecdotes of his experiences in India and Canada while serving as a missionary in those countries.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the association, gave a hearty ringers' welcome to the new Rector, and said that he (the Rector) was fortunate in two respects, firstly, that he had been appointed to a beautiful part of the country, and secondly, in that he had in Mr. H. Carnwell a leader of the ringers of whom any Rector might be proud.—Mr. W. Wheeldon proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Kingsley ringers for providing such an excellent tea.

Towards the close of the meeting, as a compliment to the tower visited, 720 of Kingsley Double Surprise was rung by a combination of Bucknall and Norton men.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Finchley on Saturday last, and a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by the 26 members who attended. The pretty peal of six bells was much in use from 3 o'clock onwards, until at 5 p.m. a service was held. In the absence of the Rector on holidays, the senior curate officiated, and gave a very interesting address.

At the usual business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, seven new members were enrolled, including three 'bobbies,' who were provisionally elected prior to a recent peal attempt.—Votes of thanks to the preacher; to the Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays); and to the local ringers, were passed, whilst the Honorary Secretary reminded members that a joint meeting of the Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations was arranged to take place at Waltham Abbey on September 22nd, at which he hoped they would all be present.—Tottenham was chosen as the venue of the next district meeting, to be held in October.

Members afterwards took turns at strolling in the Rectory grounds and visiting the belfry for ringing, and many methods were practised. Courses of London and Cambridge Surprise, touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were included in the programme, whilst the youngest member of the party, a lad who had cycled from Hillingdon, showed older members how to splice the latter two methods. That lad should persevere! Another youngster from the other side of the county ably conducted a good touch of St. Clement's Bob, which the other members of the band 'looked-up' for the occasion.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

At the Parish Church, Areley Kings, Worcestershire, on Sunday, August 19th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, W. Martin 2, T. Elcox 3, G. Butler 4, J. Reynolds (conductor) 5, H. Martin (Birkenhead) 6.—Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, E. Coley 2, T. Elcox 3, G. Butler 4, J. Reynolds (conductor) 5, H. Martin 6. These 720's were rung to oblige Mr. H. Martin, Birkenhead, who was on a visit to his native county. Mr. W. Martin will next month complete 60 years as a ringer at this church. Messrs. W. and J. Martin are brothers, and Mr. H. Martin is their cousin.

'YE ODD, OLD AND MILD WILD OAT SOWERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did read with delight the page by 'A Ringer' in your issue of August 10th and his remark that Tommy had made kind inquiry as to the well-being of 'The Tower Twisters.' No, they are not defunct, neither do they funk their duties, but for several reasons they have changed their cognomen. What's in a name? After all a rose by any other name, they tell us, can smell as sweet. I believe there is one called the 'Daily Mail.' Verb sap! One reason for our change is that ye beste of Spouses did aver that she could never see any difference in a tower after we had twisted a peal of Doubles into it, and, five minutes after we set 'em up, it (the peal) had all blown away with the froth off the first acorn. And another reason is that some of our members have other fish to fry. One has taken a wife, another a yoke of oxen, no, I mean a motor bike and side-car, and they wish to try them. Yet another resteth from his labours to his vineyard, but we still go out into the highways and hedgerows to seek 'em, that this luscious feast of Doubles may be eaten. Ye beste of Spouses doth now aver that our new appellation suits as well, as 'odd' we certainly are, and as to 'Old and Mild,' we are all that; all of us. If you don't believe Ye Goode Dame ask 'he' of the Scooter. He has been out into the highways and Purlieus of Turnagain Lane with us, and what wild oats we did sow. Ye good dame doth aver that any old, odd day off is enough to set us a-sowing of 'em. We send out a courier to ground bait the pitch, preferably in a far-off land where the beer trees (in the shade of which we love to bask) wax good and plenty. August Monday was a case in point. We decided to call at a place where no oats had yet been sown, and we found a tower with a rope circle like the sign of the Swastika and two cracks in the tower you could put your hand into. The O'Bacon hung his coat against one of them, and while we were ringing his coat got caught in the crack, which closed on his coat, and when he wanted to put it on he couldn't get it out, and we had to set the bells ringing again to open the crack for him to get his garment out. The O'Bacon did aver that it was a pity that Joseph did not think of that wheeze when Potiphar's Spouse grabbed him. Had he done that think how different the path of history might have been.

I had a lot of real brain waves while watching those cracks open and shut what time we were ringing, and at last realised that the cause of their opening and shutting was the fairylike 'pirouetting' of the bells overhead. They were ambling round like railway wagons at a May-pole dance, and then I recollected good old Uncle Tom Cobleigh's famous remark that 'it'll never get well if you scratch it,' so I got that quaint John Bunyan feeling and adjourned to sow in another field. And, good Sir, they gave me a cracked pint mug to drink out of. At a later hour, when relating the cracks to ye beste of Spouses, she did say the tower and the 'mug' were not the only cracked things to be found in that Parish on August Monday, and she had noticed aforetime that I always forgot to wind my watch up after I had drunk out of a 'lot' of cracked mugs when out sowing wild oats.

No, Tommy, we have not twisted all the towers in this county, only about thirty per cent. of 'em. Neither have we sown all the wild oats we possess. We still have a few varieties left to sow, and I can't see anyone else getting busy sowing 'em, so I'll just quaff one more beaker of Old and Mild (oh succulent cocktail), to the 'Wild Oat Sowers,' more power to their arms.

I did note, also, the Rev. Jenkyn's remarks re the condition of belfries. I think he was rather lenient with the powers that should be, but, alas, are not. Seventy-five per cent. of the towers I have visited are certainly not as well furnished as the vestries in the same churches. We are constantly being told that a ringer is a church worker as much as the choirman is, and yet we are pushed into a belfry which couldn't compare as to cleanliness with the parish lock-up, while as to acoustic properties, both inside and outside the tower, that is never thought of in more than one case in twenty. 'Let's get the bells in' seems to be the motto of both the purchasers and the purveyors. 'Let those who ring 'em and those who suffer 'em put things right if they choose.' I have often thought these things should be pointed out by the founders, who claim to be experts, when they are asked to tender, but I suppose the job might not get done at all if too much were suggested. Anyhow, 'A Ringer' quoted Fleet Street, and that's a star turn from a ringer's point of view, for you have no view at all there.

SAMTWEILL.

P.S.—If the choir want new music they get it gratis; if the ringer wants it, let him buy his silly 'Grandsires' himself. What a distinction! And we are all church workers. To-day the Church needs all her sons and the least of these is NOT the ringer.

TEN BELLS FOR NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

The parish church of St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, is to have a ring of ten bells. The present peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) are to be rehung in new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who will at the same time strengthen the frame, and add two trebles. They are also to renovate the carillon machine.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also going to strengthen the frame and rehanging on ball bearings the ring of eight at Pattingham, Staffs. The tenor of this peal is 14 cwt.

Another contract which the Croydon firm have just obtained is the rehanging of the bells at Ribchester, Lancs. This is a ring of six, with tenor 13½ cwt. The bells are to be tuned and sandblasted, and rehung with new fittings throughout, including ball bearings. The frame is to be strengthened.

CLERKENWELL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

It is extremely gratifying to learn that after remaining for many years in practically an unringable condition, the bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, in the City of London, are at last to be rehung. The bells are a peal of eight, with tenor of 20½ cwt., and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, have been instructed to rehange the peal in new fittings, sandblasting and tuning the bells. It is to be hoped that this is the precursor of many similar restorations in London, where, for the most part, the bells have been sadly neglected.

The bells came originally from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1789, and it was from this church that the St. James' Society (now the London County Association) took its name.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I pointed out many years ago in 'Bell News' that Carter's Principle, when properly arranged, has coursing-order division heads and ends as follow, and the Principle extends perfectly on all odd numbers to Infinity.

Doubles.	Triples.	Caters.	Cinques.
12345	1234567	123456789	1234567890e
21354	2135476	213547698	213547698e0
12534	1253746	125374968	125374968e0
15243	1527364	152739486	1527394e608
51234	5123746	512374968	512374968e0
15324	1532764	153279486	1532794e608
51342	5137246	513724968	513724968e0
15432	1573264	157329486	1573294e608
51423	5172346	517234968	517234968e0
54132	5713264	571329486	5713294e608
45312	7531624	753192486	7531924e068
54321	5736142	573918264	57391e20486
53412	5371624	537192846	537192e4068

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

A 'SKIPPER'S' LEAD.

At Rowde, Wilts, on Wednesday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: E. Perrett 1, W. Bolwell 2, S. Hillier (conductor) 3, G. England 4, C. D. Heginbotham 5, J. Stone 6. This was the first quarter-peal by Mr. Perrett, who is captain of the Rowde ringers, and is believed to be the first Rowde man to ring this number of changes on the bells of his own tower. He is a staunch member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and, it is hoped, will be the first captain of a change ringing band in this village.

MUFFLED BELLS

As a last mark of respect to the late Sir George Chamberlin—one of a family of Norwich benefactors—the St. Peter Mancroft Guild rang, on Wednesday evening, August 15th, at St. Peter Mancroft, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled: D. Grimble 1, Miss Helen Bill 2, G. Mayers 3, Miss Mabel Robertson 4, J. Rampley 5, P. Sadler 6, C. Lovett 7, G. Bailey 8, J. Duffield (conductor) 9, F. Curtis 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—On July 2nd a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Clark 1, W. Hector 2, A. C. Manning (conductor) 3, R. March 4, J. Chester 5, H. Bungay 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Wallington 8. The ringer of the 8th bells from Shrewsbury.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Douglas 1, J. Hutchinson 2, W. Norman 3, A. Eilbeck 4, J. H. Rothery 5, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all.

THE NEW DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. W. Parker, is apparently under a misapprehension as to what transpired when the new definition of a peal of Minor was adopted by the Central Council at Hereford. As was clearly reported, I was doubtful if the proposed wording included the type of peal to which he takes exception, and I had prepared an amended version of the definition, which definitely included it. I was, however, interrupted by the second, Mr. James, who stated that the type was definitely included. In the peal which was rung at Isham on Saturday, August 11th, two 720's were spliced as follows:—

23456	
64235	23564
64352	45236
23645	45362
62345	34562
62453	25346
34625	25463
63425	42563
63254	35426
42635	35264
	524365

Repeated.

By extending this system to include 360's in each half peal it would be possible to ring a peal of Plain Minor with two singles only.—Yours,

E. M. ATKINS.

THE OX AND THE BUCK.

On Saturday, August 11th, the St. Mary's ringers, Slough, enjoyed an outing into a part of the Diocese of Oxford to which nearly all the band were strangers. It was the first occasion that the St. Mary's men had ever received a 'treat' at the expense of their church authorities. Assembling at 8.15 a.m., fourteen hands met at the Parish Church and left Bucks, with the Rector's personal good wishes for an enjoyable trip, in a brand new touring car, for the distant town of Chipping Norton, Oxon, the birthplace of the conductor, Mr. E. T. Hooper. The outward route was taken via Dorchester, Oxford and Woodstock, returning by way of Burford and Witney, after a glorious run of some 150 miles, arriving home again at 10.30 p.m.

Like similar outings we read of in these columns, we 'made tracks' for the belfry and the 'pantry' alternately along our way, and yet in these days of rubber tyres and tarmac roads there were no tracks visible—the latter being a portable contrivance, its contents were decidedly more so. Owing to lack of funds, only the cost of conveyance was allowed the party, and the members of it amongst themselves provided a good display of sandwiches, fruit, mineral and 'malted' waters, topped up by an excellent tea at Burford as the guests of Mr. 'Unknown.' In beautiful weather the Oxfordshire drive was enjoyed immensely, a broad expanse of well farmed land stretching away for miles on either side of the Birmingham highway from the city of Oxford; more so in the region of Nettlebed and Burford, where an altitude of 400 to 500 feet above sea level was attained. The roadside lunch was held in a farmer's field near Enstone, the gentle summer breeze adding 'sauce' to the ham. The overflow of good things provided a supper taken at the Five Horseshoes, near Henley—the hostess, Alice Meal, providing the Oxford brew to clear up our last 'meal' of an eventful day.

All the members took a rope at each of the four towers invaded—Dorchester, Norton, Burford and Witney, whereat Stedman, Grand sire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round in brief touches, the conducting shared by Messrs. Bateman, Henley, Albrow, Hooper and Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Rochester, who was spending his holiday in Slough, and kindly filled a vacant seat in the car.

The party agree with 'Broad Blaster' that tenor bells were ever subject to acute variation, and perhaps the recent July weather has caused evaporation of the 'waist line.' Several tenor men have so reduced their diameter during the heat wave. Here is a table of our experiences in one day; what will Mr. Shepherd say—'tenoritis'?

	dia. weight.	dia. weight.
Dorchester, Abbey	45 15½	45 15
C. Norton, St. Mary	43 14	43½ 13½
Burford, St. John B.	48½ 20½	46½ 18
Witney, St. Mary	48 20	47 18½

The first set of figures is from the peal book of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the second from the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 'Among the Bells.'

In addition to the above variations there is another in two of the belfries giving a third weight of tenor. Perhaps when 'The Bells of Oxfordshire' is published in volume there will be finality in weights. To the respective clergy and towerkeepers at each church, the Slough men owe their hearty thanks for the welcome and assistance. The younger members of the party will look back to this day with gladness when they are, perhaps, 80 years old. They certainly acquitted themselves well in ringing in strange surroundings for the first time. When one can no longer climb the belfry stairs it is well to recall the joyous days of youth amongst the old towers of Motherland.

W. H. F.

FROM TRURO TO EXETER.

A KENTISH INVASION OF CORNWALL AND DEVON.

As will have been seen in the peals report, a tour, arranged by Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, took place in Devon and Cornwall during August Bank Holiday week. Plymouth was selected as a convenient centre of operations, and St. Michael's Temperance Hotel was the rendezvous. Mr. E. W. Marsh, the local branch secretary of the Devon Guild, made all the necessary arrangements, and right well and efficiently he carried out his job. To him first and foremost the credit for the success of the tour belongs. Messrs. Charlie Flayer, Harry Parkes and Bob Edwards, of Romney Marsh, and F. Bennett travelled down on Friday, and on Saturday morning they did the grand tour of Plymouth, under the guidance of the ubiquitous E.W.M. D. Harris, of Woburn, Beds, arrived by another route on Saturday afternoon, and a move was then made to Charles Church. Here the band was completed by the inclusion of local men, and a well struck peal of Stedman Caters was duly brought round at about 7.30. This was a 'first in the method' by the ringers of 3, 4 and 6, which added interest to the performance. After duly partaking of refreshment and a stroll on the Hoe for digestive purposes, the 'invaders' returned to their hotel well content with the good start made. All slept the sleep of the just, notwithstanding a few casualties in the way of blisters, Bob acquiring by far the greatest bag, all about the size of a nutmeg. The more or less skilful application of a needle eased the situation somewhat, and he was then ready to retire to 'roost' for the night. 'Some Rooster'—Bob!

On Sunday morning a trek was made to Emmanuel Church to ring for Matins and to receive a welcome from Mr. C. R. Lilley, with whom the writer was enabled to renew an acquaintance and revive old Bedfordshire Association memories of 30 years ago. In the evening a bus ride to Plympton St. Mary to ring for evensong, and incidentally to hear one of the best tenor bells for its weight in the country. After service one or two touches were rung at Plympton St. Morice and a return to headquarters, to be met on the doorstep by the benevolent Shepherd from Swindon.

Monday morning the party were up with the lark in order to catch the excursion to Truro, a journey which one of the band at least had for some time cherished a wish to undertake in order to view the panorama of hill and dale so often extolled by various 'natives' he had met. It must be admitted at once that his anticipations by no means exceeded the realisation. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs came up from Falmouth, where they are now residing. As they had brought their 'Olive Branch' along with them, Daughter Elsie did not expect to be able to stand in for Stedman Caters on the Cathedral bells, which was the programme for the morning. However, the Bedfordshire contingent (one in number) promptly offered to act the part of nursemaid, thereby further enhancing his reputation of going out for a peal and then trying his hardest to get someone else to take his place. (Do we see A. E. S., E. J. H. and G. H. C. smiling?) Alas, this generous impulse was of no avail, as, whether owing to the 'tightness' of the tenor man's borrowed belt, or more probably to the unfortunate circumstance of being unable to hear distinctly the sound of the bells from the ringing chamber, the attempt came to grief after an hour or so of very passable striking, the third and the ninth politely and clearly agreeing to change places on the front. This was a great disappointment, as it was the ambition of more than one to score a 'first in the method on the bells' of this very fine peal. However, a well struck peal of Double Norwich was tapped off at the neighbouring village of Kenwyn in the afternoon, in spite of the fourth man's style being rather 'cramped,' so the band did not return to Plymouth empty handed, and E. W. M. had the satisfaction of scoring a 'first,' as also did W. Rundle. Great credit is due to young Roberts, with the assistance of J. Sedgley, for the excellent arrangements they had made and the trouble they had taken to see that everything was in 'apple pie' order. Change ringing in Truro, or Cornwall for that matter, will not suffer a decline whilst it has young men like these to infuse it with their keenness and enthusiasm.

Tuesday the journey was in exactly the opposite direction, viz., out to Exeter. The start was not propitious, and might have been disastrous. It was decided to catch the 9.50 from North Road, but as all the 'visitors' were up betimes and arrived at the station 20 minutes or so before time, they entered what turned out to be the 9.40 fast train, congratulating themselves on their cuteness. On arrival at Exeter, however, it was discovered that E. W. M. was not on board, and it then occurred to someone that he would probably wonder what had happened when he could find no one on North Road platform. As luck would have it he decided to take his courage in both hands and come on, and greatly to the relief of the others, who had perforce to spend an anxious time waiting, his cheery face was discovered at the window of the next train arriving. Explanations and apologies followed, and the victim of the contretemps, being the 'Lion' of the tour, naturally soon recovered his infectious good humour.

A look around the noble Cathedral, followed by luncheon, and then on to St. Sidwell's for a peal of Stedman Caters. This was duly brought round in 3 hours 15 minutes in spite of one of Bob's blisters bursting and squirting the fluid over the face and 'weskit' of the ringer of the 2nd, and also in spite of the organ setting up an opposition show inside the church and a dog a howl outside. After tea the

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 47 mins.: F. R. Coombes 1, L. Tuffrey 2, F. Tuffrey 3, F. Appleton (first in the method) 4, W. F. Judge (conductor) 5, J. Franklin 6, C. Bennett 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Leadbetter 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. J. Rundle 3, C. S. Bird 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. Gladman 6, J. W. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Humphries 8. Arranged at short notice for the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, who were on a visit to the district.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss Freda Orr 2, A. Diserens 3, W. Madgwick 4, W. Hewett 5, J. Kentish 6, G. Cross 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday evening, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. H. Spice 1, W. Spice, sen., 2, Percy J. Spice 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, Stuart Sandford 5, G. H. Spice 6, E. Beer (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8. The 5th and 7th ringers are from Gravesend.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: H. A. Folkard 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, G. C. Rice 9, H. C. Page 10. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. E. Smith, who has been attached to Fulham tower upwards of 38 years.

USK, MON.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes (Parker's) in 42 mins.: G. Luff (Chiddingfold, Surrey) 1, A. Hawkins 2, F. Watkins (first quarter-peal) 3, D. G. Clift 4, L. Jones 5, A. Lucas 6, G. Popnell (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8. Arranged for G. Luff, who was on holidays at Usk.

MR. W. P. WHITEHEAD'S 200 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Doubles in 3 Methods	1		1	1
Doubles in 4 Methods	2			
Grandsire Doubles	17	11	1	1
Grandsire Triples	2			
Grandsire Caters	1			
Grandsire Cinques				
Stedman Doubles			1	1
Stedman Triples	65	46	6	4
Stedman Caters	6	4	5	
Stedman Cinques			2	
Minor in 3 Methods	1	1		
Treble Bob Minor in 2 Methods	3			
Bob Minor	6	2	1	1
Bob Major	20	15	3	2
Bob Royal	3	2		
Little Bob Major	1			
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	6	4		
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Spliced Treble Bob Major	4*			
Major in 6 Methods	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	9	4		
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	6		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1		
London Surprise Major	3			
Bristol Surprise Major	1			
Spliced Treble Bob Royal	1	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
	180	100	20	10

* Includes a 9,600 (record). Rung in six counties, for four societies, in 38 towers, with 208 ringers.

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day's enjoyment was brought to a climax by a pull on the Cathedral bells, and here Harry achieved his life's ambition. It is rumoured that when he dies 'Grandsire' will be found written on his heart. At any rate, the night's rest of more than one of his friends was disturbed by his repeated mutterings in his sleep of 'Now I've got her!' 'She's got to go up this time!' etc.

As a finale the 'Stafford' minor eight were set going to a touch of Stedman Triples, and great hilarity was caused after a round had been struck, on the treble man being asked, 'When are you going to lead?' by his retorting, 'When is the tenor coming in?' To several of the 'musical' members of the party this was some of the nicest and best bell music they had ever heard. The treble man obviously was not one of them. Thus ended the greatest day of the tour up to date.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 30th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, August 25th. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarians, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Association and the above association have agreed to hold a joint meeting at Ossett on Saturday, August 25th. It is hoped all our members who are able will attend. See separate advertisement. The shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, September 8th, under same rules as last year. All towers are requested to enter at once, 6s. each, to be paid to secretary. All applications for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro. tem, School House, Offley, Hitchin.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening. All those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, by August 28th.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. The address will be given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. All those intending to be present must notify me by August 28th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Love, The Royal Oak, Yattendon, nr. Newbury, not later than Thursday, August 30th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter's on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, September 1st, 6 till 9. Shottesbrook and White Waltham bells during afternoon if available. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wellingore (6) Saturday, September 1st. Tower opens 2 p.m. Train leaves Lincoln (G.N.) 2.10 p.m. and 2.48 p.m., returns 6.58 p.m. and 8.41 p.m. 'Silver Queen' leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., returns 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, Saturday, September 1st. Cup Committee are earnestly requested to be present. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Harrison, Bank View, Hope Street, Stocksbridge, on or before August 29th. A good attendance will be appreciated.—R. Harrison, Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Colaton Raleigh on September 1st. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea at 1/- each. Ringing at Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh and Otterton.—T. J. Stokes, Exeter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Otlands Road, Edenfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rushton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 28th?—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., to be followed by meeting.—W. Cathall, 29, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 28th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open 2.30. Will those who want tea let me know by Wednesday, August 29th, please?—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderton Street, Chorley, not later than Thursday, September 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by

meeting. Will all ringers requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, the 5th, at latest?—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton (not Weedon) on Saturday, September 29th. Full particulars will be advertised later.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec.

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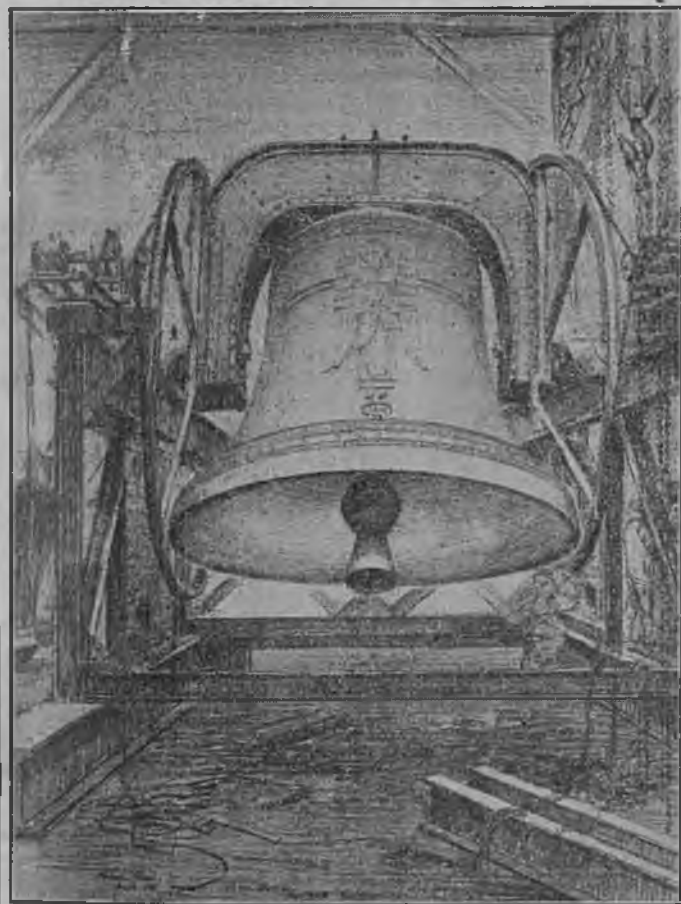
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Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First attempt for a peal by the ringers of 5th and 7th, who belong to Creswell. Great credit is due to them for the way they rang throughout. It was the birthday of G. Chambers.

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NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE PYE... .. Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM GOULD 2	THOMAS GRIMSHAW 6
ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 3	*JAMES ORME 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
*ERNEST BENNETT 2	TOM WILDE 6
†JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 3	†JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 7
†HARRY LANGLEY 4	†JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd, aged 16, is believed to be the youngest ringer in the Guild to ring a peal in a Surprise method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, REVERSED.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	CECIL SMITH... .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM... .. 6
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	FRANK W. BOXELL 7
RALPH COLES 4	ALFRED E. BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, August 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

JAMES E. SCOTT Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently arranged 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*SIDNEY HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

* First peal of Minor, and elected a member of the association previous to the peal.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 4
WILLIAM PIKE 2	GEORGE POPPELL 5
PERCY JONES... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal by the Rector, the Rev. Gilbert Thomas.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES W. COOK Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
*GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	JAMES H. RAPER... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First 720 of Minor. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his kindly interest in the peal and his generosity at the finish of the ringing.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Friday, August 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, the band being related to her as follows: Aunt, grandfather, father, uncle, and grandfather. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss N. Johnson, and her 50th peal. Mr. R. G. Knowles heard the opening courses of the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at St. John's Church. 8 quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: Miss D. Richards 1, J. W. Jones 2, W. Pike 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Heath 6, W. Simmonds, Reading, 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Phillips (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 9, C. Greedy 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Richards.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I have at present in my possession a parcel of manuscript notes of more than ordinary interest. They are the property of the Central Council and are part of the papers left by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. They consist chiefly of letters sent to him by men with whose help he was trying to solve those problems in the science of ringing which were interesting him forty years or so ago. The reason I have got them is that I was asked by the Council to report (among other things) as to their value. I must admit that I have taken an excessive amount of time to make up my mind on the matter. Indeed, it is not so very easy, and, if I had, this would hardly be the proper place to express my conclusions. But I mention them because they serve me as a text for saying something about a man who was one of the principal contributors to the collection; a man who was pretty well known to the older generation of ringers, but who, to the younger men, is little more than a name, if so much.

The closing years of the last century witnessed a most remarkable revival of ringing. After a period in which the Exercise had sunk to its very lowest ebb, a time came when there was improvement in every branch of the science and art, an improvement which has gone on steadily to the present day. Only those whose memories go back for half a century fully realise how great that improvement has been. The status of ringers has been immensely raised; towers and belfries are in far better condition; better bells are cast and hung with better fittings; method ringing has been widely extended, the Exercise has been properly organised; and the mathematical science on which ringing is based has been explored.

All this was the work of comparatively few men. We to-day are reaping the harvest of their work and it is only right that we should now and then acknowledge what we owe to them. Not the least among them was the man of whom I am going to give a short sketch.

Henry Earle Bulwer came of an old Norfolk county family. His father, the Rev. A. E. L. Bulwer, was Rector of Cawston, a village twelve miles north of Norwich, and his cousin was lord of the manor and the principal landowner, and there at the Rectory on March 23rd, 1841, Henry Bulwer was born. The church is a noble building with a lofty and massive tower and six bells. The living is one of the richest in the county. It is in the gift of Pembroke College, Cambridge, of which both father and son were members, and it was generally understood in later years that when a vacancy occurred Henry Bulwer would have the offer of it. Only it so happened that the clergyman who succeeded to the older Bulwer lived to an exceeding old age and outlived the son.

Henry Earle Bulwer was educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School at Bury St. Edmunds, from which he went to Pembroke College, Cambridge. After taking his degree he was at Wells Theological College and was ordained deacon in 1864 and priest in 1865 by Bishop Harold Brown of Ely. He took his M.A. degree in 1866. Between 1864 and 1884 he held curacies in seven different parishes, chiefly in Norfolk. In 1884 he was appointed to the Rectory of Stanhoe-with-Barwich, in the extreme north-west corner of Norfolk, and there he died on May 5th, 1902, and was buried in the churchyard.

It is very remarkable that all through his life he lived and worked in parishes which, with one exception, were not only without bells, but which were remote from any ringing activity. The exception was the village of Needham, which is about a couple of miles from Harleston on the south border of Norfolk. He was curate-in-charge there from 1879 to 1882, and there he came in contact with Mr. Gervase Holmes, Captain A. P. Moore and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke. These men had recently taken the leading part in the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. Bolingbroke was for some years its secretary. Redenhall, which is the parish church of Harleston, had long had a good band, and the district contained then and still contains a large number of skilled ringers. It was at Redenhall that the first peal by the Norwich Association was rung—a peal of Super-

lative Surprise Major, then a very notable performance indeed. About that time Gervase Holmes and Captain Moore, in conjunction with a Mr. Mackenzie, an engineer, started a bell foundry at Harleston. One of their jobs was a new peal of six at Weybread, just over the border in the county of Suffolk. The Vicar of that parish was also Vicar of Needham, where Mr. Bulwer was curate-in-charge, and this it was which brought the latter into contact with ringers and ringing.

His first peal was rung at Redenhall on May 3rd, 1881, and was one of Double Oxford Bob Major. The following are the particulars from 'The Bell News' of June, 1881:—

Norwich Diocesan Association. Redenhall. On Tuesday, May 3rd, 1881, the following members of the Redenhall branch of this association (being also members of the Society of Royal Cumberlands, London) rang a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 5040 changes, at St. Mary's in 3 hrs. 8 mts.: E. Smith (conductor) 1, G. Prime 2, Rev. N. Bolingbroke 3, G. Candler, Esq., 4, Rev. H. E. Bulwer (first peal) 5, G. Mobbs 6, G. Holmes, Esq., 7, Captain Moore 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D. This peal is a variation of one of Annable's productions by the Rev. H. E. Bulwer.

This was the second peal of Double Oxford ever rung. On six bells the method dates back to the early years of the eighteenth century, and was, as its name shows, first practised in the city of Oxford. As a Minor method it had deservedly a large measure of popularity, but unlike other popular six-bell methods, no attempt seems to have been made to extend it to eight bells till Shipway's time. With his usual system and thoroughness, he not only gave Double Oxford Major, but the single, reverse and double variations on all numbers, odd and even from six to twelve, except that on ten and twelve bells he left his readers to infer the double variations from the single and reverse. The Exercise, however, did not take kindly to these extensions. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, a 6,000, was rung by the Norwich Scholars at St. Giles' in that city in 1832, as I have already related in these notes, and then the method was dropped until this peal at Redenhall.

Some few years after, Sir Arthur Heywood made an attempt to popularise it, and rang and called several peals at his tower at Duffield, including a 10,000. Since that time a few peals have been rung here and there, including one (or two) of Royal, but the method has not been practised so much as it deserves. It is quite an interesting method to ring, well within the capacity of any ordinarily proficient band, and it has this advantage: that since every pair of bells works together for a considerable time, mistakes are easily put right and peals, therefore, are quite easy to get. Oxford Bob Triples, the single variation on seven bells, was popularised some years ago by Mr. J. J. Parker, and is a most excellent method.

In 1881 and 1882 Mr. Bulwer took part in five peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was then and for many years before and after the standard method of the Eastern Counties. The three years from 1879 to 1882 comprised almost the whole of Mr. Bulwer's connection with practical ringing. In the latter year he moved to Hunstanton, and the rest of his life was spent in a district where there were few bells and no ringers. His total list of peals numbered only eight, but though cut off from practically all actual ringing, he found other means to serve the Exercise. In the early part of 1890 he became honorary secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and held that post till his death, and much of the prosperity of that society was due to his work. His task was one of no little difficulty. The Norwich Diocese then comprised the whole of the large county of Norfolk, seventy miles from end to end and half the county of Suffolk. He lived at the extreme end of the district, the furthest possible from ringing centres, and at a place where railway facilities were so scanty as almost to be non-existent. In those days there were no motor-cars. It was, therefore, impossible for him to attend more than the annual general meetings, and the great bulk of his work had to be done by correspondence.

So far as ringing was concerned the district was extraordinarily varied. In the extreme south, at Ipswich, there was one of the finest, perhaps the finest twelve-bell band in the country. Throughout East Suffolk there were excellent bands, at Eye and Debenham. Helmingham, Kelsale, Leiston, and many six-bell towers. In South Norfolk, at Kenninghall, Diss, Redenhall, and other places there were good bands. At Norwich there was a revival of ringing, and at Aylsham a tradition of a couple of centuries still survived. But all West Norfolk and most of Central and North Norfolk was, for ringing purposes, a dreary wilderness. The art which, at one time, was common to all those villages had utterly declined. I fear it is little better now. In those parts of the diocese where ringing did flourish the great majority of the peals were Oxford Treble Bob Major. One thing those ringers could do, and that was to strike their bells. At no time and in no place has the standard of good striking been higher than among the Oxford Treble Bob ringers of East Suffolk of thirty years ago.

Mr. Bulwer's last peal was rung in 1894. The following is the record of it from the Norwich Diocesan Association report of that year: 'SSS. Peter and Paul, Eye. On Tuesday, April 10th, 1894, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mts. Tenor 24 cwt. Frederick Day 1, Rev. J. H. Pilkington 2, George Archer 3, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer 4, Charles Webster 5, William Ireland 6, W. G. Crickmer 7, John Souter tenor. Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by J. Souter.' (To be continued.)

DORSET DAYS.

A TOUR OF 'ALL SUCCESSES.'

The successful visit of a party of church bellringers to the county of Dorset during mid-August resulted in a 'possible' for those taking part in a most happy excursion, when all the peals attempted were made good. The veteran of three score years and one (Mr. George Williams, of Southampton), stood the mental and physical strain of the tour right well, and to him the ringers are indebted for planning all the arrangements for the visitors. No matter how clever the attainments of the ringer personally, all are as 'dead water' if the kindness and courtesy of the clergy, Guild secretaries and tower-keepers are withheld. Towers were visited off the beaten track of railways, and recourse was had to the silent car, and four of these from Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset and Essex respectively did yeoman service. The party, though united in brotherhood, were divided in quarters, half putting up at the Crown—good omen—Wimborne, and the others at the Masons' Arms, Swaythling—are you a Mason? We did not see the famous Dorset 'Fuddling Cup,' 1743. This is a group of six stoneware cups in triangular form, surrounded by twisted bands on the outside and three handles. Each cup has a connection at the base with the others, so that when filled a long draught from one would empty the whole. Our tower appointments and the methods rung in them were 'unfuddled,' and proceedings went as smoothly as the proverbial marriage bell, without 'hectoring' or bickering or a car being 'dyked.'

At Dibden we appreciated the peaceful Sunday surroundings of the countryside. One felt a longing to leave the bell rope and wander across the fields to listen to the music of the bells. A feature of the Vicarage is its roomy hall, where a long trestle table was erected and tea laid ready for us by the Rector and his wife. Their personal kindness made us all resemble children of the Rectory, instead of grown-up men of the Church, and all regretted leaving the parish and its church and the village preacher's modest mansion.

ST. GILES' CHURCH.

Permission to ring at Wimborne St. Giles' tower on Monday was a great favour. A new octave by Taylor and Co. was opened quite recently and fully described in these columns. The tower, at the west end of the nave of the church, forms a porch at its base, and is the principal entrance to the building, which was dedicated by Bishop Wordsworth on St. Giles' Day in 1910. It is the third church erected on the site, and rather larger than its predecessor on the north side, which was destroyed by a fire that broke out in the roof of the tower at midnight on September 30th, 1908. The external walls, now showing a classical style of architecture, are practically those of the 1732 church built by the fourth Earl of Shaftesbury, the tower much resembling St. Olave's, Hart Street, London (now demolished), and Bewdley, Worcestershire.

The earliest church here was probably Norman, and there are traces of Roman occupation in the locality, but the first Rector of the parish is recorded by name, John de Fissa, 1207, and in 1291 the church was called the 'Chapel of St. Giles,' quite a small building. There are two monuments in the church restored after the fire, and originally in the older building. One is that of the Crusader, thought to be Sir John de Plecty, who died in 1313. The large altar tomb now in the Lady Chapel is to Sir Antony Ashley and his wife, who built and endowed the almshouses adjoining the church, and died in 1627. The little figure kneeling by the side of her parents' tomb is that of Miss Ashley, who married Sir John Cooper, of Rockbourne, and became the mother of the first Earl of Shaftesbury. The church was remodelled and beautified in 1852. In 1887 the interior was restored by the Countess of Shaftesbury, and in 1900 the east end was enriched under the direction of Mr. Bodley, but it all disappeared in the fire, only to rise again more beautiful than ever, as may be seen to-day.

Rudhall, bellfounder of Gloucester, supplied a peal of six bells for St. Giles' in 1737, with tenor 38in. diameter, note A, with the usual brief texts on each bell and his trade mark. A Sanctus bell, 15½in. diameter, is of much interest, as it was the gift of, and named as, the Ashley-Cooper bell, and forms a personal reminder of the first earl, whilst the new bells, as an octave, coincide with the eight descendants of the family in the male line.

On arrival at St. Giles' we were welcomed by the Vicar, and after the peal congratulated in the belfry by the present earl, who is a practical ringer and president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and went on our way rejoicing. There was a brief run through quiet lanes to Camborne Church, where a solemn old mixed ring of eight, specimens from four bellfounders, awaited us. The 7th bell mentions that certain bells were recast 'in the reign of Queen Victoria, A.D. 1841,' and the tenor that 'Clement Tosier cast me in the 12th year of Q. Ann rain, 1713.' It is 45in. diameter, weight uncertain, and note F. In the peal we rang here we discovered that Sam's two 'boys,' the brothers Andrews, were not wanting in 'mettle.' On tour for the first time they took the treble and tenor, the former now scoring his first peal, and the latter his 50th on the Wednesday. I have forgotten the name of the house where we had tea before parting for the night. Perhaps in a century hence it will be known as the 'Fire Dunlops' or the 'Carburettor Inn.' On our own cars these attachments answered well so far.

DOBSON'S BELLS AT POOLE.

On the third day we journeyed to Poole and rang at St. James', Mr. Thompson having all in readiness for the first Surprise peal here.

A light comfortable ringing room, with large windows and good ventilation, instead of the noisy 'den' above it, which formerly answered for a 'room' when Mr. Thompson, an old Cheltonian, first came to Poole. An interesting group of the old Painswick ringers, taken in 1860, hangs on the walls. Some of the long-peal men of a century ago may be seen in this photo print. The bells are a very interesting peal, tenor 48in. diameter, 19½ cwt., cast by William Dobson, of Downham, in 1821. They found their way here by sea from King's Lynn via the Straits of Dover, and were opened on June 14th. The treble bears the inscription: 'Long live King George the Fourth.' Thus for the third time we found expressions of loyalty to the throne impressed on the bells we rang, a premonition of the royal peal that was to follow for our present well-beloved queen.

Fordingbridge had been arranged for the afternoon, and here we found the bells were 'barricaded.' Some workmen, a week behind time, had fixed planks through bell frame and wheels to carry a platform outside the windows in order to repair and renew the dial of the church clock. Nothing was doing here under those circumstances, and as we were about to leave the Vicar came along and expressed his regret, explaining that the men had only started that very morning, and he was unable to let us know of it. Mr. Williams, as Ringing Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, wisely retains a list of 'emergency' towers, and we were soon pealing forth touches at Sherfield English, as Englishmen only can do. An early tea followed, so that the Wimborne division could return to practice at the Minster and prepare for the morrow.

Wednesday the appointment was Wimborne Minster at 11 o'clock for Stedman. Mr. E. Hart and others met us, and a prompt start and finish of the peal effected. The Swaythling 'half' included Mrs. G. Williams, who had come to see the Queen. They visited Ferndown on the way to see Mr. and Mrs. Martin-Stewart and their bonny family. The high road from Romsey to Wimborne affords some splendid scenery; the Isle of Wight on the left and the Dorset Hills to the right, vast stretches of moorland strewn with patches of purple heather in the sunshine of what proved to be a royal day. Needless to say, we found time to visit 'Rufus Stone,' that marks the spot where King William II. was shot with an arrow accidentally by Sir Walter Tyrrell. He was buried at Winchester in August of the year 1100.

A ROYAL LISTENER.

The Crown Hotel at Wimborne received us with open arms at 3 p.m. for tea, and the 'residents' kindly offered their distant or better-half team a free cup. But we were all up and away by 3.30 for St. Giles' Church. The Vicar and Mr. Coe, churchwarden, received us here. Preparation for the word 'go' Norwich was soon made, and we were off into changes at 4.30, in fulfilment of Lord Shaftesbury's wish to welcome Her Majesty to St. Giles' House by a special performance upon the new bells.

I may just mention that the church and park adjoin each other, the church tower standing only a few yards from the main entrance, so that the bells were heard to advantage as the royal party drove by. Locked in the belfry we knew little of the procedure, and the conductor could not be 'presented.' But on signing our names after the peal we found Her Majesty's signature on a special page of the visitors' book. It afterwards transpired that the Queen arrived soon after five o'clock, and after a cup of tea graciously expressed a wish to hear the bells again, walking through the park, with the earl and countess in attendance, to the church.

Of the Minster bells, it is well known that the present ring of ten are an excellent work by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, tenor a little under 30 cwt. It is more than 40 years ago since I climbed the stairs up to the old octave, whilst staying at Weymouth on a holiday with my father, and found them in keeping with the ancient tower, the tenor then reputed to be 36 cwt. and measuring 55in. diameter. The fifth, the oldest bell, was inscribed: 'Praise thou the Lord, O.L., A.D. 1598, I.W.' It is said that several of these bells came from Kingston Lacy, the seat of the Bankes family, near Wimborne. The initials T.B. on the 3rd and 4th bells, dated 1688, are those of Sir Thomas Bankes.

On Thursday we crossed the Solent from Southampton for Cowes, and rang a first peal in an old method in Newport. Mr. William Upton, looking well, greeted us, and was glad we met with success. The Lynton-Yarmouth contingent had a hurried life to keep their tryst. However, lunch and tea in the capital and centre of the Island were squeezed in—to time, I mean, and we all reported in before closing hours at our quarters.

The fine physique of two of our two 'backenders' is well known around Bristol and Trowbridge. All their friends—who are well aware that they are had sailors—will be glad to hear that during the crossing neither caved in.

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH.

Friday saw the end of the 'Dorset days,' and the last peal was rung at Kingston, Isle of Purbeck, a most appropriate place to do so after the Queen's peal. It involved the longest ride of the tour. We travelled via Ringwood, Wareham, Corfe, and its castle, the latter an historical ruin, the counterpart of Bamburgh in the north, but without its rocky sea coast. Mr. Bastable, a relative of the noted 'Harry' of Birmingham, met us, and I understand there's only half a dozen of this name left.

This, a beautiful new stone church, erected on cruciform plan, with central tower by Dorey and Son, is built entirely of local materials (except oak, which came from the Gloucester estates), under the

superintendence of Street, who designed the well-proportioned Early English Gothic characteristics of the building. The interior, though small, forms practically a miniature cathedral, its nave supported by black Purbeck marble, with smaller shafts clustered round each, and richly carved capitals. The exterior reminds one of St. Saviour's, Arklow, surrounded by evergreens and trees, and the absence of graves in the churchyard.

Like Arklow, its only interment was that of the Vicar after 40 years' residence in 1921. The church was opened on St. James' Day—its patron saint—on July 25th, 1880, and cost approximately £60,000. Two-thirds of this amount was bequeathed by Lady Louisa Scott, and when expended there was still the roof and tower to complete, Lord Eldon, her brother, finding the balance. Formerly a private chapel on an estate of 28,000 acres—in ancient maps called Kingston field—it was, shortly before his lordship's decease, handed over with its grounds and vicarage and endowments to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for care and maintenance. On a plain wooden cross on the south side of the church are the words: 'John, 3rd Earl of Eldon, 1845-1926.'

Like most legal luminaries, he was rather dogmatic, but a real good master, brimming over with kindness, and above all a staunch churchman. When his heir married a Roman Catholic lady and embraced her faith, Lord Eldon immediately handed over the valuable buildings. There is no Vicar appointed at present.

Now for the bells. They are remarkable for one reason. There is not a letter or figure on either, and future antiquarians will be disappointed at their search. Cast as an octave by Taylor and Co. in 1880, the tenor weighs 28 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in key D flat, with 53½ in. diameter, but recently they were sent away to the Loughborough Foundry to be softened in tone and harmonised upon the modern system. The whole of the fittings were overhauled, so that we not only had the privilege of attempting a peal but enjoyed real bell music and easy-going bells in a modern, well-planned belfry.

It was nice to have Martin Stewart in the band with us, breaking a long rest, after his serious operation, and, better still, to sit at tea in the village inn as his welcome guests, toasting prosperity to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild before dispersing for home.

Swanage ringers report that a team of College Youths opened these bells and tried twice for Bob Major, but failed, as the treble man was handicapped with eye troubles. He wore an eyeshade, and at once Isaac Shade came to mind. It is surmised that Lord Eldon was disappointed, because he never again consented to a peal attempt here, giving as his reason, 'I do not believe in the bells being rung for exhibition purposes.'

Half a mile away the old village church stands in its simple glory, covered with its weather-stained mantle of centuries that no money

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EIGHT BELLS FOR BISHOPS WALTHAM.

RECTOR'S STATEMENT AT PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful bye-meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Bishop's Waltham last Saturday, when nearly 30 members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham, together with the Master (Mr. G. Williams), and visitors from Haslemere, King's Somborne, Ringwood, Winchester and Mr. O. J. Hunt (Coventry).

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were fully used. The Rector (Canon H. Sharpe) paid a visit to the belfry, and gave a brief survey of the position regarding the provision of two new trebles and overhauling the present six to increase the peal to eight. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had estimated to complete the job for £174, and it had been decided to issue circulars at once in the parish in order to raise the necessary amount. As several substantial promises had been made, including £25 from the churchwardens, which amount covered the overhauling of the present six, the Rector saw no reason why the remainder should not be forthcoming. It was his intention, he said, to complete this job before he resigned next March.

A very enjoyable tea was served in the Abbey Tea Rooms, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. During the day the ringing consisted of Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

LADY RINGER WEDDED.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Saturday, when Miss A. M. Dale, one of the local lady ringers, was married to Mr. E. Wakling, of Somersham, who has assisted St. Mary's band for about eighteen months.

The bells rang merrily as the happy couple left the church, and a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung in the evening by S. Thompson 1, Mrs. Northern 2, E. Tilley 3, J. J. Jutson 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

On the previous Sunday morning the bride was presented with a salad bowl with silver servers, the gift of the local ringers, with their best wishes for the future happiness of both.

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can purchase. Gazing at it from the top of the new tower and across to the town of Swanage and Studland Bay, I pondered over the strange chance that led to so much wealth being poured out upon such a secluded site. 'Man proposeth; God disposeth.'

W. H. F.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, who has undergone two serious operations at Duncedin Nursing Home, Bath Road, Reading, is, we are pleased to state, progressing satisfactorily.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday at 7.50 p.m.

Owing to ill-health, the Vicar of Harwich (Rev. A. E. Mells, R.D.), is retiring. His departure will be a great loss to the town, and especially to St. Nicholas' Ringers' Guild, in which he has taken a great interest.

The many friends of Mr. Sidney Dawe (ex-sergeant-major) will regret to learn that he is lying dangerously ill at his residence, 23, Lower Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

The Rev. J. F. Amies, who was hon. secretary of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society in 1922, and is now Rector of Edgcote, Aylesbury, has become secretary of a newly-formed branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, called the Central Bucks branch. Although there are only three bells at Mr Amies' tower, there are a number of five and six bell towers round about him which offer ample scope for useful work.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral on August 31st, 1886, when Mr. F. E. Dawe conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters.

To-day is the anniversary of the handbell record, when five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild sat for 9hrs. 32mins. in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford, in which time they rang 19,738 Stedman Caters.

Bishop's Stortford bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had the first peal rung on them on September 2nd, 1820, by a band of the Junior Society of College Youths. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Twenty years ago next Thursday, at Anstey, Leicestershire, members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 10,192 Bob Major.

Who got the wrong hats at the Loughborough District meeting last Saturday, and are they satisfied with the exchange?

THE NEW DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

LIMITATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE RESOLUTION.

The object of the new definition of a peal of Minor adopted by the Central Council at Hereford was, writes the proposer, to give recognition to compositions (such as the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor), which comprise seven true 720's although 'rounds' may appear elsewhere than at the end of them. The former definition excluded the use of independent 360's in the make-up of a 5,040, and the new definition does not go back on that rule.

Whatever Mr. Atkins may think about it, this point was quite clear in the minds of the majority of the members when they voted on the resolution.

There appears to be no objection to splicing two 720's together, assuming that one true and complete 720 is bracketed into another true and complete 720, but if Mr. Atkins' view is that the new definition was intended to cover any arrangement so long as all the changes are rung seven times in the peal, he is mistaken. There does not seem to be much room for doubt in the wording of the resolution: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. . .'

Mr. J. W. Parker also writes: Referring to Mr. Atkins' letter on this subject, if your report of the proceedings at the Central Council is a full one, I am under no misapprehension. In my opinion, the new definition clearly shuts out peals which do not consist of seven successive blocks (not necessarily ending in rounds), each containing the 720 true changes.

While the bald statement by Mr. James may have been sufficient to remove the doubts of Mr. Atkins, this is no reason for implying that it should also change my opinion.

RINGER'S PRESENTATION AT WHITCHURCH.

An interesting little ceremony took place at the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch (Glam.), on Tuesday evening, August 14th, when a presentation was made to Mr. F. J. Bailey to mark the completion of 20 years' service as leader of St. Mary's bellringers. The present, which took the form of a pipe and tobacco, together with a silver bell pendant (inscribed on the obverse side, 'St. Mary's bellringers,' and on the reverse side, 'To F. J. Bailey, 1908-1928, in appreciation of 20 years' service as leader of St. Mary's band'), was made by Mr. T. Middleton, and seconded by the present leader, Mr. L. Wright. Mr. A. E. Ray spoke on behalf of the visiting ringers who had subscribed.

Mr. Bailey suitably acknowledged the gift, and begged all to give the same help, attention and respect to the present leader as he had enjoyed.

A short course, consisting of 20 changes each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, rung consecutively, was afterwards brought round to specially mark the occasion by the following: H. Cozens 1, A. Watkins 2, A. E. Ray 3, L. Wright 4, Evan Coles 5, F. Wright 6.

WALSALL TO HAVE A PEAL OF TWELVE. RAPID GROWTH OF RINGS.

Walsall Parish Church is to have a ring of twelve bells to replace the present poor-toned peal of ten. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the order, and the new bells will have a tenor of 26 cwt. When completed, this will bring the number of twelve-bell peals hung for ringing to 46, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. will have achieved the distinction of having hung 18 of them, nine within six years.

At the moment, the Loughborough Foundry is employed upon five peals of twelve, four of them at cathedrals, viz., St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Worcester Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne Cathedral and Walsall Parish Church. At St. Paul's Cathedral they are overhauling the heavy ring, including the rehanging of the eleventh with new fittings and cast-iron headstock. It is exactly fifty years ago this year that St. Paul's bells were erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co.



WALSALL PARISH CHURCH.

In addition to the above, two other rings of twelve are receiving attention. St. Martin's, Birmingham, are being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are also recasting the four trebles for Saffron Walden.

The bells at St. Matthew's, Walsall, were installed as a peal of eight in 1775, and two trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1863. For the last ten years no ringing has been done upon them, owing to the dilapidated condition of the frame, and on Sunday they were chimed for the last time. When the bells are taken out of the tower, it is proposed to put them in the churchyard for a few days to enable the parishioners to take a farewell view of them.

A generous response, we understand, has been made to the appeal of the Mayor and the Vicar for funds to carry out the work.

The rapid growth of rings of twelve in recent years is remarkable, some fourteen or fifteen peals having been made up to this number in the last quarter of a century. In Shipway's day, a little over a hundred years ago, there were 13 peals of twelve, seven of them being in London (one of which, Spitalfields, has since disappeared), and six in the provinces, namely, at Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury.

The present list is as follows:—

	Tenor (approx.). cwt.		Tenor (approx.). cwt.
London:		Leeds	36
St. Paul's	62	Leicester	33
St. Bride's	28	Lincoln	24
St. Giles', Cripplegate	36	Liverpool	42
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	39	Macclesfield	26
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	20	Newcastle	38
St. Michael's, Cornhill	41	Norwich	38
St. Saviour's, Southwark	50	Oldham	35
Bow, Cheapside	53	Oxford	31
Ashton-under-Lyne	26	Painswick	26
Birmingham	36	Quex Park	15
Bristol	51	Saffron Walden	24
Buckfast Abbey	40	Sheffield	40
Cambridge	28	Shrewsbury	40
Canterbury	30	Taunton	30
Chelmsford	35	Wakefield	31
Cheltenham	23	Walsall	26
Cirencester	28	Waltham Abbey	39
Dublin	45	West Bromwich	23
Exeter	72	Winchester	30
Great Yarmouth	30	Wolverhampton	33
Halifax	25	Worcester	50
High Wycombe	31	York	60
Ipswich	32		

BURTON RINGERS' REUNION. ANOTHER HAPPY GATHERING.

On Saturday last there was another happy gathering of past and present members of St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. Among those who were present were Mr. W. W. Worthington (Lichfield), Mr. J. H. Benstead (London), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton, Bath), Mr. A. Harrison (Arlingham, Glos), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. W. J. Smith (Coventry), Mr. J. Griffin (Elford, Tamworth), Mr. J. Ashmole (Northwich), Mr. G. Bull (London), Mr. J. Jagger (Oldbury), Messrs. John and Morris Swinfield, Mr. E. I. Stone and other locals, and ex-Sergeant Williams (Newent, Glos). All looking well and in the pink of condition, the party met at St. Paul's Church, and after the camera man had been satisfied a tour of several villages was begun by a visit to Hoarcross, where everything is splendour. The church is magnificent, and there are six heavy bells. Grandsire, Stedman and Minor were rung till all had had a turn, and the bells were then lowered in peal. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was tapped off in the roadway. Not many motors travel this way, so the ringers were only disturbed once.

The next place was Alrewas, with a very pretty and good-going peal of eight, where everyone had a turn either in Double Norwich, Grandsire, Stedman or Kent Treble Bob. Loading up again, the party left Staffordshire, and passed through a little bit of Derbyshire to reach Lullington in Leicestershire, with its six bells, and then to Netherseal, with its ring of eight. Returning to St. Paul's, Burton, an hour was spent in ringing, and then the happy company gathered round a well-stocked table and enjoyed a sumptuous meal. A telegram was handed to the chairman (Mr. W. W. Worthington), who read: 'Best wishes for pleasant evening, from Fred Wallis, Rhyl.' It may be mentioned here that Mr. Wallis was one who started in St. Paul's in 1877, and it was exactly 49 years ago to the very day that a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. Wallis being, of course, one of the band, to celebrate his coming-of-age. On Saturday, therefore, he reached his 70th year, and all were sorry he could not be with them. The chairman, however, proposed 'Many happy returns of the day,' which toast was drunk with acclamation.

'There's naught so sweet as when friends meet, and hearts and hands unite.' Quite a lot of old-time doings were discussed, and the time passed pleasantly with tunes and changes on the handbells.

The best thanks of all present was proposed by Mr. Jagger, seconded by Mr. Dyke, and accorded with musical honours, to Mr. W. W. Worthington for all his kindness, and to Mr. Swinfield for making such splendid arrangements for such an enjoyable reunion.

On Sunday morning, at St. Paul's and the Parish Church, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, and a touch of Grandsire for a few novices were rung, while a few went on to Rolleston-on-Dove for the evening service.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

Members of St. Mary Abbots' Guild, Kensington, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 18th. A party of 22 left the church at 2 p.m. for Hughenden and West Wycombe, Bucks, by motor coach. The weather was delightful, and the country looking lovely. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich were rung at both places. The view from West Wycombe Church, built on top of a hill, must be seen to be believed, and the unusual design and history of the church make it most interesting. A happy but tired party arrived home about 11 p.m., and they wish to thank the Vicars of both churches for the use of the bells, also to Messrs. Biggs, Borham and Hoing for their help, which made the outing such a success. The Guild were glad to have with them their friend and treasurer, Mr. Reginald Carter, also Mr. J. Hawkins (Master of the College Youths), and Mr. R. A. Daniell.

“BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.”

A NEW AND COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME.

A new and valuable addition to bell literature has been published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall. ‘Bells through the ages’ is a comprehensive survey of every phase of campanology, using the term in its widest sense, which includes the study of bells and their history, the founders’ craft and the ringers’ art. The author is Mr. J. R. Nichols, of Stamford, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and other ringing associations, and he and the publisher have alike done their work well. The aim throughout the book has been to produce an authoritative work, which will become a standard of reference, and, judged by the pains which have obviously been bestowed upon its preparation, it deserves to occupy a foremost place in this respect. Mr. Nichols has searched deeply among the authorities upon the early history and development of bells, and has drawn together all the salient facts; he has had the assistance of the leading bellfounders and technical experts in dealing with that side of the question which relates to bell founding and bell hanging, so that readers are able to compare with accuracy the old and the new methods. There are interesting chapters on English bellfounders and their work; an explanation of the elements of change ringing is given; and there is a representative selection of those old belfry rules, in doggerel verse, which have been handed down for centuries in a number of belfries. Carillons, chimes and mechanical appliances for ringing bells are described, and the sacred and secular uses of church bells are extensively dealt with; while the loss of church bells, and lore and legends make up other readable as well as informative chapters.

The book is intended, of course, primarily for the general public, but ringers who like to study the historical, archaeological and technical side of bells will find this volume both educative and of immense interest. The chapter on bell founding, hanging and tuning is particularly instructive, and that on the English bellfounders brings the history of the craft in this country into a compact review of the men who have given us our church bells. There is also a full and very useful index.

The author deplures the attitude of the general public towards ringing, which, he says, in the main is apathetic. ‘If the bells are ringing—well, they are! If not, no one bothers very much, apparently—otherwise there would not be the number of “rings” hanging unused that there are to-day. This is to be deplored, since (apart from the fact that change ringing, dating back, as it does, some 300 years, is somewhat in the nature of an English institution, and is therefore worthy of encouragement) in such cases the bells and frames, costly items in the first instance, are often allowed to fall into disrepair or decay. . . . Apart from apathy, there is among the public a general ignorance of bell matters; the misleading statements which appear in the press from time to time confirm this. This is not to be wondered at, for often even church officials—other than the ringers—know very little about the belfry, and perhaps have not seen the bells. . . . Obviously, it is to the younger generation that we must look for our ringers of the future, and anything that can be done to stimulate their interest in the campanological art will be well worth while.’ All of which sentiments the Exercise will fully endorse.

Mr. Nichols makes a plea for the preservation of ancient bells, and remarks that where the old bell or bells cannot be utilised in the new peal it should not be a difficult matter to cover the increased expenditure, providing those in authority realise the value of their possession and duly impress the facts on the parishioners generally.

In his chapter on the church uses of bells, Mr. Nichols gives us the following on the authority of Smith’s ‘Law of Churchwardens and Sidesmen.’ ‘In the first place, it must be borne in mind that the incumbent has full control over the ringing of the bells. Not even the churchwardens have the legal right to break into the belfry and ring the bells without the consent of the incumbent. Anyone going against the incumbent in this matter would be guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, but, strangely enough, a person may remove the bells from the steeple without fear of being sued in an ecclesiastical court; he would, however, be liable to be proceeded against for trespass under common law.’ And, we should have thought, for larceny also.

There is so much of interest in ‘Bells through the ages’ that it is difficult to know which to commend most, for both in thoroughness and variety it has never, we think, been excelled. Mention must, however, be made of the illustrations. There are over a hundred and twenty of them, mostly on art paper, the frontispiece being the great 18½ ton bell recently cast at Croydon. The pictures have been admirably selected, are all beautifully reproduced, and add greatly to the value of the book. Among ringers there will be great gratification that John Carter and his ringing machine find both illustration and description in this excellent volume, and there are reproductions of diagrams made by the ‘Campanomutophone.’ Our only regret is that the circulation of the book among the general body of ringers may be limited by its price. It is published at 21s. It is well worth it, but the pocket of the average ringer, we are afraid, can hardly meet it.

* ‘Bells through the ages,’ by J. R. Nichols. Chapman and Hall. Price 21s.

‘EXTENSION.’

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The word means that something has been extended; it does not mean cutting off the upper portion of anything and grafting something foreign in between the upper and lower portions; but this was what ‘Shipway’ did to produce his Royal method.

Copernicus elaborated a theory; Galileo proved that Copernicus was right.

George Baker discovered Round Blocks and Transpositions; ‘Minor-mania’ and others have proved that these are incontrovertible facts. Time will prove who is the obscurantist, and whether Rev. H. L. James is right in his assertions, which he makes no attempt to prove, or yours truly,

‘OWEN KAY.’

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT BANSTEAD.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Banstead on Saturday proved a great attraction. The bells are a fine ring of eight, with tenor of 21 cwt., cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and they ‘go’ like the proverbial tops. Light and commodious, the ringing chamber on the ground floor is open to the church, and ringing is carried on under the best conditions. During the afternoon and evening touches in methods ranging from Grand-sire to London and Bristol Surprise were rung.

The Guild’s service was conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. A. Hopkinson) by his curate, the Rev. R. H. Babington, who gave a short address, in which he dwelt upon the essentials for retaining one’s youth throughout life—activity in body, mind, heart and soul.

A company of fifty sat down to tea, an overflow ‘sitting’ in the garden of the tea house being necessary to accommodate those who had not notified their intention of being present. Among the party were the Rev. R. H. Babington, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Lt.-Col. T. F. Parkinson, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. S. H. Green (Kent Association), Messrs. A. W. Coles, J. E. Davis and E. F. Pike (Middlesex Association), and others, while Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) also looked in.

An al fresco business meeting was held, with the Rev. R. H. Babington in the chair. Lt.-Col. Parkinson was elected a ringing member, attached to Banstead band, on the motion of the district secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss).

A vacancy having occurred in the representation of the district through the removal of the Rev. C. F. Carver, Mr. A. H. Winch was elected to the executive committee until the next annual meeting.

Mr. R. Whittington, one of the Central Council representatives, gave a short report of the meeting at Hereford, and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) invited an expression of opinion on the question of adopting a Guild badge. On a vote being taken, there was a small majority in favour.

The General Secretary welcomed the visitors to the Guild’s meeting, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. R. H. Babington for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the meeting; to Mr. Rogers for his services as organist; to the organ blower; and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. George) for having the bells in readiness.—The Master seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation and acknowledged by the chairman.

Further ringing completed an enjoyable gathering.

HARWICH RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK.

In glorious weather St. Nicholas’ Guild, Harwich, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 18th. The party, with their friends, numbering 19 in all, visited Eye, Debenham, and Hasketon, Suffolk. On arriving at Eye at 12 noon, the 95 steps to the belfry were climbed, and the bells set going to Kent Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples. After inspecting the interior of the church, with its fine carvings, etc., dinner was enjoyed at Mrs. Tricker’s, Church Street. The handbells were then brought out, and courses of Grand-sire Triples and Caters were tapped off. A few tunes were also rung and greatly appreciated. On resuming the journey, tracks were made for Debenham, which was reached at 3.15. The visitors were met at the church by Mr. Rumsey, who had the bells in readiness for touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples on this fine peal of eight. Going on to Hasketon, the home of the captain (Mr. G. Thompson), tea was waiting the party. It had been prepared on the lawn under a cluster of apple trees by Mrs. Thompson and her daughters, and was enjoyed by all. A few speeches of thanks to those who had assisted in various ways were made. The handbells were then brought out and set going to Grand-sire and Kent Treble Bob Major, also the tune programme was repeated. Afterwards the tower was visited for a few touches of Treble Bob Minor on this nice ring of six. The homeward journey was made via Ipswich and Bergholt, Harwich being reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers wish, through ‘The Ringing World,’ to thank the incumbents of the towers visited for the use of the bells, also Mr. H. Day and Mr. Rumsey, of Eye and Debenham, for having the bells in readiness, and everyone who helped to make this outing a record success.

FROM TRURO TO EXETER.

A KENTISH INVASION OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.

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Wednesday morning opened with a visit to the chemist's for lotion, etc., for tender hands and feet. Then, after an early lunch, out to Bovey Tracey on the edge of Dartmoor. Here a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was polished off. This method was chosen for the benefit of a gentleman who wished to show what he could do in the conducting line, but, having an exaggerated notion of safety first, he farked it at the last moment, so the 'old firm' had to step into the breach. Yet how near it was to a catastrophe we were startlingly made aware when the treble rope broke at the very first stroke when being pulled down immediately after the peal. The luck was certainly still in, as whilst the peal was in progress (the ringing was from the ground floor and the door was left open to appease the 'fresh-air fiend') a lady insisted on standing in the doorway in spite of the efforts of Bob, who was left on guard, to persuade her to desist. A wasp also took it into its head to investigate the proceedings. These little troubles, however, did not have any effect on the appetite at the subsequent high tea. Probably the invigorating Dartmoor air had something to say in the matter. At any rate, enquiries are going around as to who it was who swallowed the plum stones with his tart (two helpings) and washed them down with the remains in the slop basin, there being nothing else left. Aubrey Bennett, of Buckfast, another local enthusiast, who put the treble through its paces in excellent form, parted with us at Newton Abbot on the homeward journey, whither the Shepherd had already preceded us on his faithful steed, which accompanied him everywhere.

Thursday was a day of varied experiences, not soon to be forgotten. Berry Pomeroy was on the original programme, but as this was cancelled at the last moment E.W.M. had the happy thought of communicating with Mrs. Gover, who with right goodwill promptly obtained the use of the bells of St. Mary's, Torquay. It was therefore decided to train to Totnes and try for a pull on another grand peal, which we were successful in doing. As we were only seven (Bob acquiring a severe attack of home sickness overnight and taking his departure in the morning, being the only one with a 100 per cent. score), it became imperative to find a local man, if only to drum the tenor. As luck would have it, Charlie Player, who as usual was scouring the town for a picture postcard of the church, had the brain wave to ask the first chap he came across if he were a bellringer, and 'the boy guessed right the very first time,' so he brought his prize along in triumph. He turned out to be the stoniest of 'stone' ringers, and could only ring the 6th, so it had perforce to be a touch only of Stedman Doubles with 7.6.8 covering. Alas, pride had its fall that day if never before. Instead of the open-mouthed admiration which was expected our stoney friend remarked, 'You should hear us do our 78's and 80's, and see old Tom ring the big bell and call it all at the same time.' We all felt duly humbled, although it would be difficult to diagnose E.W.M.'s emotions from the contortions on his face. To add to our discomfiture, when we were slinking away by a back street to the Paignton omnibus a navvy popped his head up from a drain and cheerfully called out, 'Not so bad, but if you want to hear something good you ought to hear our men rise and fall in peal.' Change ringing in Totnes is certainly not making much headway.

On to Torquay by bus and tram, and a start for Stedman Triples soon after two o'clock. The band was completed by Mr. F. Hayes, of High Wycombe, who was on holiday in the town. After an hour and twenty minutes of varied striking, interspersed with two or three trips, a mix-up occurred in the slow work, which defied even our super-conductor's efforts to unravel, and as there was a service at six another start could not be made. Strange to say, no one seemed particularly upset about it, as they had evidently come out for a day at the seaside, and were fully compensated by a visit to Babbacombe and the subsequent Devonshire cream for tea. In fact, Mrs. Gover took the failure to heart most, and it was really a piece of ingratitude to her after the trouble she had taken in making all arrangements. A call was made at Paignton Parish Church, it being the weekly practice night, for touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire, and then back to Plymouth. Bob missed the day of his life.

Friday morning and afternoon were devoted to a visit to yet another beauty spot, namely, the valley and estuary of the river Yealm, the bus ride itself being worth the journey. The first call was at Revelstoke through Yealton to the new church built by a former member of the well-known financial family of Baring. Here again a local 'stone' man was pressed into service, and this time he was induced to try his hand at the tenor to Stedman Triples, and he made quite a fair job of it on the whole. Another 'first' scored, and no doubt he will boast of his feat to his pals for many a day. By ferry to Newton Ferrers on the opposite side of the estuary for Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles, with the Rector on the treble, and subsequently a recruit to the Devon Guild (with the accompanying honorary member's subscription). E.W.M. herabouts was feeling very pleased with himself and things in general, which he needed as a salvo for the following and last day, about which more anon. In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Plympton St. Morice in exactly three hours, where two more 'firsts'

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CLITHEROE BELLS REDEDICATED.

A THANKSGIVING PEAL.

Clitheroe Parish Church bells, which have been silent since last December, were again heard and welcomed after their rededication on Tuesday, August 21st. The former peal of eight, erected in 1844, was pronounced by experts to be unsafe in December, 1927, and a meeting of the congregation of the church was called to discuss the raising of over £600 to meet the cost of recasting and rehanging the bells on modern lines.

During that discussion a letter was handed to the Vicar from Mr. Samuel Green, an honoured member of the church and school, who was recovering from a severe illness, offering to defray the entire cost of the scheme as a thanksgiving for his restoration to health. Mr. Green made two stipulations: (1) That the work be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the noted bellfounders of Croydon, and (2) that it should be completed before August 21st, his 83rd birthday.

These provisos were unanimously accepted. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out their work with every satisfaction, producing a fine musical ring of bells, rehung in steel frames, with all modern improvements, and they were first rung in commemoration of Mr. Green's natal day.

The church was crowded at the special dedication service, at which the donor called upon Canon Wrigley (Vicar) and the wardens to accept the bells, and asked the former to dedicate them. This having been done, Mr. Green tolled a bell as a signal for them to be rung.

Subsequently, Canon Elsee (Bolton), president of the Lancashire Association, gave an admirable address on the history and use of bells in the church and social life.

At the close of the service, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and other methods were rung until a late hour. The many ringers present expressed high approval of the bells to the firm's representatives, Messrs. Roper and Dyer. The tenor is 18 cwt. 13 lb., and bears a special inscription relative to the gift.

The inscriptions on the old eight bells have been reproduced with the addition on each: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1928.' On the tenor is cast: 'The gift of Miss Aspinall and Miss Jane Aspinall Standen. G. and C. Mears, Founders, London, 1844. To the glory of God and as a thankoffering for his restoration to health, this peal of eight bells was recast and rehung by Samuel Green, Esq., of Clitheroe, August 21st, 1928. Percy Mark Herbert, D.D., First Bishop of Blackburn. Canon Wrigley, M.A., Vicar. Alice Hyde Wrigley. Fred Duxbury Kay, Francis Vevers, Wardens.'

A FRIENDLY MEETING.

At All Saints' Church, Epping Upland, Essex, on Saturday evening, August 18th, three ringers from Harlow Common, one from Roydon, and three from Epping met four members of the local band and rang a 720 of Bob Minor: F. Swarder 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clark 3, W. Wedlock 4, B. Burton 5, W. Wheeler (conductor) 6. This was followed by 240 Grandsire Doubles (Pitman's arrangement).

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were scored, and this was probably the best struck peal of the tour, the part ends coming up every nine minutes exactly to the second. Here all arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Wonnacott, a young man as keen as mustard, and who stood out at the last moment to let his father ring his first peal, although he could not refrain from keeping within earshot of the bells and ticking off every part end.

Over Saturday it were better to draw a veil. In fact, the weather did so over the countryside in the shape of fog and drizzle. St. Austell was the venue, and all seemed to be going well when, punctually at 2 p.m., son-in-law F.I.H. turned up from Falmouth and A. T. Westcott arrived on his motor-cycle, and after pulling up the tenor with two other bells at the same time in order that it should not be mistaken for the fire bell, a start was made for Double Norwich. After less than five minutes' ringing (before the end of the first course was reached, in fact), persistent hammering on the outside door compelled a stop, and it was urgently requested that no further ringing should taken place on account of serious illness just outside the church. Consternation! But on investigation it was, unfortunately, found to be only too true, so there was nothing for it but to pack up and depart. F.B. here said good-bye, as he was going on to Falmouth for the remainder of his holiday, two remained to see some Cornish wrestling, an experience new to both of them, and the rest caught the first train back to Plymouth, E.W.M. having the mortification of being held up outside North Road Station to allow the train his wife was on to take its departure for Exmouth. H.D.H. was 'Shepherded' as far as Taunton on Sunday morning on the homeward journey, and the Kent contingent took their departure later in the day. Although they were not impressed at first, they admitted with pleasure in the end that Devon and Cornwall had the Kent scenery beaten to a frazzle. And so ended a very enjoyable week—no records broken, nor even any very 'posh' peal ringing, but, as the object of the tour was partly in the nature of propaganda, it is to be hoped the local stalwarts of the Devon Guild will have received an incentive in their endeavour to make headway against the insidious efforts from other quarters to discourage the art of change ringing in every way.

H. D. H.

KENT SURPRISE.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

In introducing this new method to the Exercise, I should like to explain that it is the result of an attempt of mine to produce a method containing the same musical positions as Superlative and at the same time to possess a plain coursing order, where every bell comes through to lead in the treble lead. The work behind is solely double dodging, with a five-pull dodge only occurring when a bob is called.

The extensions to Royal and Maximus contain the same features as the Major, inasmuch as the 5-6 places in Major become 7-8 places in Royal and 9-10 places in Maximus, which produces the full possible variations of the hindmost three bells, viz., in Major, 678, 687, 768, 786, 876, 867.

The work in front is all single dodging in proper coursing order. There is no 2nd's place made when treble leads, or 7th's when she lies her blows behind, and when it is considered that all peals of Treble Bob with the tenors together will answer for this method, it has strong claims upon the patronage of Surprise ringers.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21346587	2134658709	2134658709te
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21346587	2134658709	2134658709te
24163578	241635790	241635790et
42615387	4261837509	4261837509te
24165837	2416357909	2416357909te
42618573	4261830795	4261830579e7
46281537	4628103759	4628103759te
64825173	6482017395	6482017395te
68421537	6842103759	6842103759te
86245173	8624017395	8624017395te
68425713	6820471935	6820471935te
86247531	8602749153	8602749153te
86274513	8062471935	8062471935te
28765431	0826749153	0826749153te
27856341	8062794513	8027694513te
72583614	0826975431	0826975431te
75238641	0289674513	0289674513te
57326814	2098765431	2098765431te
75236184	2907856341	02829674513
57321648	9270583614	02829674513
53726184	9270583614	12069974513
35271648	7952803614	21e098765431
32517684	9725830164	2e2907856341
23156748	7952381046	e29170583614
32516478	7592830164	e92710856341
23154687	5729381046	9e7207583614
21345678	7523918406	e92705138164
12346587	5732194860	9e7250361846
21435678	5372918406	97e205138164
12436587	3527194860	792e50361846
14263857	3251749806	9725e3014486
4th's place bob.	2315478960	79523e104168
False course in Major,	3251748690	7592e3014486
32546	2315476809	57293e104168
46253	2134567890	752391e406t8
All compositions of	1234658709	573219e608t
Treble Bob with	2143567890	537291e406t8
tenors together will	1243658709	352719e608t
run true to this	1426385079	3251749806t8
method, which con-		231547890e8t
tains the same musi-		3251749808et
cal positions as Su-		2315476980te
perlative, with the		2134567890et
maximum amount of		1234658709te
double dodging in		2143567890et
7-8, etc., and no		1243658709te
work longer than a		1426385079e
single dodge in		
front.		

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, August 21st, in 22 mins., a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. H. Kilby 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, T. Lock 3, J. Armiger Trollope 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, H. Kilby 6. Rung in honour of the 78th birthday of Mr. R. Kilby.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on August 21st, 720 College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: *A. Wood 1, G. Copley 2, *P. Massam 3, *A. Wormald 4, S. Stacey 5, T. W. Strange-way (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. First 720 in method as conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The first of a series of united practices in the Northern Division took place on Thursday, August 23rd, at Felsted. Twenty members were present from Great Bardfield, Braintree, Felsted, Rayne and Stebbing. The methods rung were Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT SOUTH WEALD.

The meeting of the South-Western Division at South Weald on Saturday, August 25th, was not quite so well attended as usual, no doubt owing to no less than five affiliated bands having decided to hold their annual outing on this particular day. Nevertheless, over 30 members and friends attended from Brentwood, Shenfield, Leigh-on-Sea, Romford, Bentley, Woodford, Leytonstone, Barking and South Weald. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods till tea time, several young members enjoying their first touches in new methods. After tea the usual business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected, and Leyton decided upon as the venue for the next meeting, the district annual, on November 10th or 17th.—The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

Steps were again made to the tower by some, whilst others took a stroll to view the beautiful scenery, of which there is ample in this out-of-the-way Essex spot. During the evening a party, accompanied by a well-known member of the Leytonstone band, set out for a walk across Weald Park to the neighbouring village of Bentley, with the intention of having a pull on the five bells at the pretty church in this village, but the aforesaid member, not being able to go the pace, Bentley was not reached till 9 p.m., too late for ringing. Tracks were therefore made across Navestock Green to a well-known hostel, but owing to the last bus for Romford leaving at 9.30 p.m., no time could be wasted, and soon all were aboard bound for home, the individual mentioned being last seen ploughing his lonely way inside a 'General,' en route for Stratford, doubtless with happy visions of a visit to Bentley in the near future.

During the afternoon touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich, London and Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

MR. E. BARNETT, JUN.'S 300 PEALS.

Rung. Conducted.

Maximus:		
Cambridge Surprise	...	2
Kent Treble Bob	...	3
Plain Bob	...	1
Little Bob	...	1
Cinquies: Stedman	...	16
Royal:		
Cambridge Surprise	...	5
Double Norwich	...	1
Duffield	...	1
Forward	...	2
Kent Treble Bob	...	4
Granta Treble Bob	...	2
Plain Bob	...	1
Caters: Stedman	...	13
Major:		
London Surprise	...	8
New Cumberland Surprise	...	3
Cambridge	...	27
New Cambridge	...	1
Superlative Surprise	...	16
Norfolk Surprise	...	3
Double Norwich	...	69
Real Double Norwich	...	5
Double Oxford	...	6
Kent Treble Bob	...	22
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1
Granta Treble Bob	...	1
Plain Bob	...	12
Reverse Bob	...	1
Little Bob	...	1
Crayford Little Bob	...	1
Canterbury Pleasure	...	2
Little Canterbury	...	1
Kent College	...	1
Spliced:		
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	...	2
Double Norwich and Plain Bob	...	1
Double Norwich and Double Oxford	...	1
Double Oxford and Plain Bob	...	1
Canterbury and Plain Bob	...	1
Plain Bob and Stedman Triples	...	1
Triples:		
Stedman	...	37
Erin	...	1
Union	...	4
Grandsire	...	18
Total	...	300

SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will the Rev. Law James answer my question: If Shipway had extended Superlative Maximus in the way it is now rung, would he have been right or wrong; or, otherwise, would he have been 100 years too soon? He cannot answer it, and he knows it. Might I remind the reverend gentleman that one ounce of experience is worth a ton of theory. What about the extension of Stedman? His theory again. He has said, so rumour goes, that two six-bell bands who could ring Cambridge Minor could ring Cambridge Maximus. His theory, but not that of

‘B SHARP.’

THEORY GOVERNED BY FACTS.

Dear Sir,—Has not the Rev. H. Law James given away his own case on the subject of the extension of Superlative Surprise? He says, in your last issue, that scientific theory ‘is only a system of classifying all the facts known at the time, and as soon as a new fact comes to light which does not agree with the theory, it is the theory which has to be discarded.’ Shipway had a theory that he had discovered the correct extension of Superlative Major to Royal. A hundred years afterwards a new fact came to light—Superlative Surprise Maximus. Therefore Shipway’s theory, which Mr. Law James is so anxious to establish, must, according to Mr. Law James, be discarded.—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary’s Church on August 26th, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise and 360 of Double Court: H. C. Young 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, J. Jennings 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: H. Emery 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, J. Wood 4, E. Claydon 5, J. Jennings 6. Conducted by J. Jennings.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Johnson (first 720 in the method) 1, W. Wilkinson 2, F. Dewey 3, H. Harper 4, S. Lovell 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter’s Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. Dodson 1, J. Loveridge 2, H. Batty 3, H. Barber 4, F. Hawthorne (longest length as conductor) 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Gill 7, W. Mills 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. J. Luck 1, H. A. Holden 2, W. Watchorn (Woolwich) 3, L. J. Cullum 4, F. H. Ballard (Tunbridge Wells) 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun., (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, E. Gower 2, A. Gower 3, H. Dyas 4, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 5, G. W. Stokes 6, Robert Fardon (conductor) 7, B. Hobbs 8.

NOTICE.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Lustleigh (bells 6), on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moretonhampstead bells (8) available by appointment. Please advise me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter’s on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, September 1st, 6 till 9. Shottesbrook bells at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wellingore (6) Saturday, September 1st. Tower opens 2 p.m. Train leaves Lincoln (G.N.) 2.10 p.m. and 2.48 p.m., returns 6.58 p.m. and 8.41 p.m. ‘Silver Queen’ leaves Lincoln (St. Mark’s) 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., returns 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, Saturday, September 1st. Cup Committee are earnestly requested to be present. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Harrison, Bank View, Hope Street, Stocksbridge. A good attendance will be appreciated.—R. Harrison, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o’clock. Service at 5.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen’s Road, Horley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman’s Hatch on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Hawkshead on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 4 p.m. Bells (6) may be rung from 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Colaton Raleigh on September 1st. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea at 1/- each. Ringing at Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh and Otterton.—T. J. Stokes, Exeter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Otlands Road, Edenfield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 4th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderton Street, Chorley, not later than Thursday, September 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Will all ringers requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, the 5th, at latest?—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Sept. 8th, a meeting at Quainton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Please send notice to the secretary, Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, before Tuesday, the 4th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pentre, Rhondda Valley, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. It is absolutely essential that all who require tea should notify me by the Thursday previous. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Whaddon (bells 6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 4th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual Shield Contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The draw takes place at 2.40 in the School Room. First band to commence 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided for those who apply early to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting. Applications for tea (1s. 9d. per head) must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Sept. 13th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 11th. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 11th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, to Horsham and Warnham. Book cheap day return from Victoria, fare 4s. 9d., travel by 1.30 p.m. train to Horsham. Ringing at Horsham in afternoon and Warnham in evening. Members desiring to attend must hand in names by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Mr. W. Evetts, jun., hon. secretary and treasurer, has removed to Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. Stredwick has removed from Hove to Dial Post, near Horsham, Sussex.

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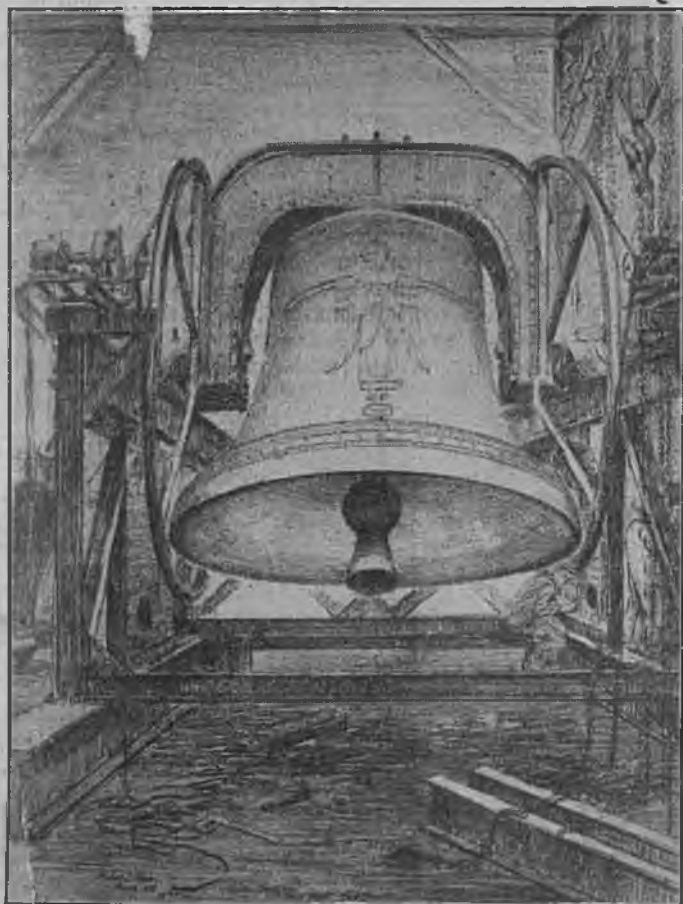
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The one thing that grieves the enthusiastic ringer is the number of places where full use is not made of the complete ring of bells. It is, of course, the old story of lack of interest on the part of local authorities and ringers and the absence of recruits. But it is none the less regrettable to find towers, where there are rings of six, eight or ten, perhaps in quite good going order, left without a full band of ringers, and, maybe, only two or three bells chimed for a few minutes before service. This state of things prevails in quite a considerable proportion of parishes, and it is the greatest source of disquiet and regret that one sees in the bell world to-day. One unfortunate consequence of the indifference is the tendency not only to neglect the ringing, but also to neglect the bells, which are valuable instruments that with proper care can, with small expenditure, be maintained in an efficient state for many years. Unquestionably where bells are not regularly rung the apathy in the ringing chamber leads to neglect among the bells.

Despite, however, the unsatisfactory conditions which can be found in many quarters, there are other signs which show that church authorities, when the matter is brought to their attention, are ready to put their bells in order. The twelve-bell restorations referred to are cases in point. We have always urged that the authorities have a responsibility with regard to their bells and bell-fries; we would emphasise that ringers individually and associations collectively have also a duty and a responsibility.

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(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*HERBERT W. HIBBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†HARRY WRIGHT ... 7
STANLEY C. MOYE ... 3	HARRY MENCE ... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JEFFERY R. GOMMON ... 9
GEORGE A. CARD ... 5	†WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*C. HENRY WEBB ... Treble	†COLIN HARRISON ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	JOHN OLDBAM ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 3	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. John Oldham.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FRANK ROWSELL ... Treble	GEORGE COOKE ... 6
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 2	PETER HEATH ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	†WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 8
GEORGE LARGE ... 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell, and elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to ex-Sergeant-Major Sidney Dave, who was interred on the above date. Seymour R. Barker's 50th peal on these bells.

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On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
CHARLES J. CHOCHET ... 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... 8
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This composition was rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 28th, 1787, conducted by the composer, John Reeves, at the Church of St. John, Horsley Down, and was the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	CHARLES T. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
JOHN W. WOOD 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The ringers of 3rd, 7th, 8th and tenor were elected members of the above Guild prior to commencing the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	GEORGE CONDECK 7
JESE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

CHARLES S. H. STILES Treble	SYDNEY ANDREW 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	RICHARD SMITH 6
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
THOMAS H. WOOTTON 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Stiles.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10 cwt.
BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	THOMAS COLLINS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
THOMAS LOCK 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
CHARLES DYKE 4	CHARLES T. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
GEORGE PINCOY 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	SAM JONES 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY 4	JOHN NUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

First peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MISS EVA LEWIS 3	JAMES S. HOTCHEY 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldham, of Loughborough.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN H. BURTON Treble	CYRIL T. NICHOLLS 5
WILFRED G. WILSON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
THOMAS LOCKE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. This peal has the 6th 24 times in 6th's place, and 18 times in 5th's place.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	JAMES L. GRAY 5
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	*WILLIAM SHERATON 6
ROBERT PARKINSON 3	FREDERICK SHERATON 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	JOHN A. BURFORD 5
E. GEORGE TREW 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN KING Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER... .. 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	THOMAS ABBOTT 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*H. WALTER SMITH Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First Surprise peal. First of Superlative on the bells. The band represented eight different parishes. The company offer their best thanks to Mr. W. Smith for obliging at the last minute, and also for his arrangements.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT FOR MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR GILL Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
*ROWLAND MYERS 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Norfolk, who was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. Treble	JOHN COOKE... .. 5
*THOMAS BIRCH 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	JOSEPH GODDARD... .. 7
†JAMES F. SMITH... .. 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal of Major away from the trouble. † First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Grindley for having all in readiness.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*REGINALD MOORE Treble	JOHN HALL... .. 4
*CHARLES H. PRICE 2	*RAYMOND DRINKWATER 5
JOHN C. PERKINS 3	*GODFREY MARSHALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. Rung as the quarterly peal for the branch.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—At St. Mary's on Tuesday, August 28th, as a birthday compliment to W. Chambers, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Taylor 1, W. Scott 2, A. Drake 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, W. Legg 5, W. Chambers 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, B. Sibbeck 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

including two 240's of Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE COMER Treble	JOHN FEAR 4
FRED J. L. BROWN 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 5
ALEX C. CLARK 3	*G. THOMAS BEVIR Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS CLARK.

* First peal.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Burton Treble Bob, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	ALBERT NASH 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal of Minor.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 3
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	ALBERT FLEET 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. First of Stedman Doubles by 2nd. First peal of Stedman Doubles by the North Bucks Branch.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

T. K. DEACON Treble	J. TAYLOR 4
*MISS A. FREARSON 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN... .. 5
T. ATKINS 3	G. A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK BODYCOTE Treble	*LEONARD E. TOWERS 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	ALFRED BALLARD, JUNR. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.

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

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

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN T. ROBERTS, JUNR. ... Treble	JOHN ROBERTS, SEN. 4
FREDERICK CHERRITT ... 2	BERTRAM TUBB 5
FREDERICK TUBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Roberts, sen., and J. T. Roberts, jun., members of the local band. The rest hail from Finchley. First peal on the bells since 1902.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR C. NASON ... Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
JOHN J. PRICE 2	ALBERT E. JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers of treble and third are from Ludlow, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor from Knighton.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT 'GLYN GARTH,'

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEIRSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witnesses: MESSRS. A. W. and C. T. COLES.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CLENT.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Clent, Worcestershire, on Saturday, August 25th. The weather was all that could be desired, and a good number of members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of being present and visiting this noted country village and its noble old church. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until the service, the beautiful form used by the Guild at its meetings being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas), who also gave a very inspiring address, at the beginning of which he gave the members a hearty welcome to Clent.

After service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage grounds, where the meeting was held on the lawn, presided over by the genial Vicar. The Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) announced apologies from Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Abraham Greenfield, of Netherton, and others.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Brierley Hill, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It is proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Clent, the date, time and other arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun., of Dudley).

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his ready permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, and his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and the beautiful Vicarage grounds in which to hold the meeting; also for presiding over the meeting.

Thanks were given to the lady organist for the musical part of the service, which made it much brighter and happier; to Mr. W. Short and Mr. W. Shilcock, of Clent, for their great kindness and interest in making the necessary arrangements and making the visitors feel at home.

The Vicar, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Guild, and he hoped that at some future time they would come there again.

'THE LIGHT OF TRUTH'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Three hundred and eighty years ago Henry VIII. was a ringer. He studied 'Round Blocks' and he practised 'round block transposition.' Yes, he was smart at it, and he kept up a true progression to make what is commonly called 'a 6th's place bloomer.' He did, indeed, when he asked Kate Parr to be his 'widdier'! Eh! wot?

No, I am no relation whatever to G.B., only in a kind of musical notation, in the key of 'C.' I am A.B. (Suppose some of you will think that signifies 'arts bachelor.' If you do, disabuse your minds, please, for I am only 'A.B.' pure and simple, who lives an octave higher up the map than G.B., who I have never yet had the pleasure of meeting. That's clear, I hope? No, I am not 'sticking up' for my 'big brother.' I tell you what, if one is not 100 years too late, I'm just going to back up our old friend—you know, U-Klid and 'O-O-Omar's' daddy.

Fairy tales always start, 'Once upon a time.' One was a long-headed fellow, with a head as 'thick as it was long.' I could not see what 'G.B.' was 'driving at,' and without a blush I write saying I was 'licked'! But I had a great consolation, for I was not alone. Other people with a kind of polished-up mental equipment were 'licked,' but I thought to myself there's something more in this than meets the eye, so I had a look in between the rows. No, I could find nowt there, so I made 'a row 1-2-3-4-5'—and then I couldn't see it, so I thought about chucking it, and saying, 'George Baker is wrong; I'm right, I can't see it,' but I never liked to give in 'whacked,' so I turned the 'blinking figures' round, i.e., 5-4-3-2-1, and, do you know, that did the trick, and I had the full gist, in a jiffy!

Reader, let me implore you to try it. You will arrive at the 'truth,' and nothing but the truth, about extension. Let me urge you to follow 'Minormania.' His articles have been read to me. I have not the remotest idea who the writer is. Perhaps it's 'O.A.B.' or 'B.E.O.' for anything I know, but read, mark and learn what he has written. I'll tell you what he is after: he is testing the 'truth' before your very eyes. Follow him, and do as I did—make a 'Baker round block study,' that is to say, don't sit in a study chewing the end of a pen, gazing into space for extension. You won't find it, not unless you knock a partition wall down. No, get out into the woods, select a tree, sit down under its extending branches, and study it. Don't go running all over the wood; sit and study what 'Minormania' is trying to inculcate. I am sure you'll benefit.

You might ask, What is he after? I'll tell you. He's just purifying the silver; he is 'trying it seven times in the fire.' Mark my words; I'm predicting that, and my words will come as true as the words of Columbus have done. 'Aye,' he shouted, 'ship ahoy! I see dry land!' 'Bo! peep' at America for verification.

Yes, before I studied G. Baker's 'Round Block Progression' I studied 'Symbolic art.' Eh! Have any of you seen Holman Hunt's masterpiece? What! You haven't seen 'The Light of the World'? Let us show you a bit of the 'light and shade,' then; let us show you the composition, colour and detail; let us show you how Hunt charged that canvas with symbolic purpose. The centrepiece, I need not enlarge upon, for it is the fundamental, the Light. The soft rays of golden light flood that doorway, lighting up the overgrowth of vegetation and bramble; the soft beams 'extend' down, across and up, up to the cobweb, which it seems to linger upon with warm caress, as it stretches its silken threads from post to lintel above the 'knocking hand,' the inclined head, and the listening ear. Reader, with a masterstroke Hunt put no latch on that door! The latch is inside that darkened room, where chaos reigns supreme.

In another respect, what 'Minormania' is after is, he wants you to lift the latch. He's got hold of the lamp with beams which will extend to lighten up the fathermost corners of that room. Will you lift the latch? Don't get fumbling about for it; find it, fling open the door. George Baker has knocked long and hard with his 'round block'; 'Owen Kay' has knocked hard and long; 'A Plain Ringer' has knocked for about a century (nearly almost), and he has received no answer; he is still knocking, and so is 'B Sharp.' Be sharp, then; fling the door open and let 'light' which will 'extend' to infinity in a true and smooth progression enter! 'Minormania' shows you that George Baker's 'Round Block Progression' is the 'standard measure for extension,' just as the craftsman's two-foot standard English rule is. Surely you understand how many one-eighths make an inch. Don't let me, a blind man, have to show those who can see that they can measure a 'round block of one inch' from the 2-3-8 inch mark on a standard rule, just as 'truly' and as easily as if they measured from one to two, or three to four, or five to six, or seven to eight, or nine to ten, or ten to eleven, or eleven to twelve, and (sotto voce), George Baker's 'Round Block Progression' is established! It is on a rock, and not even the powers of—beg pardon—that be, can move it. Study it, that's all!

Sorry, Garge. Owing to pressure, 'Ecclesfield' is held over for extension. In the meantime study 'Round Blocks,' and the Lombardic on your seventh bell at the 'Minster of the moors' alone. It has 'legged three parsons down,' but not

IRENEUS.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We shall be glad if you will publish the enclosed final list of the names of the methods in the forthcoming collection. We have given the alternative names which have been applied to these methods, and which we propose to print in an appendix. If any of your readers know of any omissions in this list, will they kindly send at once to J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5, as soon as possible?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
H. LAW JAMES.
E. S. POWELL.

PLAIN METHODS.

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| 1. Plain Bob. | 15. Thelwall Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Bob. | 16. Killarney Imperial. |
| 2. Double Bob. | (St. Guthlac, Market |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | Deeping.) |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 17. Horsmonden Bob. |
| 5. Hereward Bob. | 18. Loch Lomond Bob. |
| (Hendon Bob.) | 19. Roydon Bob. |
| (Reverse London Bob.) | 20. Ennerdale Imperial. |
| 6. London Bob. | (Long Stanton.) |
| (London Double Bob, | 21. Cumberland Bob. |
| 'Clavis,' 1753.) | (Stoke-by-Nayland.) |
| 7. St. Clement's Bob. | 22. Windermere Bob. |
| (This is printed in the | 23. Brentford Bob. |
| 'Clavis,' 1753, but with | (Brentford Single in 'An- |
| fourth's place at treble's | nable.') |
| full lead, i.e., with bob | 24. Court. |
| lead for plain lead.) | (Nottingham Single in |
| 8. St. James' Youths' Exercise. | Stedman's 'Campanalogia,' |
| (St. Lawrence Bob.) | 1677.) |
| 9. Balx Bob. | 25. Double Court. |
| (Given in first edition as | 26. College. |
| Stedman Slow Course, in- | (College Single in first |
| correctly.) | edition.) |
| 10. Frodsham Bob. | 27. Stedman's Slow Course. |
| 11. Stepney Bob. | (Wreken Court.) |
| (Stepney Double in 'An- | 28. Childwall. |
| nable.') | 29. Wavertree. |
| 12. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. | 30. Reverse College. |
| 13. Fulbeck Bob. | 31. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure |
| 14. Lytham Bob. | Bob. |
| (Lytham Pleasure.) | |

TREBLE BOB METHODS.

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| 1. Oxford Treble Bob. | 16. Waterford Treble Bob. |
| 2. Sandal Treble Bob. | (Shamrock.) |
| 3. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. | 17. Berwyn Treble Bob. |
| (Grandsire Treble Bob in | (Bluebell.) |
| 'Annable.') | 18. Kingston Treble Bob. |
| 4. Burton Treble Bob. | 19. Norbury Treble Bob. |
| 5. Rochester Treble Bob. | 20. Cheviot Treble Bob. |
| (London Treble Bob in | (Daffodil.) |
| 'Shipway.') | 21. Chiltern Treble Bob. |
| 6. Morning Star Treble Bob. | (Fuchsia.) |
| (Cumberland Exercise in | 22. Cotswold Treble Bob. |
| 'Shipway.') | (Foxglove.) |
| 7. London Scholars' Pleasure. | 23. Mendip Treble Bob. |
| 8. College Exercise Treble Bob. | (Hyacinth.) |
| (Islington, first edition.) | 24. Pennine Treble Bob. |
| 9. Nelson Treble Bob. | (Marigold.) |
| (Denton.) | 25. Trowell Treble Bob. |
| (Lytham | (? Ockley.) |
| Treble Bob.) | 26. Overton Treble Bob. |
| 10. Chadkirk Treble Bob. | (? Capel.) |
| 11. Woodcock's Victory Treble | 27. Quantock Treble Bob. |
| Bob. | (Dahlia.) |
| 12. British Scholars' Pleasure. | 28. Snowdon Treble Bob. |
| (Cambridge Treble Bob.) | (Geranium.) |
| 13. Kent Treble Bob. | 29. Norton-la-Moors Treble Bob. |
| 14. Killamarsh Treble Bob. | |
| 15. Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. | |
| (Coventry, Sandiacre.) | |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT.

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| 1. Evesham Delight. | 15. Taxal Delight. |
| 2. Tewkesbury Delight. | 16. Neasden Delight. |
| 3. Abbeyville Delight. | 17. Old Oxford Delight. |
| 4. St. Werburgh Delight. | (Old Oxford Modernised.) |
| 5. Canterbury Delight. | 18. Merton Delight. |
| 6. Crowland Delight. | 19. Bedford Delight. |
| 7. Combermere Delight. | 20. St. Alban's Delight. |
| 8. Southwark Delight. | (Given in first edition as |
| 9. Vale Royal Delight. | College Bob IV., incor- |
| 10. Brantree Delight. | rectly.) |
| (Newhall.) | 21. College Bob IV. |
| 11. Marple Delight. | (Bocking.) (Norwich.) |
| 12. Wragby Delight. | 22. Waltham Delight. |
| 13. Willesden Delight. | 23. Burslem Delight. |
| (Grove.) | 24. Clarence Delight. |
| 14. Hull Delight. | (Armley.) |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT—continued.

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| 25. Elston Delight. | 30. Tintern Delight. |
| (Woodside.) | 31. Sherborne Delight. |
| 26. Burnaby Delight. | 32. Fountain's Delight. |
| 27. London Victory. | 33. Melrose Delight. |
| (Sutton.) | 34. Poynton Delight. |
| 28. Kirkstall Delight. | (? Newdigate.) |
| (Middlewood.) | 35. Grove Delight. |
| 29. Glastonbury Delight. | (? Charlwood.) |

THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Carisbrooke Delight. | 21. Stirling Delight. |
| (Howard.) | 22. Leasowe Delight. |
| 2. Donottar Delight. | 23. Richborough Delight. |
| (Lily.) | 24. Conisborough Delight. |
| 3. Conway Delight. | 25. Coventry Delight. |
| 4. Carnarvon Delight. | (Carlisle, given as Even- |
| 5. Ludlow Delight. | ing Star in first edition in- |
| 6. Warwick Delight. | correctly.) |
| 7. Kentish Delight. | 26. Evening Star Delight. |
| (Kenilworth.) | (Coventry.) |
| 8. Berkeley Delight. | 27. Disley Delight. |
| (Killarney.) | 28. Chestow Delight. |
| 9. Edinburgh Delight. | 29. Rostherne Delight. |
| 10. Pembroke Delight. | 30. Shipton Delight. |
| (Tavistock.) | (Linden.) |
| 11. Wath Delight. | 31. Knutsford Delight. |
| 12. Pontefract Delight. | 32. Belvoir Delight. |
| (Vulcan.) | 33. Pevensey Delight. |
| 13. Oswald Delight. | (Leytonstone.) |
| (Kent.) | 34. Dunedin Delight. |
| 14. Barham Delight. | 35. Ely Delight. |
| (Kent Delight, Welling- | 36. Balmoral Delight. |
| ton, Kent Exercise in 'An- | 37. Wilmslow Delight. |
| nable.') | 38. Cambridge Delight. |
| 15. Melandra (Waterloo.) | 39. Francis' Genius. |
| 16. Bucknall Delight. | (Tulip, first edition.) |
| 17. Castleton Delight. | 40. Bogedone Delight. |
| 18. Beeston Delight. | 41. Fotheringhay Delight. |
| 19. Chelsea Delight. | 42. Dover Delight. |
| 20. Peveril Delight. | |

SURPRISE METHODS.

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| 1. Munden Surprise. | 23. Lightfoot Surprise. |
| 2. Canterbury Surprise. | 24. Stamford Surprise. |
| (Alnwick.) | 25. Wearmouth Surprise. |
| 3. Alnwick Surprise | 26. Westminster Surprise. |
| (Canterbury in first edi- | 27. Annable's London Surprise. |
| tion.) | 28. Netherseale Surprise. |
| 4. Morpeth Surprise. | 29. Norwich Surprise. |
| 5. Newcastle Surprise | 30. Hexham Surprise. |
| 6. Chester Surprise. | 31. Surfleet Surprise. |
| 7. Whitley Surprise. | 32. York Surprise. |
| 8. Northumberland Surprise. | 33. Durham Surprise. |
| 9. Carlisle Surprise. | 34. Berwick Surprise. |
| 10. Wooler Surprise. | 35. Beverley Surprise. |
| 11. Sandiacre Surprise. | 36. Norfolk Surprise. |
| 12. Coldstream Surprise. | 37. Ipswich Surprise. |
| 13. Kelso Surprise. | 38. Primrose Surprise. |
| 14. London Surprise. | (Ringers' Surprise.) |
| 15. Wells Surprise. | 39. Cambridge Surprise. |
| 16. Lincoln Surprise. | 40. Hull Surprise. |
| (Southwell.) | 41. Bourne Surprise. |
| 17. Cuneastre Surprise. | 42. Biddulph Surprise. |
| 18. Allendale Surprise. | 43. Cheddleton Surprise. |
| 19. Bacup Surprise. | 44. Hanley Surprise. |
| 20. Banborough Surprise. | 45. Horton Surprise. |
| 21. Warkworth Surprise. | 46. Milton Surprise. |
| 22. Rossendale Surprise. | |
| (Lancashire Immanuel.) | |

TRIPLES METHODS.

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| 1. Grandsire. | 6. London Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Grandsire. | 7. St. Clement's Bob. |
| 2. Double Grandsire. | 8. Court. |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | 9. Double Court. |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 10. College. |
| 5. Hereward Bob. | |

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Doncaster and District Society met at Sprothorough on Saturday, August 25th, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by the 24 members who attended in spite of the indifferent weather. The peal of six bells were in use from 3 o'clock onwards, and various methods were indulged in.

The members were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Hobbs. After tea the usual business meeting took place, Conisborough being selected for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and his wife and to the local ringers, to which the Rector suitably replied.

On returning to the towers, touches were brought round in the following methods: Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

GOLDEN WEDDING.**A FAMILY OF BELLRINGERS.**

Mr. and Mrs. George Heather, of Worplesdon, Surrey, where Mr. Heather was for a long time one of the ringers, celebrated their golden wedding a fortnight ago. They have lived all their lives in the parish, and come of that sturdy stock which live by their labours on the land.

Mr. Heather's father was parish clerk for forty-eight years, and his brother has held the office for twenty-six years. Mr. Heather, his father, and four brothers have all been ringers at Worplesdon Church, and before them his grandfather was a bellringer for fifty years. The family tradition is still being carried on by Mr. Claude Heather.

For thirty years Mr. Heather ran his own farm, until he retired several years ago, but his life has been marred by a series of accidents, the most serious of which cost him the loss of a leg. He ran his farm under this handicap, and even to-day, at the age of 75, works a quarter of an acre garden.

Although he lives within thirty miles of the Metropolis, Mr. Mr. Heather has been only once to London, and he has paid only one visit to the seaside. He loves his garden and the expansive commons, rich with gorse and heather, all around him.

HOLIDAY RINGING IN ESSEX.

At Thorington, on Sunday, August 12th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Lancaster 1, J. Bowell 2, G. L. Joyce (conductor) 3, E. Durrant 4, G. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard 6. After the service, touches of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and a course of London Surprise.

At Kirby-le-Soken, on Thursday, August 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: H. A. Wright 1, M. Ling 2, H. Jones (first in method) 3, E. B. Smith 4, E. Durrant 5, E. Davey (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wildney 1, M. Ling 2, E. Davey 3, E. B. Smith 4, E. Durrant 5, H. A. Wright (conductor) 6. First in method by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

At Tendring, on Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. Souter 3, C. Honeywood 4, W. Stiff 5, H. A. Wright 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Stiff, and after service 360 Plain Bob, with H. Laitt in place of W. Stiff, conducted by W. J. Nevard.

E. B. Smith hails from Clare (Suffolk), and G. L. Joyce from Leytonstone; their thanks are due to Mr. W. J. Nevard for arranging the ringing, and to those gentlemen from Clacton, Mistley and elsewhere locally, who helped to make it possible.

LEEDS AND BARNSELY ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE.

On Saturday, August 25th, the Leeds and Barnsley District Associations met at Ossett and Horbury. The two peals of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and about 20 ringers sat down to tea at the Ossett Co-operative Stores.

Mr. Lofthouse, the Leeds secretary, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and said he hoped to see them all at some future meetings.

—Mr. O. D. Potter, Barnsley secretary, said that he was glad of the opportunity to meet the Leeds Society, and he said that although the joint meetings were at the present time only on trial, he hoped they would be made a permanent feature with both societies.

Ossett bells are badly in need of recasting, and it was decided that the two societies should support the local company if necessary, when their application was considered by the church authorities.

Mr. Lawson (vice-president, Leeds Society) apologised for the absence of the Leeds president, and said that he hoped this would not be the last meeting between the two societies.

Mr. Moxon, president of the Barnsley Association, expressed pleasure at being able to attend this joint meeting, and said he was sorry the date had clashed with the Barnsley holidays. Moreover, the continued depression in the coalfields made it impossible for many of their members to be present.

Ossett tower was visited first after tea, where another dozen ringers were waiting. After ringing here, a contingent went across to Horbury, where the bells were kept going to 9.30 p.m.

About 50 ringers attended the meeting during the day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH AND A DISABLED MEMBER.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th, when only eleven members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced about five o'clock, and at the business meeting the branch president was in the chair.

Swinton Parish Church was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, September 18th.

Mr. J. H. Ridyard brought forward the case of Mr. J. Lowe, one of the Pendleton band, who has had a serious illness which has incapacitated him from further work.

It was proposed that the secretary see Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary, so that an appeal can be made through the whole of the association, as it was thought that some of the older members would like to contribute.

Votes of thanks to clergy and local ringers closed the meeting, and ringing was then continued.

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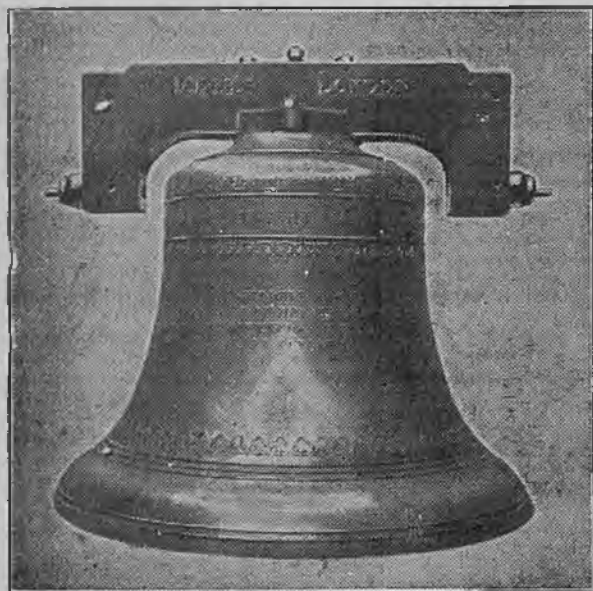
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the bells of Great Bardfield and Great Easton Churches, which are both in the county of Essex, will take place on the same day, namely, Sunday, October 7th. Both dedications will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, and both peals have been restored and augmented by the same firm, viz., Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. This must be something of a record in the way of a 'double'.

Mr. J. Andrews, one of the Trowbridge ringers, we are informed, took first prize in the 'Beauty Competition' at the recent Studley Carnival.

The Trowbridge band are proud of the sportsmen among them. Mr. C. Andrews, son of Mr. J. Andrews, has won many prizes in walking races. Another member is a keen fisherman, and, according to our correspondent, the other day nearly caught a trout, which, from its appearance in the water, weighed quite seven pounds.

The joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches of the Lancashire Association at Port Sunlight has been postponed, at the request of Lord Leverhulme, from September 15th to September 22nd.

On September 10th, 1741, a 'complete peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two doubles only,' was rung by the Crowfield Society at Coddanham, Suffolk. It is believed that Garthorn's peal of Grand-size Triples is meant, Garthorn's peal being the one rung at Norwich in 1718.

The treble in the peal at Coddanham was rung by Theodore Ecclestone, who had given the eight bells to Coddanham. He resided at Crowfield, and it was he who also gave the ring of ten to Stonham Aspal.

Bertram Prewett, of whose death in the war we were reminded last week, called the first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales at Llangollen on September 13th, 1907.

A peal of 5,040 Imperial Place Major ('the first ever performed in the method') was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802, composed and conducted by William Shipway.

The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association to-morrow will be held at Thurlaston, instead of Desford.

The first 720 in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Cottenham on August 25th, and recorded last week, was Mr. Frank Warrington's one hundredth 720 this year. The last 720 in the peal was his 40th of Cambridge Surprise during 1928.

A report of a peal rung at Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, has been sent without the date.

A correspondent addresses the following: 'To whom it may concern.' On Saturday, September 1st, a visitor during the evening paid a visit to the tower of St. John's Church, Margate, raised the second bell, broke the stay, and, of course, turned the bell over. This was not discovered until Sunday morning, and consequently the bell could not be rung. If this should catch the eye of the gentleman who, by the way, does not live many miles from Margate, and he cares to write to the secretary, he will be pleased to send him the account for the repairs.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'B Sharp' asks if Shipway had extended Superlative to Maximus in the way it has been rung, would he have been right or wrong? and the answer is that he would have been quite right, and the other extension would have to be called a variation. But the history of the matter is the reverse of this. Shipway produced Superlative Royal, and my brother extended it in the same way to Maximus long before the other extension appeared, therefore the other extension is a variation, and should have some name attached to it to indicate that fact.

'A Plain Ringer' is mistaken in his idea that Shipway had a theory of extension. His book contains a variety of extensions which cannot be expressed as one theory. The new fact which has come to light is that there are two ways of extending the Major to Maximus, and there may be more. We have Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus. This Maximus has places in 3-4 and 9-10, but there is another Maximus nearer the Major, with places in 5-6 and 7-8, but we cannot call it Double Norwich unless we qualify it as some variation.

H. LAW JAMES.

DEVON GUILD.

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held on Saturday last at Colaton Raleigh. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Wallace (Vicar), and the church was almost filled by members and friends. The bells were rung before and after service, and some of the members also went to Otterton and East Budleigh.

At the meeting following the tea, at which 64 were present, it was suggested that special practices should be organised for the study of even-bell methods, and it is hoped to carry this into effect in a month's time under the guidance of the president (Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell and Rev. E. V. Cox (chairman of the branch).

The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on December 1st.

CANON COLERIDGE.

We are pleased to be able to state that Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, who has undergone two serious operations in Dunedin Nursing Home, Reading, has now turned the corner. He is progressing favourably, but recovery is likely to be long and tedious.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

JOHN REEVES' COMPOSITION.

Unlike many of the peals rung in olden days, we have preserved to us the figures of the first peal of Stedman Caters, that rung at Horsleydown, London, by the College Youths in 1787. We explained a week or two ago how it came about that the composition was reported to have turned out to be false. In order that there may be no further doubt about the truth of the peal, here are the figures for all and sundry to worry at. The composition was by John Reeves, who conducted the peal, and to put the seal upon it it was again rung by the Ancient Society at Beddington on Saturday last.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Collett, M.A., Miss Hobbs being the organist. Tea followed in the Church Institute, after which a short business meeting took place. In the absence, on holiday, of the chairman of the branch, the Vicar was asked to preside.

The following were elected members of the Guild: Mr. W. H. Coles, Taunton, Mr. S. H. Green, Tunbridge Wells, Mr. A. S. Bennett, Buckfastleigh, Devon. The Vicar welcomed the branch again to Bratton, and referred to the good work they were doing for the church, and what a difference it made to the services when they began with the bells being rung.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. S. Hillier, Miss N. G. Williams, Mr. W. E. Cheater, and Mr. F. Green, and was much appreciated by those present. Ringers, including Miss N. G. Williams (Bath) and Mr. W. E. Cheater (Ringwood, Hants), and representatives from Bratton, Potterne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge and Rowde, were present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—At All Hallows' Church recently, for morning service, 720 Single Court, in 23 mins.: D. Blagg 1, R. Bloomfield 2, D. A. Piercy 3, J. Dewey (first 720 in the method) 4, J. Hunt 5, R. Stockdale (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Boston, Lincs, to enable him to ring in the tower of his native village.

ESSEX RINGERS IN HERTS AND BEDFORDSHIRE.

INTERESTING FEATURES OF SOME OF THE CHURCHES.

The Loughton and Woodford ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 25th. Invitations to join the party were extended to the Wanstead ringers and friends of the local bands. An early start was made from the Wilfred Lawson Hotel, Woodford, en route for Hitchin. The countryside, fresh from the showers of the previous day, and bathed in August sunshine, awakened the interest of all as the charabanc sped merrily along. Space will only allow mention to be made of the picturesque trees and meadows that caught the eye in the neighbourhood of Hatfield. The sight of St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, quickly aroused those feelings of delight that are only known to ringers. Mr. Scott, of the local band, welcomed the party, and led the way to a spacious belfry floor which opened out, stage-like, into the interior of the building. Short touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the musical qualities of the bells evoked the admiration of all. The stay was limited owing to a local wedding. The 'ring in' must have been a pleasant surprise for the betrothed pair. The building shows work of the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, the outstanding features being the well-buttressed tower, the lengthy chancel, the well-designed south porch, and the sundial, dated 1660, fixed on the south side.

Bedford was the second calling place, and the town was astir with the usual market activities. Several touches of Kent, Grandsire, and Plain Bob were rung on the bells of St. Peter's Church, an easy-going and tuneful peal of six. There were evidences that campanology had reached a high level in that belfry. The Norman tower, with pseudo-Norman battlements and baluster windows placed there about 100 years ago, is situated over the chancel. It is interesting to note that a Saxon doorway of Hiberno-Saxon stone was discovered in the east belfry wall when the old roof was removed in 1890. Rector's date back to 1219. A fine Norman doorway, removed from the Church of St. Peter de Dunstable, after its demolition in 1545, is a striking feature on the south side. Its beauty, however, is partly disclosed by a porch added many years afterwards. John Bunyan's statue stands a short distance away from the church, and both the inscriptions and scenes depicted on the sides are interesting to passers-by.

Dinner was served at the Silver Grill, and the party's thanks were given to Mr. Stapleton, of St. Peter's Church, for choosing such a congenial rendezvous.

Then followed a visit to St. Mary's, Luton, where Mr. King and members of the local band joined the visitors in ringing touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob Major. All testified to the easy running and pleasant sounding of the bells, which pealed forth from a 95ft. tower built chiefly of Totternhoe and Ancaster stone. Attention was drawn to the Early English stone baptistry, the only one of its kind in England. It was placed there by Queen Philippa, of Hainault, wife of Edward III. The font and large tin pitcher date back to 1209. The double stone screen that separates the chancel from the adjacent chapel is considered the best of its kind in Northern Europe. An amusing epitaph is written on one of the chapel stone slabs. A certain celebrity lost his Parliamentary vote in 1756 by signing copyright deeds for freehold—a cunning wangle, and his resentment is shown as follows:—

Here lieth the body of Daniel Knight,
Who in all my lifetime lived in spite.
Base flatterers sought me to undo
And made me sign what was not true.
Reader, take care, where'er you venture,
To trust a canting false Dissenter.

Other features of this fine Parish Church are the south porch door, six hundred years old, the groined vestry, the pretty chantry, and the 14th century rood screen.

The final halt was made at Flamstead, an interesting village in Hertfordshire, about six miles from Luton. Tea was served at the Blackbirds, and the homely setting was appreciated. On the completion of a tasty meal a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) to the organisers of the outing, Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), and Mr. J. Rann (Loughton), both of whom suitably replied.

The Church of St. Leonard was visited, and the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Clare, expressed his great delight at seeing so many visitors. There were many evidences that the Vicar is a 'live wire' in his parish. A hard-going peal of six has been recently put into splendid ringing order, and retuned. Well may the local ringers, under Mr. Hayes, and the parishioners be proud of their bells! The Vicar added to the enjoyment of the visit by his very interesting description of the church. He pointed out the different styles of English architecture. There are two Early English arcades, a fine oak screen dating back to about 1400, spiral altar rails, and several interesting monuments, the most noteworthy being that of Sir Bartholomew Fowke, Master of the Royal Household in four reigns, viz., Edward VI., Mary, Elizabeth and James I. Traces of ancient mural painting have recently been discovered.

The ringing programme now finished, the homeward journey soon followed, but ere St. Albans was reached the sun had set, and sight-seeing ended, only to be followed by friendly chats recalling the day's experiences in the towers that twelve hours before had been unfamiliar, and eulogising the hospitality shown by those associated with the places visited.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Freshwater on Saturday, August 25th, when the attendance for a six-bell tower was most gratifying. In addition to Island ringers, the company included Miss G. E. Hervey and Mr. S. E. Armstrong, of Brockenhurst, Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton), Mr. G. Dent (Essex), and Mr. George Pullinger, the genial general secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and many touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung solely for the benefit of the local ringers. Touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also brought round, and good use was made of the bells until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt) conducted the Guild service and delivered a short but interesting address. He afterwards entertained the ringers at tea in the Parish Hall, and presided at the business meeting.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ryde on Saturday, November 24th, and a by-practice meeting at Newport on Thursday evening earlier in October, the date being left open for the secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary (Mr. B. J. Snow) announced that the Rector had kindly consented to join the Guild, and he therefore had much pleasure in proposing the Rev. R. Pratt as an hon. member of the district, and he was unanimously elected.—The General Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also for his helpful address and for the sumptuous tea he had so kindly provided.—In seconding the vote, Mr. W. Upton (Newport) also referred to the good services of Mr. J. H. G. Ives at the organ, also those of the ladies, Mesdames Oxford and Chambers and Miss Godwin, who had prepared and served tea to them.—All were accorded best thanks.

Mr. Upton, on behalf of the Island ringers, welcomed the visitors from the mainland, and Messrs. Pullinger and Parker replied. The latter reminded the local ringers, who appear keen in the art, that to become proficient ringers they must study away from the tower and not merely when actually ringing. Punctuality was also a very essential point, and should be observed by all ringers.

Further ringing then took place during the evening.

OLD SUSSEX RINGERS.

DEATH OF TWO VETERANS.

We regret to record the death of one of the oldest Sussex ringers, Mr. James Searle. He was among the first members of the Sussex County Association, and took part in several of their earliest performances, some of which he conducted.

Mr. Searle had taken no active part in ringing for a good many years, but he will be well remembered by the older generation of Sussex ringers, particularly in Brighton and district, where he lived.

Since his wife died four years ago, Mr. Searle had been living with his niece at Eastbourne, and on Friday morning last he was found dead in his bed. He was in his 77th year.

The funeral took place at Steyning on Tuesday.

We regret to record the passing of another old member of the Sussex County Association in the person of Mr. W. Denman, sen., of Shipley, who died on Monday, August 20th, after being an invalid for some time. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, had a 'stroke' from which he never recovered.

The funeral took place at Shipley, Sussex, on Thursday, August 23rd, the deceased being laid to rest almost under the tower where he had rung for so long. He was borne to his last resting place by six of the ringers from West Grinstead, and after the service 720 of Oxford Bob Single and 240 Cambridge were rung, with the bells fully muffled, the ringers taking part being T. Adams, G. Warnett, V. Goucher, R. Stredwick, V. Turrell, F. Turrell and H. Turrell.

A TOUR IN OXFORDSHIRE.

A very enjoyable outing was spent on August 25th by the Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers and friends. Arriving at Bicester rather later than was intended, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Cambridge and Stedman were rung. The next place to call was Woodstock, where Grandsire, Stedman, and Cambridge were brought round. After dinner, Kidlington proved attractive. The ambition here was to bring round a touch of Double Norwich, which was successfully done. The party then had to make their way to Chipping Norton, where Grandsire and Double Norwich was rung. Great Tew was next visited, where on a nice peal by Rudhall touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung before proceeding to Banbury for tea. Adderbury was the last place to call, and here on the peal recently rehung Grandsire, Cambridge, Stedman and Bob Major were tried, the bells being brought down in peal in time to hear the chimes play 'Home, sweet home.'

BIRTHDAY RINGING.

On Friday, August 31st, as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow on his 69th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, Gravesend, by members of St. George's band: Mrs. Edward H. Spice 1, E. J. Beer 2, A. Constant 3, Miss D. Tall 4, R. J. Tall 5, E. H. Spice 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

WEDDINGS AT NEWCASTLE.

The wedding took place at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, on Saturday, of Miss Phyllis Routledge, M.B.B.S. Dunelm, M.R.C.S. Eng., and J.R.C.P. London, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Routledge, of Jesmond Road, Newcastle, and Mr. Robt. N. Richardson, son of the late Mr. John Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Parkhead, Fenham. The bride's father is the popular president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

It was a fully choral service, the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom) officiating. Mr. W. Ellis, the Cathedral organist, presided at the organ.

Canon Newsom also officiated at the wedding of Mr. R. Thompson, jun., son of the senior verger of the Cathedral, and Miss Rachel Duffie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Duffie, of Gateshead.

The bridegroom is an ex-chorister of the Cathedral and a member of the Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

The members of the Guild rang both wedding parties out with 'firing' and a course or two of Brim Cinques, and in the evening a touch of 700 Stedman Caters was rung after meeting short for a peal of Cinques.

The bells themselves have been rehung in hall bearings and generally overhauled, and the 4th bell, which was found to be badly cracked, has been recast much to the improvement of the whole peal. The work has been most expeditiously carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the going of the bells was excellent. Even the new ropes had been stretched, and showed very little 'spring.'

MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

An interesting event took place at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, Wilts, on Saturday, August 25th, when Mr. C. S. Burden, of Bermondsey, was married. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Kewley, R.D.

As Mr. Burden, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and one of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is a life member of the Salisbury Guild, several members from Devizes joined the local ringers in ringing in honour of the event. The College Youths were represented by Mr. W. Bolwell and Mr. F. Green, the respected secretary of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

ESSEX RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A party of ringers from the Chelmsford district had a pleasant outing on Saturday last. Leaving Chelmsford at 8.15 a.m. by motor coach, they arrived at Feering half an hour afterwards, and rang touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire on the church bells. They then journeyed to Coggeshall, where, unfortunately, the bells and their fittings were not in the best state of repair. Several attempts were made for touches until a rope broke, which put an end to the proceedings at this tower. From here they went to Earls Colne, where ringing for an hour filled up the period until lunch was served at the George Hotel. Apparently the ride and the ringing had had a good effect on appetites, as every one of the party 'did justice' to the spread. Afterwards Mr. F. Claydon and Mr. J. Fleuty joined the party, who continued the tour to the village of Halstead and Sudbury. There was ringing at both places. Mr. Scott, the verger of St. Peter's Church, met the party at the latter place, where also tea was partaken of. During tea Mr. Geo. D. Green, Master of the South-East District, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lincoln for the splendid way in which he had organised the outing. After tea, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Gregory, where on the fine ring of eight Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung. After inspecting the church the company proceeded to All Saints'. Here they met Mr. D. Elliot, who joined them in ringing on the famous old peal, and a touch of Cambridge was brought round. The visitors started for home via Braintree, and eventually reaching Chelmsford at about 10.40 p.m., after spending a very enjoyable day.

PEACE PACT 'PEALS.'

On Monday, August 27th, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Gloucester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes, taken from Holt's Original), was rung in celebration of the signing of the Peace Pact: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. Edwards 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, J. Hayward 8.

On Monday evening, August 27th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Bradwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Bird 1, T. Walters 2, E. Whitlock 3, A. Coley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Lathal (first quarter-peal) 6. The band are all regular ringers at this church. Rung to commemorate the signing of the 'Peace Pact.'

At St. Peter's Church, Portishead, on Tuesday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Collier, Flixton (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. N. Edwards 3, E. Goldstone 4, J. Nisbet 5, Collier, Flixton, 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colbourn 8. Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Pact.

CARDIFF RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Sidney Dawe (ex-sergt.-major), of Cardiff, who passed away on Wednesday of last week. We mentioned last week that he was dangerously ill, but he had actually succumbed before the paragraph appeared in print. He was a victim of cancer, and for some time past his changed condition had been noticeable to his friends. Despite his illness he kept in good spirits and attended the last quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild at St. Mellon's on July 28th, but it was apparent then that the end was near.

Of Somerset birth, the deceased learned to handle a bell in that county early in life, but did nothing in ringing until his advent in Penarth many years later, where he studied change ringing. Removing to Cardiff some years ago, he kept up his association with his old colleagues until the last.

For several years he has been a member of the Llandaff Cathedral band, but put in almost a regular appearance at St. John's, Cardiff.

The funeral took place on Saturday, four of his old ringing friends acting as hearers. Ringers attended from Llandaff, Cardiff, Penarth, Whitchurch and Newport. Quite a number of his old comrades also attended, including several ex-sergt.-majors and sergeants. Drummer John Welsh sounded the 'Last Post' and the 'Reveille,' and a half-muffled peal of Caters was rung on St. John's (Cardiff) bells in the evening, as recorded elsewhere. The diocesan association has lost one of its staunchest and best supporters, for he never failed to attend the meetings wherever possible.

J. W. J.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS IN SUSSEX AND SURREY.

Glorious weather favoured the St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers when with their friends, numbering 27 in all, they had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday last. It was a great pleasure to have among the company some of the Cathedral band, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Fareham), Mr. H. Jennings (Ryde), and Mr. Lawrence, sen., of Hatfield, who was spending a holiday at Southsea. On arrival at Chichester at 2.30 the company were welcomed by Messrs. Tiehurst, Tugwell and Tucker, of the Cathedral band, who kindly had things in readiness. The steps in the campanile were climbed and the bells set going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, in which Mr. H. J. Tucker took part. After thanking all for their kindness, the journey was then resumed, and a delightful run through Singleton and Midhurst brought the company to Easebourne. Situated at the entrance to Cowdray Park, the priory church contains an excellent ring of six, and, judging by the provision made in the guide frame for the ropes, it seems as if it is intended at some future date to add two more trebles, which would indeed make a delightful ring of eight. Here the bells were raised in peal, and after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were brought round, they were lowered in peal.

The motor coach was again brought into use, and Petworth was then reached by an excellent run through Cowdray Park, which was literally covered with tents, etc., for the military manoeuvres. Here the company sat down to a very enjoyable tea at the Angel Hotel, after which they were very kindly welcomed at the Parish Church by the Rector (Rev. V. P. Powell). This proved to be the tit-bit of the day, for it was indeed an immense pleasure to ring on this melodious peal of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Several compared them with similar rings at St. Michael's, Southampton, and Alton, but it was generally agreed that Petworth bells were the best, at least in their opinions. Here some excellent touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, and it was with great reluctance that these bells were lowered in peal.

The last tower on the programme to be visited was Chiddingfold, and here a light ring of eight were found, which it would be rather unfair to compare with the previous tower. However, the visitors were kindly met at the church by Mr. G. Luff and other members of the local company, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round. The homeward journey was made about 8 p.m. by way of Haslemere, Hindhead and Petersfield, and Portsmouth was reached about 10 p.m. The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of the bells, the local ringers who kindly met them and had everything in readiness, and all those who helped to make the outing such a success.

YOUTH IN THE CHESTER GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my congratulations to the young ringer of Norbury, Cheshire, on ringing an inside bell to a peal of Surprise. Although he is not the first member of the Chester Guild to do this at the age of 16 years, he need not be discouraged on that account. There are many worthy things still open for him to do for the Chester Guild.—Yours truly,

W. BIBBY.

Frodesham.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to offer my congratulations to Mr. Craven upon introducing to the Exercise Kent Surprise? No doubt it will be appreciated by the majority of Treble Bob ringers as an easy step to higher realms. But perhaps Mr. Craven would be surprised to learn that I had these self-same figures of Major in 1921, also those of Rochester, introduced by Mr. Lindoff, but lack of knowledge and the sad ending of earlier attempts kept them back. They remained forgotten altogether until I again saw the figures. At the same time I found the two transpositions of Rochester, No. 1 as Rochester, No. 2 as Dorchester, named after the introduction of Rochester. Nos. 3 and 4 I had in 1925 (March 14th to be exact), so I now intend to let nothing more of this to happen. I do not wish it to be thought that I am quibbling over the authorship of the above-mentioned methods, but I have learned my lesson. Thanking all those who have helped, and wishing your paper every success, with best wishes to Mr. Craven, sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

No. 1. IRCHESTER.	No. 2. DORCHESTER.	No. 3.	No. 4.
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
12346857	12346857	12346857	12346857
21438675	21438675	21438675	21435687
24183657	24183657	24136857	24136578
42816375	42816375	42318675	42315687
42183657	42183657	24138765	24135678
24816375	24816375	42317856	42315687
42861735	42861735	43271865	24361857
48267153	48267153	34728156	42638175
84621735	84621735	43721865	46231857
86427153	86427153	34278156	64328175
68472513	68472513	43728516	46238715
86745231	86745231	34275861	64327851
68742513	68742513	43278516	63428715
86475231	86475231	34725861	36247851
68742531	68742531	37452681	63427581
86475213	68745213	73546218	36245718
68472531	68472531	37542681	32647581
86745213	86745213	73458218	23465718
68754123	68754123	37546128	32645178
67851432	67851432	73451682	23461587
76584123	76584123	37456128	24365178
75681432	75681432	73511682	42631587
57618342	57618342	75314628	24613857
75163824	75163824	57138482	42168375
75618342	75618342	75316842	24618357
57163824	57163824	57138624	42163875
51736842	51736842	51736842	41268357
15378624	15378624	15378624	14623875
51738264	51738264	51738264	41263857
15372846	15372846	15372846	14623875
15738264	15738264	15738264	16482735
4th's place bob.	4th's place bob.	4th's place bob.	
False course-end: 24365.	Ditto.	Clean proof.	

KENTISH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Lyminge and Ellham, Kent, had their annual outing on Saturday, September 1st. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. from Lyminge Church, the party of 21 journeying through Hythe and Dymchurch to New Romney, where on arrival they were met by Mr. H. S. Humphrey. After ringing touches of Grandsire Triples they went on to Lydd, where they had a good look round the church, which is the longest in the county. The bells were then heard in more Grandsire, the wind being in the right quarter to carry their beautiful tones all over the marshes.

Rye was next on the programme, but by special request of Mr. Albert Tanton (one of the most esteemed ringers in the district, and sexton and towerkeeper for 51 years at Lyminge Church), a halt was made at Brooklands, where the old sexton spent most of his younger days. Rye was reached about 1 p.m., where lunch was partaken of at the George Hotel, and ringing enjoyed on the Parish Church bells.

The party then set off again, for Hawkhurst, where they were welcomed by Mr. G. Billenness. Here another good ring or so was indulged in before setting out for Rolvenden, where Mr. A. Blackman had everything in readiness. This completed the ringing for the day.

A stop was made at Tenterden for a meat tea at the White Lion, and the homeward journey was made through Great Chart and Ashford, Lyminge being reached about 10 p.m.

RECIPROCAL PROOF: WHAT IT IS.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Methods with PLAIN hunts, in which the place-making is symmetrical within the lead, have no need of proof; the only false row will be the lead-end.

For finding the false rows of symmetrical PLAIN methods, I make use of what I term 'Reciprocal Proof,' and this article deals exclusively with that kind of proof.

Reciprocal Proof is proving row against row by the path of the treble irrespective of the nature of the rows, whether odd or even, and as it is well to begin at the bottom, the examples that I shall give in this article will be the Plain and Bob leads of Grandsire Singles.

Method.	Plain	Transposition	Proving False Rows.	Proof of Rows Revealed.	Method.
Lead.					
(1)	1234	x (8)	1342 = 1342	1234	
(2)	2134	x (7)	2431 = 1432	1342	
(3)	2314	x (6)	3421 = 1432	1432	
(4)	3241	x (5)	4312 = 1432	1423	
(5)	3421	x (4)	4213 = 1432	1243	
(6)	4312	x (3)	3124 = 1432	1432	
(7)	4132	x (2)	2134 = 1432	1342	
(8)	1423	x (1)	1234 = 1423	1324	

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The proof shows there are three false rows to each lead. This is a feature of the PLAIN leads of the Single Grandsire Method on all numbers, odd and even, to infinity, and it would be impossible to obtain the extent of the changes in Singles, Doubles or Minor, were it not for the fact that the Bob, or Single, leads in each instance cuts out two false rows.

Method.	Bob	Transposition	Proving False Rows.	Proof of Rows Revealed.
Lead.				
(1)	1234	x (8)	1432 = 1432	
(2)	2134	x (7)	2431 = 1432	
(3)	2314	x (6)	3421 = 1432	
(4)	3241	x (5)	4312 = 1432	
(5)	3421	x (4)	4213 = 1432	
(6)	4312	x (3)	3124 = 1432	
(7)	4132	x (2)	2134 = 1432	
(8)	1432	x (1)	1234 = 1432	

1342

The proof of the Bob lead shows one false row only, i.e., the lead-end 1432, and it is therefore possible by calling three bobs or three singles to ring the extent of Grandsire Singles, which otherwise would consist of sixteen changes instead of twenty-four.

Readers will perhaps ask how are the proving transposition rows obtained? On the left-hand side of each lead I have numbered the rows in their consecutive order, and on the right-hand side I have given the altered position from rounds in reverse order: this indicates that row 1 must be transposed by the altered position from rounds of row 8, and similarly throughout the lead.

Perhaps I can make the matter clearer by giving the Plain lead again, showing the difference of what I call the face value and the proving value:—

Face Value.	Proving Value	Proving Value.
		Column Reversed.
(1) 1234	= 1234	(8) 1342
(2) 2134	= 2134	(7) 2431
(3) 2314	= 3124	(6) 3421
(4) 3241	= 4213	(5) 4312
(5) 3421	= 4312	(4) 4213
(6) 4312	= 3421	(3) 3124
(7) 4132	= 2431	(2) 2134
(8) 1423	= 1342	(1) 1234

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In my next article I propose to deal with the Plain leads of Single and Double Grandsire Doubles.

BOCKING YOUNG RINGERS.

Although unable to ring their own church bells, as reported in 'The Ringing World' recently, the young ringers of St. Mary's, Bocking, Essex, are still learning. Three of the band visited Braine Church last Monday and did some good ringing under Mr. L. W. Wiffen. On Friday two others visited Stebbing and enjoyed a good practice of Bob Minor. The hon. secretary hopes to get in some practice when he recovers from his illness, and also that his own church bells will soon have something done to them.

PORTMADOC.—On Monday evening, August 27th, at St. John's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Bangor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. McMillan 1, Herbert Roberts 2, John Owen 3, Fred J. Williams, Harry McMillan 5, Pierce Roberts (conductor) 6, R. A. Brooks 7, E. Wakefield (first quarter-peal) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. S. Head 2nd, S. Carter conductor, the rest as before.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, September 2nd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Oxford Single Bob in 43 mins.: S. Wood 1, E. T. Exeter 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

PAIGNTON.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: R. Hole (first quarter) 1, S. W. Ward 2, F. T. Geyer 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. L. Pope (first quarter on a bob bell) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, H. Milbourne (Castle Cary) 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, August 26th, for matins, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: S. Moodv 1, H. Dowden (All Saints, Ryde) 2, W. Scott 3, W. Collett (St. Ebbses, Oxford) 4, W. Chambers 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—For Sunday evening service, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Jones (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, Miss H. Collishaw (first quarter-peal inside) 2, P. C. Springham (conductor) 3, C. Wiuser 4, W. Evans 5, W. Beaumont 6, P. Springham 7, W. Collishaw 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, P. H. Doick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. E. Tiechurst 8. Rung also in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday, and as a wedding peal for the daughter of Mr. W. E. Tiechurst.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, August 26th, before sung Mass, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: *H. L. Jones 1, G. Copley 2, *P. Massam 3, *A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. * First 720 in this method. First in the method as conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Gill 1, W. Massey 2, H. Barber 3, F. Hawthorne 4, J. Loveridge 5, A. Woodrow 6, W. Beeson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Butler 1, H. Payne 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, F. Mursell 4, E. W. Whiteman (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, F. Cole 7, Ray Curtis 8. The ringer of 5th is from Bishop's Waltham, Hants.

HAYES, KENT.—On August 19th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, H. Reader 2, O. Gilbey 3, E. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Kent: G. Harwood 1, R. Brough 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, T. R. Flint 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise and 144 Oxford. Messrs. Harman and Brough were very welcome visitors.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 50 mins.: F. B. Yates 1, H. Williams 2, P. O. Ladin (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, C. Webb 6, A. Walker 7, J. George 8.

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in one of your correspondents' articles in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' the remark that St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, is now demolished. I think you will find the gentleman has made a mistake, and may be confusing it with St. Olave's, Tooley Street, Southwark, which has recently been taken down.—Yours, etc.,

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Sept. 8th, a meeting at Quainton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Please send notice to the secretary, Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, before Tuesday, the 4th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Pentre, Rhondda Valley, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed. — W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Whaddon (bells 6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Lustleigh (bells 6), on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moretonhampstead bells (8) available by appointment. Please advise me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The meeting arranged to be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 8th, is cancelled until further notice.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers. — James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Draw 2.40 p.m. Nine bands are in the contest. Tea 1s. each. Apply, Mr. F. Tinker, Holly Bank, Penistone. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairford on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those who intend being present please inform me by 4th inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting. Applications for tea (1s. 9d. per head) must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 11th. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) will be available if required. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Sept. 13th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemycok on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 11th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, to Horsham and Warnham. Book cheap day return from Victoria, fare 4s. 9d., travel by 1.30 p.m. train to Horsham. Ringing at Horsham in afternoon and Warnham in evening. Members desiring to attend must hand in names by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all immediately after the ringing competition for Crawford Silver Cup, which will commence at 3 p.m. As only a small number of bands have entered and 360 changes of any method is the limit the competition will, perhaps, not last long. Those who require tea please notify Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than Sept. 15th. Good bus service available all day from Worksop and Mansfield.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Barton le Cley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorks, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 12th?—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

PULHAM MARKET BELLS (3, 6 and 8 recast) and Pulham St. Mary will be open for ringing on Saturday, Sept. 15th next.—Fred R. Borrett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 and business to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Dis. Sec., 3, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 7.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will members make an effort to attend.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, in the Church Hall 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. Pye, 18, Mulgrave Street, Crosby, Scunthorpe, not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. S. Kirk, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, by Sept. 11th for tea.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The ring of 6, which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel. In order that adequate arrangements may be made will all those intending to be present notify E. J. Butler, 3,

Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, by Monday, Sept. 17th, at the latest.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 18th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Second general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Mansfield, Notts. Bells open from 2 p.m. Other details later. Will all local secretaries send all receipt books in to treasurer on or before that date; also all towers the subscription lists for suggested testimonial to late hon. treasurer?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

NEW ADDRESSES.—The address of Mr. J. J. Lamb is now 43, Invicta Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.—Mr. F. S. W. Butler, hon. sec. of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, has removed to 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

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Mr. W. H. Lawrence and family desire sincerely to thank the many brother ringers for their expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to them in their late bereavement. These are greatly appreciated and are a source of much comfort.

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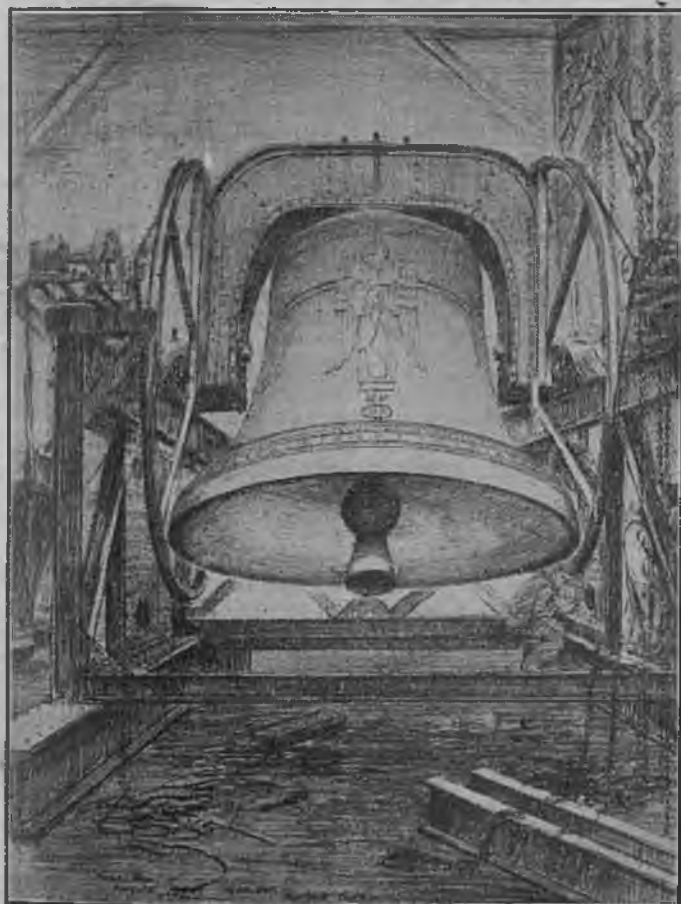
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There is no place in England where 'stony' ringing is dying harder than in Devon, because there is no place where, such as it is, it is better done. We referred in a recent article to the Devon Guild's rival association which is encouraging the 'non-scientific' ringing in that county and which has many adherents in ringing circles and is backed by influential churchmen. This association promotes competitions for set-change ringing and rising and falling in peal, and while it is remarkable that ringers can be satisfied with the limitations which this style of ringing imposes, it is of no use to disguise the fact that these men take a real pride in their performances. With them good striking is the only thing that matters. It is true that it is more easily attained in ringing of this kind than it is in what these Devon men term 'scientific' ringing; for one thing because of the liability of error which presents itself in change ringing, but where good striking is the only thing that counts—and we wish that much more importance was attached to it than is the case among some ringers—arguments in favour of any other style of ringing, which tends to make perfection less likely of attainment, carry little conviction.

The report of the recent ringing tour in Devon threw a humorous sidelight upon what some Devonians think of the capabilities of the 'scientific' men, and the only way to win them over to change ringing is to prove by practical demonstration that such ringing can be as well struck as the 'stony' class. Moreover, the public in Devon are used to hearing good 'rising' and 'falling' in peal, and the company that cannot do this is without prestige in their eyes. The best 'scientific' that ever was heard would not completely fill the bill, unless it can be preceded by a good 'rise' and followed by an equally good 'fall.' To conquer the 'stony' ramparts in Devon the 'scientific' ringers have got to be able to meet their rivals on an equal footing with regard to their striking and to show them not only the increased interest which can be found in change ringing, but also that it can be performed equally as well as the 'stony' brand. It is pleasing, therefore, to learn of an Exeter band of ringers who have been out into the rival 'country' and won the approval of ringers in parishes where 'stony' prevails, by their excellent change ringing and raising and falling the bells in peal. It is only by practical demonstrations of this kind that it can be hoped to carry the opposition 'strongholds,' and we trust that more will be heard of this plan of campaign.

While referring to this topic, we should like again to emphasise the real importance of ringers generally prac-

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tising 'rising' and 'falling' in peal. It has obvious advantages over the haphazard and casual manner of pulling up and lowering bells which is only too often to be heard; and there are comparatively few towers where it is done with anything like real precision. This prelude and conclusion to a well struck touch can be made quite impressive, but it requires practice. There are, however, few places where any attention is given to this feature of ringing, and when it is done it far too often ends in a clanging and clashing which is worse than the ringing of single bells. 'Rising and falling' requires practice and ought to be a part of the instruction given to every young ringer.

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Conducted by THOMAS WILLIAM STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal.

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE	Treble	THOMAS WATSON	5
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MISS M. CLAYTON	3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	7
WILLIAM MILLER	4	WILLIAM HALL	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Fung as a farewell peal to Miss A. Duerden, a teacher in the above parish, who sailed on Friday, September 7th, for the mission field in China.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	Treble	†PERCY HARRISON	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	6
*ALBAN DISNEY	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSIAH MORRIS	4	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in the method. † First in method 'inside.' Rung to oblige Inspector Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, who was visiting this, his native village.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	THOMAS WATSON	5
*WILLIAM BRIGGS	2	JAMES HARRISON	6
MISS M. CLAYTON	3	FREDERICK HINDLE	7
THOMAS CALDERBANK	4	WILLIAM E. WILSON	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	JAMES H. RAPER 6
THOMAS PITTHAM 3	THOMAS W. CHOWN 7
† ALFRED G. GRANT 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS W. CHOWN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

* WILLIAM C. WEST Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SIDNEY HILLIER 7
† THOMAS DAVISON 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
* JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JOHN P. FIDLER 6
* ERNEST BENNETT 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by EDWARD JENKINS. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. This composition, which is in forty-seven courses, has twenty-three 4-6-8's, six 5-6-8's, and eighteen 6-7-8's, is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough.

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(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
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FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON (Brockley) 2	
FREDERICK G. BRETT (Canterbury) 3	
REV. FREDERICK J. O. HELMORE (Canterbury) 4	
* FREDERICK R. WELLER (Canterbury) 5	
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL (Milton-next-Gravesend) 6	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. (Erith) 7	
FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD (Canterbury) Tenor	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman. The band tender their hearty congratulations to the veteran secretary of the Kent Association, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, on his excellent ringing.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

* ALLAN R. PINK Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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At the Church of St. Andrew,

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Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
FRANK BLONDELL 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

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On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

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Conducted by W. POSTON.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	GEORGE PRYKE 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	CHARLES W. PARKER 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
HARRY R. ROPER 4	GEORGE W. ABLETT Tenor

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	GEORGE FAULKNER 6
ALBERT WARD 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD KENT Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES MASON 6
ARTHUR PASHLEV 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
J. FRED MILNER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MANCETTER, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen extents each of Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JAMES H. RAVER... .. 3
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal on these bells since their rehanging by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR CLEMENT Treble	CHARLES F. VASEY 4
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 5
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. † 60th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sheraton. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th are local men.

ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, twelve St. Dunstan's, ten Grandsire, six 240's spliced, by A. J. Pitman, all differently called.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	Cecil E. Carr 3
A NORMAN GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
HENRY BIRD... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, made five in 1907, the four back bells being dated 1624. This is the 112th tower in this diocese in which the conductor has rung peals. The Vicar kindly provided tea after the peal.

KENSINGTON.—On Monday, September 10th, in St. Mary Abbot's heffry, on handbells, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Challis F. Winney (conductor) 1-2, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 3-4, W. E. Judd 5-6, Joseph Herbert 7-8.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE 2	JAMES H. RAVER 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAVER.

Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of Charles G. Bates, chorister and ringing secretary at this church.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT L. BALL Treble	JOHN KING 4
*JAMES WARD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven methods, and first attempt. This is the first extent of London Surprise rung to a peal in the county.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD ASBURY Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 4
JOHN PARKER 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
JOHN MATTHEWS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RUSSELL WARD Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
*CHARLES TAYLOR 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
W. FORSTER Tenor	

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED T. GOUGH Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	†ROBERT H. JONES 5
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY C. ABLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. All the ringers are from Knighton. Ringers of the treble and 5th joined the Knighton band in October, 1927, as probationers.

'BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.'

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the publication of Mr. J. R. Nichols' book, 'Bells Through the Ages,' although the price will certainly put it out of reach of the average ringer's pocket, would be a splendid book to form the start of a branch or tower library where none exists, and a good addition to those already formed. Many branches and associations have funds lying idle, and this is one way in which those funds would do good, as ringers can borrow books they would not otherwise be able to read.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. BLACK.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

Witness: W. J. MAYHEW.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Kent Maximus on handbells by all the band, except the ringer of 7-8, also first in Ipswich.

AN 'ISLAND' EXCURSION.

Few can boast of having such an enjoyable annual outing as the Haslemere ringers, together with a lady ringer from outside, spent this year. September 1st was the much-longed-for day, and all hoped that fate would be kind and give them the sun which had shone so promisingly during the week. The place chosen was the Isle of Wight, and all who know the island agree that visits could be made there year after year with added interest. The tour had been planned so that the visitors could combine sight-seeing with ringing, and only two towers were booked. Nine members of the Haslemere band were lined up on Haslemere platform in readiness for the Portsmouth train, which came steaming into the station at 8.12 a.m. The visitor had already taken her seat at Guildford, having made an early start to catch the connection. Arriving at Portsmouth Harbour at 9.30, attention was centred on finding the remaining members, who had arranged to meet the band before crossing to the island. Then in full force the company proceeded to the boat, and after a pleasant trip across, some enjoying the sea air and sunshine on deck, whilst others felt happier below, Ryde was reached, where a charabanc waited to take the party for a ride, and, incidentally, drop them at Godshill, the first tower booked. The trip through Brading, then along the coast via Sandown and Shanklin, turning again inland, was a drive full of interest. Short halts were made by the driver, who described the places of note en route, and all enjoyed the pleasant woods and fields. Arriving at Godshill, the charabanc unloaded its freight, and a steady climb was made for the church, which is perched on the hilltop. All who have been there will remember the steep steps before reaching the church door. The bells were raised in peal in West Country fashion, which made the steeplekeeper remark, 'They did not often hear bells raised like that.' Touches of Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung, also a few rounds, so that all had a chance of a 'pull.'

The next item on the programme was the call for lunch, but before a start could be made three more were wanted to complete the party. They were found in a small refreshment shop, devouring ices, and objected very much to the suggestion that they could bring them with them. A most excellent lunch was partaken of at Niton, and all felt much refreshed, and ready for the walk to Blackgang Chine. A happy and jolly party it was that strolled across the downs, and various exclamations of delight and admiration were heard upon the beauties of the countryside.

It was here where some few months ago the peaceful village was greatly disturbed by an alarming landslide, and much interest was aroused in the company, also much anxiety, when some of the more inquisitive ones peered perilously over the side of the adjoining cliff. Once more the band boarded the charabanc, the motor having to make a detour to avoid the landslide, and a start was made for Freshwater.

Time and space do not permit the writer to give a lengthy description, but all who know the picturesque and enchanting scenery, quaint and beautiful old-fashioned houses and farms of the Tudor period, here and there attractive cottages, with their thatched roofs, and gardens one mass of colour, will join with her in the never-to-be-forgotten memories.

Freshwater bells were soon up and ready, the first touch being Oxford Minor by special request, then touches of Plain Bob, finishing with a few rounds for the pupil. The bells here were given by Lord Tennyson, and hung in a tiny tower, four over two, with a tiny rope circle on the ground floor.

A hurried departure was then made for Ryde, as the visitor realised that she would only just have time to board the train at Portsmouth which met the connection at Guildford, and very reluctantly she walked to the steamer at Ryde, leaving the others behind to enjoy more sea air. The band would like to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, also towerkeepers and kind members of the party who arranged everything so satisfactorily.

I. L. H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR IN THE PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's, Chorley, on Saturday, September 8th. During the day ringers attended from numerous branch towers, and among those present were the general ringing secretary and branch secretaries from the Blackburn and Wigan Branches.

The bells were kept going in various methods from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise, a considerable portion of the time being given to taking quite a few of the branch's younger members through their first touches.

In opening the business meeting, Mr. Sharples, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from the Blackburn and Wigan Branches.

Three new members from Browedge were elected.

Mr. Sharples gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings at the general committee meeting, which was held at St. Helens last July. He was heartily thanked for his report.

The secretary presented a report of the work in the branch. During the year, he said, ten business meetings and one ringing meeting, as well as the annual social, had been held. The average attendance had been much lower than in the last year or two, being rather over twenty this year, as against nearly thirty last year. One couldn't account for it, whether there is less interest amongst the members, or whether the state of trade generally had a bearing on it. Thirteen branch peals had been rung as follow: Minor in two methods, one, at Leyland St. James'; Minor in three methods, two, one each at Leyland St. James' and Brindle; Minor in five methods, three, all at Brindle; Kent Treble Bob Major, three, one each at Chorley St. Mary's, Bispham, and Whittle-le-Woods. The other peals were Double Norwich, rung at Chorley St. Mary's, Samlesbury, Hoghton and Penwortham. Three of the Minor peals at Brindle, and the Kent Treble Bob Major at Whittle-le-Woods, were local peals. One peal at Brindle was rung muffled as a last token of respect to the late secretary of the Blackburn Branch, Mr. Jack Watson. The peal of Double Norwich at Hoghton, and a date touch of Grandsire Triples at Chorley Parish Church, were rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley Parish Church. Twenty-eight members took part in the peals, seven of whom rang their 'first' in one or more methods, whilst two members conducted their first peals. The list was equal to any they have had in the past, both in numbers and methods. During the year, Browedge bells had been recast, augmented to the full octave, and put in a new frame with all the latest improvements by Messrs. Taylor and Co., whilst the bells at Higher Walton were being overhauled and augmented by the same firm. The bells at Ribchester were also to receive some attention from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, although some members were getting into arrears. They had made six new members, or old members rejoined.—On the motion of Mr. Blagg, seconded by Mr. E. R. Martin, the report was accepted.

The next business was the election of secretary. Mr. J. Brown moved, and Mr. J. T. Miller seconded, Mr. E. R. Martin supporting, that the retiring secretary be re-elected, and this was carried.—The secretary thanked the members briefly for their confidence.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the church authorities for the use of the bells, concluded the business.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BELLS UNSAFE TO RING.

A quarterly meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Shaw, Thatcham, and the local ringers. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters), who gave a very interesting address. Miss Waterhouse presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Royal Oak by Mr. and Mrs. Love, when 23 sat down, including the Rector, Miss Waterhouse, Misses Drake and Mr. F. N. A. Garry, O.B.E.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis. The Rev. Smith-Masters was elected an hon. member, one new ringing member from Yattendon tower was also elected.

Owing to Newbury bells being unsafe to ring, it was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Shaw on Saturday, November 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, Miss Waterhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Love, proposed by Mr. Curtis and seconded by Mr. W. Mathews. The tower was again visited, and some good touches rung in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

DORCHESTER ABBEY, OXON.—On Wednesday, September 5th, after meeting short for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Henley 3, C. W. Pipe 4, W. Hutton 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stilwell 7, J. H. Crop-ley 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXFORD GUILD MASTER'S ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERS.

Nearly a hundred ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Belbroughton on Saturday week, when the preacher at the service was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The event was favoured with glorious weather, and everything conducted to make an enjoyable and memorable gathering. The bells were rung both afternoon and evening, and at the service the Rector (the Rev. D. A. Townsend) was at the organ.

The address was of that practical type for which the Oxford Guild Master is famous in ringing circles. He took as his text St. Paul's second Epistle to Timothy, ii. 15: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.' He said this was a message from one minister to another; it was also very appropriate for bellringers, who were Christian ministers with a specific work to perform. First they must study, and give great diligence to their work. Ringing was not laborious as some people wrongly thought, for bells could be rung with very little exertion. Guilds were in existence to help to make good ringers. It was not a question of deep learning. In the olden times uneducated countrymen could ring changes in the highest methods, learning with such crude things as chalk and slate to work out the different combinations; but study was necessary and made a big call on the time, and often on the temper. Bellringing was a work approved of God. As His messengers, bellringers must do their best, for God's glory. The task made demands, but the work was entrancing. It implied an object in life. As Jesus was trained at Nazareth, a workman first and then a teacher, so the bellringer had to be trained first before he could impart his knowledge efficiently to others. They were not to be ashamed of the duty entrusted to them, although they must cherish that precious possession of shame for works unworthy of a ringer. There ought to be no slipshod ringing, no bad instructions, and certainly no acts of levity in the belfry.

After the service, tea was provided in the Church Hall by a band of ladies, including Mrs. Hopcroft, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Riste, and this was very greatly appreciated. The Rector apologised for the absence of the people's warden, Mr. Handley.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Rural Dean (Canon Newland), and the Rev. T. C. de la Haye (Rector of Bromsgrove), Messrs. A. J. Skelding (hon. secretary), J. D. Johnson (Ringing Master), T. Salter (Central Committee representative), Mason (Hagley), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and J. Hemming (Southern Branch).

Mr. Parsons offered a warm welcome to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and thanks for his address. It was the first time in his memory that an outside clergyman had addressed them. He hoped the Dean of Worcester would invite Mr. Jenkyn to the Cathedral service, for all ringers knew him well. His address and presence that day showed that he was just the man for the work. He welcomed Canon Newland and hoped he would often grace their meetings by his presence.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was elected Ringing Master. Mr. A. J. Skelding was re-elected branch secretary, with a warm tribute to his work for the association.—Mr. Skelding, in returning thanks, said he took no honour to himself; he did his work for the honour of the Church.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Thos. Townsend (Netherton), Hy. Perrins and John Potter (Wollaston), G. Fern (Bromsgrove), A. Hollis and S. Woodward (Belbroughton), and the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis (Bewdley).

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Oldbury, and a letter was received stating that if this were agreed to everything would be done to make the visit a success. Brierley Hill was also proposed, but Oldbury was fixed upon, and the date was left with the secretary and the Oldbury Vicar.

Mr. W. Short (Clent), who was appointed as Central Committee representative, proposed that the quarterly peal be rung at Belbroughton; the local band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Calcutt could be encouraged to qualify to ring in the peal. Belbroughton had now a very enthusiastic band of young ringers.—Mr. Calcutt said it was a great compliment to the Belbroughton ringers, and he was sure his men would strive to make themselves competent, especially if Mr. Short could spare time to teach them.—Mr. Matthews promised to help Mr. Short in this work.

Thanks were expressed to the ladies who provided tea. Ringing arrangements were in the hands of that stalwart, Mr. W. Short, who, although lame, is as alert as ever.

At Clent, after the meeting, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn took part in a course of London Surprise Major, and a touch of Stedman Triples. On Sunday, at Chaddesley Corbett, courses of Cambridge Surprise, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, and at Bromsgrove there was a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by W. Short (conductor) 1, J. Bass 2, A. E. Parsons 3, T. J. Salter 4, C. Skidmore 5, J. Hemming 6, H. C. Bird 7, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 8, R. Matthews 9, A. Hackett 10. Afterwards, some of the local band rang a course of Grandsire Caters for the evening service, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn preached the sermon.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT LUSTLEIGH.

Lustleigh, a pretty little South Devon village, situate on the borders of Dartmoor, was the venue for the summer meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, which took place on Saturday. There was a moderate attendance, but the Rector and the local men did what they could to make the visitors very welcome, and thus the meeting was all the more enjoyable. Three of the local band also rang the tenor behind to some touches, and they did very well for their first time.

Visitors were present from Brixham, Paignton, Cockington, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth and Devonport, and the bells, a handy ring of six, rebung a few years ago by the Croydon Foundry, were kept going during the afternoon to Grandsire Doubles. A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. Ryder), who, in the course of an eloquent address, extended a very hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. The Secretary (Mr. H. J. Hole) apologised for the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton), who had a serious loss recently. He also read a number of apologies for absence.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, November 10th, Churston and Brixham were chosen. Two new members were elected.

Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the organist for her assistance at the service, and to the local ringers for their presence. This was seconded, and the Rector suitably replied.

This concluded the business, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing. Although the attendance was not large, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT RHYL.

A very enjoyable day was spent at Rhyl on Saturday, September 1st, by members of the North Wales Association upon the occasion of the half-yearly meeting. The day was beautifully fine, and members were present from Bangor, Llandudno, Abergelle, Wrexham, Gresford and Hope. A service was held at St. Thomas' Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Edwards Davies), who gave an excellent address.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Jones (Wrexham) in the absence of the president, who sent his expression of regret.

Several alterations in the rules were put forward by the Master (Mr. A. J. Hughes).

Fourteen ringing members and five probationers were elected, also Mr. E. A. Brooks, Dursley, Gloucestershire, as a life member.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Mr. Jones for presiding, to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the ladies who kindly helped with the tea.

Good practice was put in after tea on tower and handbells under the guidance of the Ringing Master.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES GEORGE BATES.

On earth there is no finer crown, no laurel wreath of texture rare, than that which we ringers accord to a brother who has passed to that place where skill in methods, ability to handle a bell, the peculiar capacity to put bobs in their own appointed places, or to rise and fall in peal count as naught, when we ring the 'whole pull and stand.' It has been my melancholy duty—I say, perforce, duty, for duty must be done—to stand by the side of the grave of our fellow-ringer, Charles G. Bates, who passed away on Wednesday, August 29th, aged only 38, leaving a wife and four children, all of school age, to mourn their loss.

George, as the writer knew him, was always ready to do his bit to the best of his abilities, and many who have passed beyond with a louder fanfare could do no more. 'Better love hath no man . . . Let us, who are left, see to it that we merit the same encomium.'

As a ringer and a chorister, his short sojourn in this 'vale of tears' had been a path of duty done. The few peals he had rung—twenty-three in all—had been performed to the best of his ability; he gave always of his best.

Charles George Bates was born on July 12th, 1890, and was for many years a chorister and ringer at Exhall, Warwickshire. It is a melancholy coincidence that he should have attempted his last peal on his birthday, July 12th. It was lost in the sixth extent, and he there and then booked down in his diary St. Giles' Day, September 1st, for the next attempt. He was, however, taken ill with a nervous complaint shortly after, and died on August 29th. He was buried on St. Giles' Day, the day he had appointed for his peal.

He rang his first peal at Exhall on March 12th, 1927, and his twenty-third and last peal at Wolvey on June 23rd, 1928. Twenty of his peals were rung for the Warwickshire Guild, two for the Midland Counties Association, and his only peal of Triples for the St. Martin's Guild.

J. E. S.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY MEETING AT PENTRE.

It has been stated that the Rhondda Valley produces the very best steam coal in the world, and it is at the top of this valley that Pentre is situated, right in the midst of the Welsh Hills and Welsh coal. Here it was that a quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday last. The church is a very beautiful one, the finest of the valley, and the bells, too, are a very fine peal of eight by Taylor, with a 27 cwt. tenor. Early in the afternoon many put in an appearance. The bells were raised and kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. D. Spenser Jones) officiating, and having the assistance of his curate. The address, a very able and inspiring one, was much appreciated.

Immediately following the service, a sumptuous tea was served in the schoolroom, very kindly provided by the friends of the church.

The business meeting followed, and at the outset a last tribute of respect was paid to the late Mr. S. Dawe by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The usual routine business followed, and several new members enrolled.

The next meeting is to be held at Llangibby.

The muster was a very fine one. The very heartiest welcome was accorded Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of Cardiff, this being the first meeting he has been able to attend since his terrible accident two or three years ago. Although progressing favourably, it will be some time yet before he can take his accustomed place as conductor of Grandsire Caters. All wished him a speedy recovery.

The very best thanks were accorded to all, including the Vicar, ladies and local ringers, for their great kindness and hospitality.—This closed the meeting, amongst the visitors at which was Mr. Simmonds, of Oxford.

The unveiling then took place of a beautiful peal tablet, erected in the tower to the memory of the late Mr. James Cross, who died some time ago with such tragic suddenness. The unveiling and dedication were performed by the Vicar in the presence of a chamber full of ringers. The peal recorded is one of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Cross. He was one of the most enthusiastic of the local ringers, and his loss was keenly felt.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening, a variety of methods being practised from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The meeting was one of the very best in the history of the association, the most pleasant and a huge success.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHERN DISTRICT WELCOMED AT NEATH.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st, when about 30 members attended from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Swansea, Morriston, and the local band, and visitors from Bedwellty and Aberdare. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rector of Neath (Rev. G. Francis), who gave a very interesting address and a hearty welcome to the Guild to Neath. Tea followed in the church Room, given by Mrs. Couch, and was very much enjoyed by all present.

The business meeting was held after tea, the Rector taking the chair. Three new members were elected, and Swansea chosen for the next meeting.

Songs were sung by friends at Neath between the items on the agenda, and were appreciated by all.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, also to the lady organist for her service, both at the organ and piano, to the artists who gave much pleasure to the company with their songs, and to Mrs. Couch for the splendid tea given.—The Rector, in replying, said how very pleased they were all to welcome the Guild to Neath and to make everyone as happy as possible while there.

The bells, although not going any too well, were made good use of when the standard methods were rung, including Spiced Treble Bob.

PEAL RINGERS AS SERVICE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re your leading article and the fact that service ringing is falling off, if all incumbents decided that no peals should be attempted unless a quarter-peal was rung on the bells by the band to attempt the peal on the Sunday previous to the attempt, it would 'dig up' quite a lot of service ringers. There are a number of really good ringers who are quite able instructors, who never show up to help unless a peal is on the programme. If we must have peals, we must have peal ringers, and the best way to have them is to make them; and the only people who can make them are the peal ringers. I am afraid, therefore, that a little more energy will have to be expended by the good ringers if the supply of peal ringers is to be kept up. At present the demand exceeds the supply, so I must conclude that the producers are lagging behind.—Yours very respectfully,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Wednesday there is to be a broadcast talk on 'The English Art of Bellingmg' at 7 p.m. This talk was arranged between the Central Council and the B.B.C., and is to be given by the Rev. F. L. Edwards. There will be handbell illustrations.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, last week just missed scoring their first local peal—Grandsire Triples. They had splendid ringing for 3 hrs. 7 mins., and came to grief when only three bobs remained to be called. We wish them success when next they venture.

The quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Woodbridge has been postponed to September 29th.

A 'Frederick' peal by men of Kent and Kentish men was rung at Rainham on Saturday, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the veteran hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, being of the band.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose principal claim to fame is his peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, whose lineal descendant is the present St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was rung at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral, on September 16th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Drayton in the year 1896.

We should not think much in these days of a bell hanger who left a new peal of 10 bells so that the 9th required two men and the tenor three men to ring them. But such was the case when William D. Crofts called 5,130 Grandsire Caters on 'the new peal of ten bells at Grantham.' Ten of the band were from Nottingham, and the other three from Newark.

MANCETTER'S OLD RING.

FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CENTURY BELLS.

A peal rung on the five bells at Mancetter, Warwickshire, is a reminder that the whole ring is of great age. Nevertheless the tenor is a very fine old bell, in E flat, about 10½ cwt. (diameter 48½ inches).

The treble is by Thomas Hancox, of Walsall, 1633 (diameter 34½ inches, weight about 7½ cwt.).

The second is a very old bell, probably by Johannes de York, or from the foundry of William Noble or Thomas Innocent. It may date from about 1420 (diameter 36 inches, weight 8½ cwt.).

The third was cast in 1641 by Hugh Watts (diameter 39½ inches, weight 11 cwt.).

The fourth is the oldest bell. Its founder was John Hose, 1352-1366, whose cottage, near All Saints' Church, Leicester, is mentioned in 1352, and in the Merchant Guild entries of 1366 (diameter 44 inches, weight 15 cwt.).

The tenor is by George Oldfield, of Nottingham, 1647.

Although the present bells are a ring of veritable veterans, they could be augmented to make a grand ring of eight.

The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WATH BAND WIN COMPETITION.

The annual shield contest took place on Saturday at Penistone on a well-hung and beautiful peal of bells placed at the disposal of the association by the Vicar, Rev. F. B. Carlton. The event was favoured with fine weather, and nine bands entered. All made a gallant attempt to carry home the trophy. The judges were Messrs. J. and R. Brearley (Bolsterstone) and W. Idle (Dewsbury). It will be noted the winners had a hard fight. Shelley, who won the shield for the first two years, now fall into second place for next year, defeated, but possessed of the highest admiration for their honourable opponents. The figures are given below.

The welcome given by Penistone was most hearty. The fund for the purchase of the individual awards was largely collected by Mr. F. Tinker, who also had the greater share in making the local arrangements.

At the end of contest, a business meeting was held, when Darfield was selected for the October meeting.

Mrs. Hodgkinson, a well-known Penistone lady, handed the prizes to the winners, viz., the shield to be held for one year, and six cut-glass bowls and spoons to the Wath (No. 1) company, and six alarm clocks to the Sholley band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Hodgkinson, the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Carlton), the churchwardens, Mr. F. Tinker, and others who had contributed to the success of the proceedings. Results:—

1. Wath (No. 1 band)	71 faults.
2. Shelley	76 "
3. Sandal	86 "
4. Cawthorne	200 "
5. Darfield	224 "
6. Hoylandswaine	275 "
7. Felkirk	282 "
8. Darton	284 "
9. Wath (No. 2 band)	321 "

METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Owing to the not very prudent way in which the report of the committee for collecting Minor methods has been handled, attention has been centred on the actual names which have been chosen, rather than on the classification of the methods, which is, of course, the proper work of that committee. The Exercise at present does not, since the death of Canon Papillon, possess anyone who has any great knowledge of philology, and it is not quite fair to blame a committee chosen for its knowledge of the science of change ringing for its errors in philology. But the classification of the methods which they have collected is especially their job, and we certainly look to them to exercise ordinary carefulness in the matter.

The first thing that strikes the eye is that under a list headed Minor Methods, the last section is entitled 'Triples Methods'! It is no doubt a convenience to have these names included, but why call them both Minor and Triples at the same time? Even Mr. Pickwick with 'Triple Bob Majors' was not so foolish! Surely it was possible so to word the list as to make the proper classification clear. For instance, a footnote might have been added to the first section, saying 'numbers so-and-so are also Triples Methods.' If the list is intended to include all Triples methods, obviously the Stedman system is omitted. If not, the principle of selection should have been stated.

Moreover, this section should have been laid before the Council in order that errors or omissions could be pointed out, or some principle of classification decided on. It would then have been possible to have had corrected the surprising statement from these three experts of all people that Grandsire and Plain are not only different methods, but are not even in the same class! If the footnote I have suggested were inserted, it would be easy to say, 'Nos. 1 and 1a on odd bells are called Grandsire,' or some such explanation.

In this connection I pointed out at Hereford the meaninglessness of the name given to 1a, viz., 'Reverse Bob.' Apparently the authors of this report, when they ring Plain Bob, call out, 'Go, Bob.' Most ringers, at any rate those who know what they are talking about, call, 'Go, Plain.' Therefore this method should be called 'Reverse Plain.'

As a matter of fact, these two methods have really no name, for both Plain and Bob are descriptions, or names of classes and not of methods. But these three experts should be the last to use such a term as Reverse Bob. We have been told so emphatically by them that certain methods are 'Bob' methods, and that that name must on no account be left out, that it seems strange to be told that there is only one Reverse Bob method, and that one so unimportant as not to have a whole number to itself.

Is 'Double Bob' an error for 'Double Plain,' or is it the only Bob method which can be doubled?

I notice that while there are two Pleasure methods which are called Bobs, there are ten methods in the list which are not so distinguished. Why is this? If they belong to a different class, this section should be sub-divided. At present one has an uneasy feeling that there are probably mistakes, especially as one notices that lower down the word Bob is omitted after Grandsire.

Similar observations can be made on the next three sections. Two of the Treble Bob methods are called 'Pleasure' instead of Treble Bob. It would appear that Pleasure is a cross classification. If so, this should have been noted, equally also if it is not. Each of the Delight lists have two names in them which are not Delights. It should be explained why they are there. The Surprise list seems to be the only one that is consistent, and it therefore seems surprising (if I may so put it) that the word 'Surprise' needs to be repeated 46 times.

At Hereford I asked for the information which would explain these anomalies, and Mr. Law James said it was published twenty years ago. I replied that was the very reason I was asking for it. I read it when published, but in twenty years I may be forgiven for forgetting it. It is possible that I may not know where to look it up, or even that I do not care to go to that trouble. But in any case I am writing on behalf of those whose ringing career does not go back twenty years, and for those who come after us. They, at least, are entitled to a short definition of what a Plain method is, or a Bob, Treble Bob, Delight, or Surprise method. And if they are not to find it in the Collection of Methods, and in the lists given in such a collection, where are they to find it?

If it be objected that this would take up too much room, one may point out that it would not occupy so much space as the tautological repetition of class names, which they have given us. If they cannot define a 'Surprise' method in less than 46 words, they should get someone else to do so.

Let us hope that for their own reputation these three experts will revise these crude lists before publication, and arrange them in the proper scientific manner, which they know well how to do.

With regard to details, at Hereford I pointed out how ridiculous the name Bogedone is. To my surprise no one seemed to know anything about it, neither what it meant, nor how it was pronounced, nor even with how many syllables. (It could have two, three or four.) Mr. Trollope promised me to try to find out and see if it could be altered. Apparently he has not succeeded. Why this superstitious reverence to an unknown name? We do not want to make ourselves merely silly. I would conjecture that someone has been pulling the legs of the committee, and seeing how much they will swallow. Cuneastre is almost as bad.

A correspondent in 'The Ringing World' mentioned that I again objected to the name 'Immanuel.' This was a mistake. I have only objected to it once, at Hereford. In case some still regret its omission, may I point out that such a word should not be used as a mere title of anything not divine. It is true that names of the deity are used in other countries sometimes as Christian names, and in other ways more freely than in England, but most English people would resent the introduction of such a custom among us. If the method had been called Immanuel Church Surprise, it would not have been so bad, but the committee have done well to leave the word out altogether.

Will not the discoverer of Kent Surprise find some other name for his bantling? Nowadays such a name implies that it is a variation, or connected in some way with Kent Treble Bob. I take it he wants it to stand on its own feet. If so, let it have its own name, and do not let it try to sail under false colours.

TWO MORE PLAIN MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your readers will remember that when the Central Council published the present 'Collection of Minor Methods' several Treble Bob methods were omitted, as was discovered later by Mr. E. H. Lewis. I do not know whether it is known that two plain methods were overlooked, but I do not remember that this has ever been pointed out in your columns. Now that the Minor Collection is to be reprinted, I give below the figures for these methods. I am aware that some fault could be found with them, but every objection that applies to them applies equally, I think, to several methods which already appear in the 'Collection.' At any rate, in the extents where the tenor is called W.R.W., 5 and 6 do not come together the wrong way behind, so that in this respect at least they are better than some methods which have been included in the 'Collection.' But the real reason why they should be inserted is that this book professes to contain 'all legitimate Minor methods, except such as have 5th's place without the treble in 6th's,' but, of course, it does not do so, without these two.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

60, Coleman Road,
Belvedere, Kent.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
246513	246513
245631	245631
425361	425361
423516	423516
243156	243156
421365	421365
412635	412635
146253	146253
164523	142635

[If these methods have been rung, the names, with dates of first ringing, should at once be made known.—En. 'R.W.']

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are delighted to see from this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the five regular Double Surprise methods are to be included in the new book of Minor Methods. I desire to thank you personally for your kindness in bringing the matter before the Central Council meeting at Hereford, without which they would probably have been lost in oblivion. The Norton band and myself are very grateful to you.—Yours delightedly,

J. E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note in your current issue the 'List of names' it is proposed to print in the next issue of the 'Minor Collection.' Might I respectfully suggest to the committee that they substitute the name 'Hattersley' for Pennine, No. 24 Treble Bob method. Also I see no mention of the Double Surprise Minor methods such as Kingale and Brownedge. Why not include the best of them under a separate heading as examples?—Yours,

SAMIWELL.

[Nos. 42 to 46 inclusive of the Surprise Methods are of the Double variety.—En. 'R.W.']

RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns appeal to subscribers to the Directory to notify any omission. All subscribers by this time should have received their copy. There are copies available to non-subscribers, 1s. each.—Yours faithfully,

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING.

All the ringers whose names were mentioned in these notes a fortnight ago as having taken part in the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's last peal were prominent members of the Norwich Association. Frederick Day was a bell hanger of Eyc. He and his father, George Day, did a lot of good work in the Eastern Counties. Their hanging was in the old style in wooden frames with plain bearings, and it was hand work without the aid of the accurate and expensive plant that modern bell hangers use. Fred Day was a master craftsman, and worked himself, and, as I have said, his work was good. One of his principal jobs was the rehanging of Mancroft twelve in the eighties of last century, and, as everyone knows who has rung on these bells, they went excellently. He was not, however, very successful in the re-clappering of the bells. The frame was the original one put in when the bells were first installed in 1775. It was made by a man named Williams, and Fred Day told me that no tower in England contained a better designed or better constructed frame than that. Unfortunately, through the decay of the older beams which supported it, it has recently had to be replaced by an iron frame.

The Rev. J. H. Pilkington was the Rector of Framlingham. At an unusually late time of life he took an interest in ringing, and speedily became a proficient ringer and conductor in the methods then practised and a composer of more than average ability. In Bob Major he produced some peals which were distinctly original in plan and qualities, not an easy thing to do in a method which had been so much exploited.

William Ireland was for many years one of the leading ringers at Diss, where there has been for many years a good band. He was a handbell ringer when such were comparatively few. He took part in one or two notable peals, including the first of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung in hand by the association. This was in 1889, and was conducted by Mr. John Souter. Mr. Crickmer and Mr. John Souter are still alive and active, and there is no need to say anything about their outstanding abilities as ringers.

In 1891 Mr. Bulwer was elected honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, and held those offices until his death. The success or failure of such a body as the Central Council depends in no small measure on the work, mostly unrecorded and unknown, that is done by its secretary, and Mr. Bulwer was a man especially fitted for the job.

On the theoretic side of change ringing, Mr. Bulwer did work which was extremely valuable and lasting in its effect, but by the nature of the case it was work which was largely the preparation for further advance, rather than the attainment of final results. The exception to this was the investigation into peals of Stedman Triples which he and Sir Arthur Heywood made with help from Mr. W. H. Thompson and others. The results of these investigations are printed in Mr. Davies' 'Stedman,' and it is safe to say that it leaves little to be said about the structure and composition of 'Twin Bob' peals in that method. These chapters are not easy reading, and they are decidedly calculated to impress one with the fact that there are problems in change ringing worthy of the best intellects.

Towards the end of the last century the Exercise produced several men who began to write books and articles on ringing. It had been a long time since a really good book had appeared on the subject. Some of the earlier books are quite well written, especially Stedman's 'Tintinnologia,' and, in a different way, the 'Clavis.' Shipway's work, too, is as a handbook an excellent production, but the later books, Hubbard, Sottanstell and Bannister, are inferior. Then Jasper Snowden began to publish his series, first as articles in 'Church Bells' and the 'Bell News,' and after as books. Then Mr. Davies, Mr. Heywood and others began to publish articles to try and explain the scientific side of ringing.

One difficulty they found, as all of us who have tried to write such articles are sure to find, and that is that the technical terms in use are often too vague and not sufficiently understood by the reader. When you use a term you can never be quite sure that your reader understands exactly what you mean. In the preface to 'Duffield,' Sir Arthur Heywood pleaded strongly for a reform in ringing terminology, and when the Central Council was founded this was one of the first jobs tackled.

The work was done practically entirely by Mr. Bulwer, and the result is the 'Glossary,' a book which every ringer should possess. It consists of two parts—one part excellent, the other useful in its time but now quite superseded and out of date. The first part contains an explanation of every technical term in use, either in the belfry or in dealing with the theory of ringing. To compile it meant a vast amount of labour and research. Naturally these terms have been added to in the years that have elapsed since the 'Glossary' was published, for every one who writes about new facts and new truths must find the old terms inadequate, and must coin new ones for new uses, but the wise man will always do this as little as possible and never introduce a new term without giving a very careful and full definition of it.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSAL TO AUGMENT BOSHAM BELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham on Saturday, September 1st. The weather being fine and sunny a large company of ringers and their friends spent a very enjoyable time in this out-of-the-way and picturesque corner of Sussex.

The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon, and the ringers attended a shortened evensong, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Geo. Street, officiated, and Mr. J. T. Wright presided at the organ. The Vicar, in the course of a short address, extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and a collection of just over 15s. was devoted to the association's benevolent fund.

The ringers assembled at the Anchor Inn for a substantial meat tea, under the presidency of the Vicar, with Mr. G. Brown in the vice-chair. The company included Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking), and Miss Nancie Denyer and Mr. B. Clark (Aldershot). The following towers were also represented: Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lewes, Shoreham, Slinfold, Pulborough, West Tarring and the local band.

The only formal business which followed the tea was the decision to hold the next quarterly meeting at Shoreham.

Mr. Blake raised the question of the re-election of the Bosham band of ringers and the re-affiliation of the tower, which he requested the Vicar to bring forward at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

At the instance of the hon. sec. (Mr. A. W. Groves), a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for presiding, also to him and friends for providing the excellent repast. Mr. Blake, in supporting the vote, said the Vicar had spoken of the pleasure derived from hearing the bells, and he should like to emphasise what a vast improvement it would make to have two trebles added to the existing six bells. If they were able to back him up, they might get Mr. Street to take the matter up.

Mr. G. Williams emphasised the value of having eight bells, and Mr. K. Hart impressed the point that many people came from long distances to see Bosham Church and tower, because of their historical value, and he felt sure it would not be difficult to get the peal increased to the full octave.

The Vicar, in responding, said it had been a great day for the church and village, and it had been a pleasure to have had a share in entertaining the ringers. He would do his best, after the advice of such expert bellringers, to see what he could do with regard to making the addition to the bells.

Following the tea there was a resumption of ringing, and, Chichester Cathedral bells being available, the ringers were not slow to avail themselves of the opportunity of a pull in the ancient campanile.

Bosham has an old and mixed ring of six, the fourth being an Elizabethan bell, dated 1572, the founder, whose initials were 'R.B.' being unknown. The third dates from 1665, the fifth from 1688. This latter is inscribed, 'John Snow, Minister; Thomas White, William Hammon, C.W. Clement Tosear made me in the yeare of 1688.' Of the rest, two were made by Richard Phelps, in 1709 and 1713 respectively; and the tenor by Lester Pack and Chapman in 1787.

THE CATCHPOLE AND MOTTS MEMORIAL.

We beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the fund towards the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

Any further donations will be thankfully received by either—

C. J. SEDGLEY, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or

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It is hoped to close this fund at the end of September.

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(Continued from previous column.)

In the years to come the 'Glossary' will have to be enlarged and brought up to date. When this is done the second part must be scrapped. It is one of the early attempts to classify and explain the nature of methods. It was written at a time when men had only just begun to take an interest in the subject. Knowledge has accumulated since, and the whole of this part of the 'Glossary' is seen to be superficial and has been superseded.

BREAKING 'STONY' GROUND.

'SCIENTIFIC' RINGERS WIN APPROVAL IN DEVON PARISHES.

The St. Thomas', Exeter, ringers, made a tour of over 90 miles on Saturday through the heart of Devon, where call change ringing is remarkably well done. In two motor-cars the party first called at North Tawton, and succeeded in raising, ringing and falling the bells in a way which was favourably commented upon by the local ringers. Winkleigh, a grand octave with 20 cwt. tenor, was the next ring, and again the home men who had gathered to hear the performance were very pleased. Tea was enjoyed, and the party set out for High Bickington. The light bells, with 9 cwt. tenor, by Taylor, were handled beautifully by the ringers, and a hearty invitation to come again was the outcome of some very good striking. A long journey across country brought the party to Chittlehampton, 'the finest tower in Devon,' with bells to match, recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough (tenor 15 cwt.). The visitors rang the bells up in peal to the satisfaction of the listeners, and followed with touches of Grandsire and Stedman, and a good fall, which brought the day's ringing to a happy ending. Considering that the walls of the ringing chambers were covered by certificates, shields and cups won by the local men in ringing competitions, it was a great satisfaction to the visitors to hear that their striking was approved, and the desire expressed to hear more of 'scientific' ringing, the opportunity of which seldom happens in these outlying towers.

It is hoped that more ringers will be interested in the Devon Guild as a result of this tour.

AN OLD TRINITY YOUTH.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. FREEMAN.

Mr. W. H. Freeman, well known in East and S.E. London, died on Wednesday, August 29th, in the Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone. For some time past he had been in poor health. Recently getting worse, he went into hospital, where he was found to be suffering from cancer. Very little could be done for him, and the end came quickly. He was buried in Walthamstow Cemetery on Monday, September 3rd. The St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Guild, was represented by Messrs. R. Maynard, W. Manning, and W. Morley, besides whom Messrs. J. Waghorn, H. Alford and other ringers were present. In the evening, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased member. The following of his colleagues took part: H. Alford, W. Manning, C. T. Coles (conductor), C. T. W. Coles, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, E. Holman, R. Maynard, sen., F. C. Maynard and W. Morley.

Mr. W. H. Freeman was 73 years of age. In his early days he was well known in South-East London, and rang many peals at Lewisham, Greenwich and in the neighbourhood. For the last 39 years he had been a member of the St. Mary's Guild, Walthamstow, and rang in a large number of peals, mostly on the tenor, at that church. At one time he aspired to calling, and conducted one or two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was a member of the College Youths, Essex, Kent, and Middlesex Associations, and was also a member of the old Trinity Youths.

Besides being a ringer, he had been a good cricketer, and was a member of the Essex County Club. His nephews, J. and A. P. Freeman, play for Essex and Kent respectively, the latter having also played for England, and this year performed so well that he has been selected as one of the team to visit Australia this coming winter.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT OXTED.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association took place at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st, members attending from Buckland, Reigate, Redhill, Horley, Burstow, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham and the local band, with the usual visitor from Swindon. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and continued until 5.15, when a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Gibbins).

Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was partaken of at the Church Room, and was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rector presided. One honorary member and seven new ringing members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and so generously providing tea, also to all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Ringling was kept up until nine o'clock in the standard methods

MUFFLED BELLS

At St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, on Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins.: G. F. Chappeil 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 3, T. Noble 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes 6. Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to and appreciation of the Rev. G. Milner, who was Vicar of the parish from 1886 to 1893, and who was largely instrumental in adding five bells in 1892, and so making it a peal of six. His death took place on August 27th.

RECIPROCAL PROOF.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

We have seen in last week's article that in Grandsire Singles the four rows false against the plain course consist of two 'even' and two 'odd' rows, i.e., 1342, 1423, and 1432, 1324.

In Single or Double Grandsire Doubles the rows are all 'even' until a Single is called, and then all 'odd' until another Single again reverses the order; consequently the false rows against the respective plain courses are all 'even,' and in the Single method there are three false 'even' rows against each lead, and a total of six false 'even' rows against plain course.

SINGLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Plain Lead.		Proving Rows.	False Rows.	Proof of Method.
(1) 12345	x	(0) 13542	= 13542	12345
(2) 21354	x	(9) 24531	= 15432	13542
(3) 23145	x	(8) 35421	= 15432	15432
(4) 32415	x	(7) 45312	= 15432	15243
(5) 34251	x	(6) 54213	= 15432	12534
(6) 43521	x	(5) 53124	= 15432	15432
(7) 45312	x	(4) 42135	= 15432	14352
(8) 54132	x	(3) 31245	= 15432	14235
(9) 51423	x	(2) 21354	= 15432	12453
(0) 15243	x	(1) 12345	= 15243	14352
12534				13542
				13254

The six false rows against the plain course are as follow:—

True.	False.
12345	13542
12534	13254
12453	14352
	14235
	15432
	15243

The following lead-heads, which would complete the twelve even rows with the treble fixed, i.e., 13425, 14523, 15324, can only be bobbed in, consequently there are only two true plain courses of Single Grandsire Doubles, one even and one odd, i.e., 12345 and 12435.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

In Double Grandsire Doubles there are two interior places in each lead which are not duplicated, consequently there are five false rows against each lead, and a total of nine false even rows against the plain course.

Plain Lead.		Proving Rows.	False Rows.
(1) 12345	x	(0) 13425	= 13425
(2) 21354	x	(9) 24315	= 15324
(3) 23145	x	(8) 35214	= 15324
(4) 32415	x	(7) 45123	= 15324
(5) 34251	x	(6) 54213	= 15432
(6) 43521	x	(5) 53124	= 15432
(7) 34512	x	(4) 42135	= 14352
(8) 43152	x	(3) 31245	= 14352
(9) 41325	x	(2) 21354	= 14352
(0) 14235	x	(1) 12345	= 14235
12453			
12345		12453	12534
13425		14523	15324
15324		13425	14523
15432		13542	14352
14352		15432	13542
14235		15243	13254

The nine false rows against the plain course are as follow:—

True.	False.
12345	13425
12453	13542
12534	13254
	14352
	14235
	14523
	15324
	15432
	15243

It will be seen that in Double Grandsire Doubles the twelve even rows, with the treble fixed, are all absorbed, consequently there are only two true plain courses, and this is the extent of the method.

In the article last week, the second paragraph should have read: 'For finding the false rows of asymmetrical Plain Methods,' etc. (not symmetrical).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On September 9th, for the Jubilee Celebration Service of the V.W.H. Masonic Lodge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, G. A. Webley 2, F. Wheeler 3, C. Pearce 4, C. J. Pearce (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, E. Hughes 6, H. Wheeler 7, J. Boesley 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Winsor 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, D. T. Hills 4, S. Shellack 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, A. Haylor 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: C. J. Choet 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, T. Langdon 3, R. Green 4, C. F. Winney 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8.

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. — K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Uphill bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30. Bells of Parish Church available immediately before and after service. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 19th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. Sparrow, Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is now 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, August 24th, the Vicar of Llanbradach (the Rev. Edwin Edwards) passed away, and was interred near Brecon on August 27th. On Sunday, August 26th, the bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Doubles. On Sunday, September 9th, before a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: L. Stevens 1, J. Gwilynn 2, F. Stevens (conductor) 3, W. Gwilynn 4, H. Cassel 5, H. Skinner 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Williams 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) will be available if required. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemycok on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton le Cley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all immediately after the ringing competition for Crawford Silver Cup, which will commence at 3 p.m. As only a small number of bands have entered and 360 changes of any method is the limit the competition will, perhaps, not last long. Good bus service available all day from Worksop and Mansfield.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorks, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

PULHAM MARKET BELLS (3, 6 and 8 recast) and Pulham St. Mary will be open for ringing on Saturday, Sept. 15th next.—Fred R. Borrett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 and business to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Dis. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 7.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will members make an effort to attend.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The ring of 6, which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge POSTPONED to Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 24th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ogbourne St. George to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Chobham to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance is specially desired. Tea will be arranged for those who let me know of their intention to be present. Next district meeting Sept. 29th at Weybridge.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel. In order that adequate arrangements may be made will all those intending to be present notify E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, by Monday, Sept. 17th, at the latest.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 18th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. 1928 subscriptions will oblige. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post Sept. 18th. Chair to be taken at 5.45 p.m. prompt, by the Association President. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and the rings of 8 at Headingley, Far Headingley, Armley and Hunslet will be available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Sept. 22nd. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, not later than Sept. 19th.—A. Knights, Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in church 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before Sept. 19th. A good attendance is requested.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec.

BEWDLEY BELLS.—The bells of Bewdley Parish Church have been re-hung and will be opened on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. The Rector and local ringers will be pleased to see any ringers. Will those who intend to be there notify Mr. J. Broad, 13, Load Street, Bewdley, before Wednesday, Sept. 19th?

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6), also Selborne (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Service at Blackmoor Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting after at Parish Room. Will those coming to tea please let me know by the 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 19th?—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Come and try Messrs. Taylor's fine new peal! — Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Leatherhead Districts.—A joint meeting of these districts will be held at Shere (8) and Albury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available at both towers from 3 p.m. Service at Shere at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Those intending to be present must send word by Tuesday, the 25th.—N. V. Harding, Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford; F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eccleston Sept. 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All other arrangements as usual.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Great Tey, Essex.—The reopening of the above bells, which are being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson (treble and tenor recast), will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The reopening touch will be rung by the local band, and ringing will take place after the service. If enough members from Colchester district notify me, a bus will be arranged for. Please write before Wednesday, Sept. 19th, to R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

ST. JOHN'S, LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—The six bells at this church, having been rehung, will be rededicated at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The opening will be on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., to which all ringing friends are invited, also to the tea, which will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. to those who notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Sept. 25th, of their intention of being present.—Wm. Miller, The Cottage, Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E.11.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church. Bells (8) available from 6.30. Service at 8 (address by Rev. E. Roberts), followed by business meeting in Vestry.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped a good number will be present. It is imperative that those requiring tea should advise Mr. Fred Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, before the 25th inst. Will local secretaries send all receipt books and all towers the testimonial lists to the hon. treasurer on or before this date? Also members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Those requiring tea please notify before Sept. 25th either Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, or the general secretary. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

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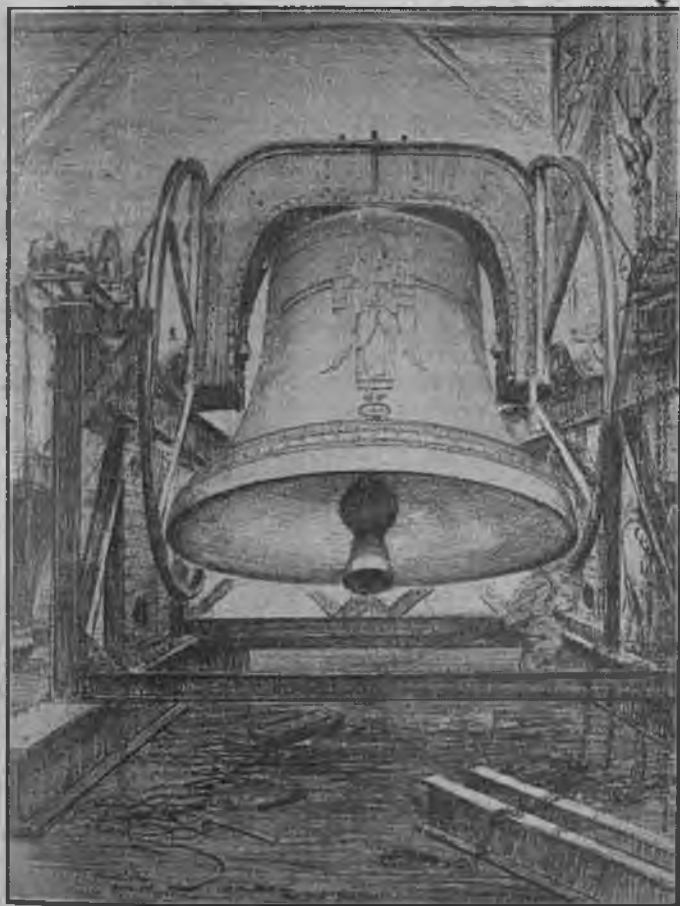
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THE MINOR METHODS.

The Minor methods, of which the Central Council propose shortly to publish a revised 'Collection,' are still the centre of controversy. After years of disputation the actual names which they are to bear have been virtually settled and very generally accepted. There are isolated titles which still do not meet with everyone's approval, but taken altogether the Exercise is now fairly satisfied with what has been done. We publish a letter this week from the Norbury (Cheshire) Company, who first rang a peal of the 'floral' methods; accepting the new names and this graceful gesture on their part puts this side of the controversy finally at rest. The committee, we believe, still have to settle one or two questions of priority in other sections; cases where, while the names were not claimed during the period that the Council's librarian was open to receive them, reached the Analysis Committee before their report was published, but were not adopted by them, presumably because a later name had been claimed within the prescribed time. Except for small points of this kind, however, the names are to all intents and purposes definitely settled.

The question of the classification of the methods, however, is now being questioned. It is too late in the day to have anything on this point decided by the Council, unless publication is to be delayed for yet another year. Mr. Trollope, in his letter in another column, intimates that in this connection the report on the system of classification (adopted by the Council in 1906) may be reproduced. This, we think, will be absolutely essential, and we suggest that the committee would do well to amplify their report somewhat. Their definitions may quite well cover, to their own satisfaction, the methods as at present classified, but the ordinary ringer may be forgiven if he is a little confused when he examines the methods in the light of the report, and we think it is for this more ample explanation, and revision if necessary, that the Rev. H. Drake is asking.

To take an example or two. Plain methods are subdivided into three classes, defined as follows: (1) Bob Methods, having the Grandsire Bob place, either before, or behind, or both, the place being the extreme working bell place nearest the hunt or hunts. (2) Imperial Methods, having Imperial places as, for instance, those made in Kent Treble Bob. (3) Court Methods, having Court places, i.e., places other than those in (1) and (2). Now, some methods among the 'Imperials' have Court places coupled with a 'Grandsire Bob' place behind, but no suggestion (on the face of them) of Kent Treble Bob

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places in their construction. If 'Lytham' and 'Thelwall' are in their proper class, therefore, some explanation is necessary for the benefit of the ordinary ringer. Again, the insertion of 'Stepney' and 'Bala' among the Bob Methods and Stedman Slow Course among the Court methods may be technically in accordance with the committee's views of classification, but, if it is, the definition of a Bob method would seem to need further explanation, or the other definitions some modification. A person coming new to this book would imagine that some of the methods had just been pitchforked into the different categories without regard to the 1906 report; and a new edition ought not to appear without additional clarification.

Further, while the committee are doing their work, we would suggest, with a view to encouraging the higher standard of ringing involved in method splicing, that there should be an indication given of those methods which will splice together, by leads, courses or otherwise. A brief list would suffice, and would be of immense service to those who would like to take up this phase of Minor ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	*FRANK E. PERVIN 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	*HERBERT C. SPENCER 9
*FRED PRICE 5	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, Surrey.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT Treble	ALFRED J. BOLL 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	RONALD H. BOLL 7
AMOS W. CLARK 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. First attempt for a ten-bell peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BODELWYDDN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE MARBLE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
JOHN RANGLES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

The above are Sunday service ringers at All Saints' Church, Gressford, Denbighshire. They were visiting Rhyl on holiday.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	†CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 3	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London inside. First peal in the method as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Lawrence's, Frodsham. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Rev. A. E. Bartlett, who passed away on Sunday, September 9th, and was interred at Great Crosby, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, September 12th. He was for some years assistant clergyman at Frodsham, and retired recently on account of ill-health.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
EDWARD CAUNCE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
*GEORGE W. TEMBY 3	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WALTER FISHER 4	†JOHN BREZZE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged for Mr. Temby, who hails from Egremont, Cumberland.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*NORMAN V. HARDING 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Specially arranged for and rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and the 81st birthday of Mrs. E. S. Baker (Mrs. Goldsmith's mother). * First peal of Double Norwich.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
JOHN MEDHURST 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	BERNARD WELLS 5
OLIVER SIPPITS 2	CRCIL NICE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	REGINALD V. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. V. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal as conductor.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VINCENT TIFTON Treble	HARRY SMALE 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
GEORGE DENT 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. DENT.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SEAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	*ARNOLD HAIGH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Harrison, of Conisborough.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	PERCY H. TATE 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal of Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

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On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 5
HERBERT LONDON 2	GEOFFREY C. RICE 6
RICHARD G. RICE 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	JAMES S. NAPPER Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

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Rung on the 34th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone's wedding day, also as a birthday peal for the latter. Mr. A. C. Kay should have been in this peal, but owing to the original tower not being available, last minute arrangements were made, and Mr. J. Wheadon very kindly filled the gap. This composition is now rung for the first time.

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SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*PERCY SWINDLEY 4	*JOHN A. RANGLES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY ROCHESTER Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
REGINALD DORE 2	GEORGE GRAY 6
ARTHUR REDINGTON 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
JOHN SUCKLING 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK GREEN Treble	EDWARD C. MERRETT 5
ALBERT WARD 2	FREDERICK CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3	KEITH HART 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	H. C. REASON 6
WALTER PRIOR 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	JAMES CHINERY 7
ALFRED J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOMAS TOWNSEND Treble	*FRANK MEADOWS 5
JOHN ROUND 2	HARRY HUBBLE 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester, who dedicated a memorial window to the late Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Norris, M.A.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. G. Bird and Miss Jackson, both of Old Hill, Staffs. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a splendid tea, for which they return best thanks. They also desire to thank the Vicar of Rowley for allowing the attempt to be made there, as the bells at Old Hill were not pealable.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 4
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	*JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*REV. G. H. SHARPE Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
W. NORMAN PARK 2	ROLAND PARK 5
CHARLES TODD 3	WILLIAM H. PORTER Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. First peal rung in Darlington by a clergyman who learnt his ringing in the town. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. H. Sharpe, for 2½ years curate of Holy Trinity Parish, who has left to take up the incumbency of St. Barnabas' Church, Worcester.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob, two extents of Double Oxford Bob, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM ROBSON Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	ERNEST GOSDEN 5
JAMES L. GRAY 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new vestries.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
JAMES MILLER 2	JOHN T. MILLER 5
ALFRED BLOGG 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. Bretherton, Rector of Eccleston. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*J. BRINLEY JONES Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
ALAC A. RACKHAM 2	*REV. F. ARTHUR OSWELL ... 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. This peal was arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswell and Mr. G. Popnell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: JAMES GEORGE, PERCY O. LAFLIN, ERNEST MANSELL and others.

Specially arranged on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Woking.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

A WEEK IN THE WEST.

The 17th annual tour of the above Guild was held this year in the West, headquarters being at Almondsbury Vicarage, a few miles north of Bristol. A rather heavy programme had been arranged, including visits to some of the most famous towers in Gloucestershire and the North of Somerset. The numbers were, unfortunately, lower than usual, one or two members finding themselves at the last moment unable to come. Their absence was greatly felt in the matter of peal attempts, though the touch ringing was of a higher standard than usual.

Double Norwich was lost at Chewton Mendip on the first day, but the members had the consolation of 1½ hours' good ringing on this truly beautiful peal of bells. They then drove down the Cheddar Gorge to Winscombe, and then back to Wells, where they were privileged to ring Stedman Caters at the Cathedral.

Treble Ten was lost at Painswick, but they were successful the next day at Corston, where Double Norwich was brought round in just under three hours.

A handbell peal of Bob Royal was also rung, and good courses of Grandsire Cinques at Cirencester and St. Mary Redcliffe. Stedman Caters were rung at Tewkesbury (where the party had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), and on the fine peal at Wrington, but the most successful hour of the week was undoubtedly spent at Wraxall, where, after an excellent lunch and some equally excellent Somerset cider, courses of Cambridge, London, Superlative and Bristol were successfully brought round. The course of Bristol was the first that the Guild has rung, and was a source of great satisfaction.

The most successful feature of the tour was, without doubt, the weather, which was perfect all the week, and the members enjoyed the beautiful country of the West at its very best. The thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to all the steeplekeepers and others who so kindly prepared the bells for them, met them at the towers, rang with them when there was a vacant rope, and in various other ways helped to make the tour such a happy one.

Next year the Guild will be celebrating its jubilee, and it is intended to hold the tour at Cambridge, where they all are looking forward to having with them once again their president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, who has watched over and guided the Guild through many ups and downs during his long term of office, which started very shortly after the foundation in 1879.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Vicarage.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4	S. H. WOODS (Magdalene) ... 7-8
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

CORSTON, NEAR BATH.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON (St Cath's) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 6
J. T. RICKMAN (Jesus) ... 3	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN
(Pembroke) 4	(Trinity) Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Tuesday evening, August 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, Cogenhoe, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: A. Robinson 1, E. Sibley 2, H. Blundell 3, W. Atterbury 4, T. Law (conductor) 5, J. Deau 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Farey, Cogenhoe.

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THE 'RINGERS' DIRECTORY. A COURAGEOUS VENTURE.

A very courageous step has been taken by the Bristol United Guilds in publishing the first 'Directory of Church Bellringers.' It is a work which will grow in importance as it increases in size, but even as a beginning it should prove extremely useful to the Exercise. The reasons for its appearance can best be given by quoting from the preface:—

'When Fabian Stedman first published his "Tintinnalogia" in 1668, he undertook a bold enterprise. Campanology, or the art and science of change ringing on bells, was a new thing; ringers were few and far between, and the difficulty of introducing his book, and the art with which it deals, must have been great. But he accomplished his task, and his name will be honoured for all time for the work which he did. Since Stedman's time the practice of change ringing has extended greatly, and within the last fifty years matters have improved in many ways. Diocesan Guilds and associations have been formed, bells have been better looked after, ringing chambers kept in better condition, and the status and privilege of the church bell-ringer more fully recognised.

'To-day in all parts of Great Britain, and, indeed, in a much wider area, there are change ringers. Their number is difficult to estimate. Under these circumstances, it has long been felt that there should be a Ringers' Directory. Other trades, other societies, have their directory. Why not a Ringers' Directory?

'This publication is an attempt to fill the gap. It has been undertaken by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, who now send it forth in the hope that it may serve many useful purposes. We are told that ringers are always welcome to a rope in any tower where change ringing is practised. We read of ringers' outings. Ringing tours are not uncommon. A stranger in a strange place, whether as a visitor or coming into new residence, is made to feel at home if he can meet with fellow-ringers. In this way, then, a Ringers' Directory would serve a purpose. If it be only a means of bringing into touch with one another those who have a common interest much good will have been done.

'But, perhaps, more important still, there is this further consideration. If our exercise is to maintain its position, young ringers must be coming on year after year. Many a younger ringer has been lost to the Exercise, who, after having overcome the initial difficulties of change ringing, goes to reside elsewhere. He knows no one there, he is diffident about going to a strange tower, and consequently all the teaching he has received is wasted, and he himself loses interest. Here, obviously, a Ringers' Directory would be a help to all concerned.'

As to the directory itself, the names of the subscribers appear in alphabetical order, and there are something like 600 of these. Then follows a geographical classification, wherein association officials are indicated. There is, of course, much more difficulty in arranging this, because counties and dioceses are not coterminous, and their names also differ. Various improvements in this section will doubtless suggest themselves to the compilers of future editions, but for practical purposes this first issue is extremely helpful, and should be in the hands of all ringers. Subscribers are provided with a free copy, but non-subscribers can obtain a copy, on payment of one shilling, from Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

When the method 'Double London Surprise Major' was published on August 5th, 1927, I mentioned the fact that there were seven false course-ends to each plain course, tenors together, and that peals in the method were then an unsolved problem.

This last is no longer, and although there are only twenty-one true courses tenors together, there are forty-eight true courses to be had by using courses with the 7th in 5th's, 3rd's and 2nd's place.

The two peals of 5,184 changes which follow contain portions of the twenty-one true courses tenors together, plus three courses with the 7th in 5th's and 3rd's respectively.

Although it is to be regretted that peals with 7-8 fixed are impossible, yet I hope that, having shown the feasibility of peals on another plan, the method may yet claim the attention of the advanced societies, and there is one point that might be mentioned in favour of the method: it unquestionably extends perfectly on all even numbers to infinity.

TWO PEALS BY GEORGE BAKER.

5,184.					5,184.				
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254763	—				254763	—			
352847	—				352847	—			
632547	—				624537	—			
562347	—				564237	—			
635427	—				625347	—			
532467	—				524367	—			
236457	—				426357	—			
342567	—				423567	—			

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, September 15th, and fairly well attended, amongst the towers represented being the following: Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Branston, Brigg, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln and Willingham, in addition to the local company and two ringers from Misterton.

The tower contains a musical ring of eight bells, which have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due for the way in which they have carried out the work. The 'go' is excellent, and the bells, needless to say, were well utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major.

In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. C. Steele), who was away from home on a holiday, the service, consisting of the Guild office, was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Lys, assistant priest, who gave a unique and most instructive address. It was gratifying to see such a good number present.

Subsequently thirty-nine members and friends sat down to tea in the Church Hall. The business meeting followed, at which, owing to the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. F. Linley), the Rev. Lys was voted to the chair, and, on behalf of the Vicar, extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Apologies of absence were announced from the Vicar, Canon W. Hicks (Messingham), Rev. W. L. Mann (Killingholme), Mr. F. G. Wileman (Gainsborough) and Mr. C. H. Baker (Gainsborough). Reference was also made to the absence of the Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln District president) and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), the former owing to an engagement and the latter to indisposition.

One new member, Mr. H. E. Wills, of Brigg, was elected.

Mr. J. A. Freeman proposed, and Mr. H. Marcon seconded, that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Ewerby. An amendment, Mr. H. Morgan proposed and Mr. C. McGuinness seconded, Heckington.—On being put to the meeting the former place was agreed to.

The next item on the agenda was Mr. C. Chester's suggestion re introducing 'Cards of membership' in place of receipts.—After the matter had been explained, it was agreed that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was as follows: 'The committee do not recommend a suggestion of introducing cards of membership in place of receipts for the following reasons: (1) Additional expense, (2) extra work for the secretaries, (3) inconvenience for the purpose of audit.'

Mr. Geo. Chester made reference to the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and also gave a satisfactory account respecting the Cathedral bells, at the same time stating that the Dean (Dr. T. C. Fry) had expressed a hope that it would be possible to have the twelve bells rung every Sunday.

Votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. F. B. Lys for his address, to the organisers, to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, and to those of the local company who had made the necessary arrangements, and thus helped to mature such a successful meeting.—These were duly responded to and concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until about 9 p.m.

SHEFFIELD RINGERS VISIT DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE.

On Sunday, September 2nd, after ringing for morning service, the St. Marie's company, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, set off by motor charabanc for a visit to Youlgreave, one of the old-world villages nestling in the Peak of Derbyshire. In the fine old church here is a grand peal of eight by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 26½ cwt., put in 1870. These were the objective, the ringers having received a very hearty invitation from the Vicar and local ringers to pay them a visit. They travelled over the famous moors round the Fox House and Froggat Edge route, through Calver Hassop and Bakewell, then past the famous Haddon Hall, from where Dorothy Vernon eloped with Lord John Manners. The old hall has been renovated and made habitable once more, and is now occupied by its owner, the Duke of Rutland. Arrived at their destination safely, the party, after refreshments, made for the tower, where they found all in splendid order, not only in the ringing chamber but also among the bells and frame, and reflecting great credit upon the steeplekeeper.

Owing to illness close to the church, the programme was curtailed to short touches in various methods, after which the visitors were taken by the local members for a walk down part of the Lathkill Dale, a well-known spot for anglers. Here they were shown over the private fish hatchery belonging to the duke, and this proved very interesting, thousands of trout in various stages and ages being observed. At this stage the party were joined by Messrs. Fidler and Harrison, from Loughborough.

Tea was the next item, after which ringing for evening service was taken part in by various mixed bands. A social hour spent with the Youlgreave friends, in the course of which courses and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. G. Holmes, W. Burgar, J. A. Dixon, G. O. Dixon and J. Ervinson were rung, brought the visit to an end, and the return journey was made via Bastow and Owlver Bar.

Sheffield was reached in good time, everyone satisfied with a splendid day's outing. Thanks are expressed to all those who so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the party.

A SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING TOUR.

On Sunday, September 9th, the Priory Church band, Dunstable, had a service ringing tour in Bucks and Berks for their annual outing. An ambitious programme had been drawn up and was duly carried out. The party 14 in number, boarded the charabanc at 8.15 for Beaconsfield, the 29 miles' run being enjoyed by all. Service ringing from 10 to 11 a.m., through the kindness of the local band, was the first item, the party being met by Mr. R. Buckland and other members.

The bells, a fine ring, were pulled up, and were soon going to Stedman, a touch of 408 being well rung, followed by 384 Double Norwich and a 'top-hole' course of Cambridge Surprise, everybody agreeing that a good start had been made. While ringing was in progress, some of the party took the opportunity to visit the wonderful oak lodge at the entrance of Hall Barn, and had the pleasure of a conversation with Lord Burnham. From Beaconsfield the party proceeded to Slough, via Burnham Beeches and Farnham Royal, where Mr. W. H. Fussell was to be picked up. The Village Pump had been given the writer as the place where he should be found, but it is hoped he will choose another place the next time this company visit Farnham, as the Village Pump became the joke of the day. However, Mr. Fussell was eventually discovered, and became the pilot to Slough, via Stoke Poges, where a visit was paid to Stoke Church and Gray's tomb. Slough was reached in time for a good hot dinner, arranged beforehand by Mr. Fussell. Ringing at St. Mary's Church, Slough, from 2.15 to 3 was next on the programme, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Grandsire being brought round. The bells here are a musical ring, and were much enjoyed. It was evident during the ringing that some of the party were used to a Sunday afternoon nap, as, glancing round during the ringing of one touch, six nodding heads were to be seen. However, everybody having had a pull, and a snapshot of the party having been taken, Mr. Fussell said 'Good-bye,' and handed over his duties to Mr. T. Smith, of Windsor Parish Church. A quick run to Windsor via Eton was undertaken. The weather then began to be unkind. By the time Windsor was reached, the rain came down in torrents. However, Mr. Smith had made arrangements for a visit to the curfew tower, an 'extra' that gave great pleasure to all, and filled in the hour until tea time. Tea over, Windsor Parish Church bells were at the disposal of the visitors from 5.30 to 6.30, the Windsor men taking an evening off. Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, and the bells lowered in peal.

The return journey was begun via Bray, Maidenhead, Cookham, High Wycombe, to Hughenden, where the bells were available after evening service. The party reached the church and found the bells

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**DEVON GUILD.
CLERGY RING A TOUCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Hemycok on Saturday. The weather was glorious, and ringers gathered from far and near in motor-cars and on bicycles, for trains are few and far between in the Culm Valley. No fewer than 62 sat down to tea in the Village Schoolroom, after attending service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. G. Bletchley). The visitors included the president and Mrs. Powell, Mr. T. Laver (Guild secretary) and Mr. Godfrey (East Devon Branch). Exeter was well represented by many well-known members of the Cathedral band and of other churches, besides many others from Milverton, Talaton, Kenn, etc. The local towers represented were Calverleigh, Huntsham, Silverton, Tiverton, Bradninch and Holcombe Rogus.

After tea a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by clergymen, those taking being Rev. L. G. Bletchley (Hemycok), Rev. E. S. Powell (Clyst St. George), Rev. F. Carter (Calverleigh), Rev. E. Wright (Sheffield), Rev. E. J. Barton (Holcombe Rogus), Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth).

Touces of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Major, Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon.

Culmstock tower and Uffculme tower, each with eight bells, were also open to visitors, thanks to the kindness of the Rev. Tertius Poole and the Rev. H. Chalk in giving permission, and of the local ringers for meeting and arranging for the visitors.

The annual meeting of the branch was fixed for Saturday, December 8th, to be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton.

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ready, and had a warm welcome from several local men. 448 Cambridge, 252 Stedman and a touch of Double Norwich concluded the ringing for the day, the 'bag' during the trip being 896 of Cambridge, 224 Superlative, 1,143 Stedman, 798 of Double Norwich, and 223 of Grandsire. Home was then talked of, and was made via Wycombe, Amersham, Chesham and Berkhamsted. During the run between the two latter places, the writer noted several shy glances at watches, and there was some wondering 'whether we should do it.' However, at 9.55 p.m. Berkhamsted was reached. A quick descent, and no, dear reader, not the Village Pump, but a certain hotel en route, the occupants of which wondered what was happening. The events of the day were talked over, and the last nine miles of the homeward journey undertaken, Dunstable being reached at 10.50, after a really enjoyable day, everyone agreeing that it was one of the best outings the company had had. The band wish to thank all who helped in any way to make it such a success, especially Mr. Fussell for arranging the dinner, and Mr. Smith the tea and the visit to the curfew tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Little interval has passed since the publication of Kent Surprise, but on Thursday of last week the first peal was rung by the Essex Association, at Harlow Common.

A serious accident has befallen Miss H. F. Mills, of Aldershot, the hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. While staying in Northern Ireland she was riding in a motor omnibus which overturned in a collision, and in addition to breaking some ribs Miss Mills was badly cut in her back. This latter injury has been causing serious concern, and Miss Mills is still in Londonderry City Hospital, whither she was taken after the accident. In consequence of this occurrence the next meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild cannot at present be arranged.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green fame, one of the finest ringers of the old London school, was born on September 22nd, 1826. He died in 1912 at the age of 85 years.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

On September 25th, 1845, a peal of 6,701 Stedman Caters was rung at St. James', Bermondsey, being 'the greatest number attainable with treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.' It was composed and conducted by John Cox.

CANON COLERIDGE.

We are pleased to be able to state that Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, continues to make satisfactory progress. He sat up for the first time on Sunday evening, but will not be able to leave the nursing home at Reading before about the end of the month.

STARTING YOUNG.

The other day Mr. Denison Taylor received at the Loughborough Bell Foundry a telegram stating laconically, 'Moral ordered.—Paul.' This was from his nephew, Paul Taylor, aged 15, youngest son of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, and brother of Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose untimely death last year was so much regretted by brother-strings all over the country.

Young Paul already is evincing the keenest interest in the business, handles a bell well, and spends the whole of his holidays amongst the bells, either at the foundry or in the belfries all over the country.

The telegram referred to above was from a village in Cornwall, to restore the bells of which Paul regards as his first order!

Although at Oundle School, and with his university career still ahead of him, Paul is eagerly looking forward to the time when he will be able to start work in earnest at the Foundry, and indications are not lacking that his keen musical ear and propensities towards engineering will be an asset towards upholding and enhancing the high standard attained by the firm in all its various branches of work. All friends of the Loughborough Foundry will extend their best wishes for the future success of this young member of an illustrious family.

ANOTHER HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

THE PROGRAMME OF A BUSY WEEK.

Another ringing tour is in progress in Hampshire this week, and taking part in it are well-known ringers from many places. They foregathered in Winchester on Saturday from Ireland, North Wales, Lancashire, Cheshire, Bucks, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Hants, and 'opened the ball' with a peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells. Headquarters are at Swaythling and from here the following peal programme was to be carried out:—

Monday: Sherfield English and East Tytherleigh.

Tuesday: Romsey Abbey and Hursley.

Wednesday: Dibden, St. Mary's, Southampton, and Wimborne Minster.

Thursday: Soberton and Curdridge.

Friday: Alton and Privett.

Saturday: Bishopstoke and North Stoneham.

In the party there are two full bands of eight, so there will be no dearth of ringers; and, what is more, much of the travelling will be done in private motor-cars—somewhat different to the style of the old Hampshire touring days, when the excursions were limited to the power of a couple of horses in a wagonette.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Bulwell, on Saturday, September 15th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Whalley 1, T. Jennison 2, S. Pinder 3, J. E. Hobbs 4, W. Stanner 5, G. Bramley (first quarter-peal) 6, E. Cooper (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Collington 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Caunt, a member of the local band, to Miss E. Roberts.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The two methods given by Mr. A. C. Driver are in the new Collection. They are Nos. 28 Childwall and 29 Wavertree. May I thank those who have written to me suggesting alterations, and may I say that we are anxious to have any mistakes pointed out up to the time the MSS. leave our hands. But obviously any claim to priority in the name of a method made at the last moment will cause us some little trouble and inconvenience. No alterations in any names can now be entertained on the grounds of suitability or because the present name is objected to on æsthetic grounds. The time for that is passed.

I hardly know if I need say anything about the article headed 'Method Classification.' It professes to be a criticism of a report by the Method Committee. The Method Committee have issued no report at all, neither before the last Council meeting nor in your issue of September 7th. We published a list of the names we intended to put in the new edition of the Minor Collection, so that we could have the benefit of anything ringers had to say, and also so that the Council could give us any instructions it thought fit. We did not submit the names to the Council to be approved finally, neither did the Council do so.

I have no recollection of giving any promise to alter or try to alter the name Bogedone. On the contrary I have (since I asked and got the power of revision at the Mansion House) said that the sole duty of the Method Committee in this matter is to decide which of the names given by ringers is the correct one. If Mr. Drake objects to the name, he had his opportunity to alter it at Hereford. I asked for definite instructions; he preferred to talk round the subject and about a lot of things that were of no earthly help in the matter. He says he has 'an uneasy feeling that there are probable mistakes.' Now, is not that silly? The list is published so that people can point out mistakes if there are any. That is the only reason why the list is published. If he knows of any, why does he not let me know definitely as I asked? But he need not waste his time trying to show that we think or said that a Triples Method is a Minor Method.

I do not know why we should be at the trouble of giving Mr. Drake information which he can easily get for himself, but I may mention that the first edition contains an explanation of method classification, and probably the second edition will do so too.—Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

[The inclusion of the two methods published last week, which Mr. Trollope says are now Nos. 28 and 29, will, we would point out, require a rearrangement of the numbering, if the present classification is adhered to, as, according to the existing arrangement, one is in the category of a Court method, and the other is a Bob method.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE RENAMING OF THE 'FLORAL' METHODS.

Dear Sir,—As the band responsible for ringing and naming the floral Minor methods, we have had under very careful consideration the resolution passed by the Central Council at Hereford substituting others for the names assigned by us.

While we strongly deprecate this violation of a very ancient custom of the Exercise, in the interest of ringing we have decided to abide loyally by the terms of the resolution, and to accept the new designations in the future.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY,
for the Norbury company.

'SAMIWELL'S' COMMENTS.

Dear Sir,—I note in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that there is a moulting season for some tenors; others have been taking Virol or else Dr. Bengers food, and have benefited to such an extent that, at the four cwt. in four years rate, in another 80 years she will have qualified for 'He of England's' peal ledger. I evidently called at Keele too soon, for she was only six when I rang her on August 5th, 1924. I also called too soon at Mancetter, too soon by four pages, for on page 580 she is 20 cwt., but on page 584 she is only 10½ cwt.! How have the mighty fallen. Good job I didn't call next week, or I should have to have taken one with me had I wanted a pull.

I note, also, that someone else has taken some tonic of some sort, and it has certainly had the desired effect. It is not often that I see 'eye to eye' with all those who write in your pages on 'Method Classification and Nomenclature.' It is more often a case of an 'eye for an eye,' but this week I am more than pleased to say, 'Here is a man after mine own heart.' Mr. Drake, my hat is off to you. I agree in toto with your article. If this much maligned issue of methods is to be of any use to the Exercise, let us have it 'stamped in every link.' We don't want anything foisted upon us that has to have a lot of excuses made for it.

As to names, well, just change 'Bogedone' for 'Banshoe' and 'Cunecastre' to 'Cumform.' I don't like the name 'Immanuel' applied to a method, but these things I leave to those who wear 'the cloth' to settle; that is their vocation. I don't like the name

'Pennine'; it may be the backbone of England, but it is an awkward thing to walk across with a couple of feet of snow on it after a peal. I've tried it. I wonder if the other three stalwarts (two of them ex-police-sergeants) can remember the night they cleaned up the hambone, set that two-gallon jar up at backstroke, and then slept in my bed? Charles Henry Hattersley was the backbone of Yorkshire ringing when he lived. His name as the name of a Treble Bob method may not tickle the palate of the Euphoniacs, but it sure does suit.

SAMIWELL.

P.S.—The peal rung at Monk's Kirby on September 8th was a birthday compliment to 'Young Herkie.' More power to the arm of Jim H. Raper.

SILVER WEDDING.
A DUAL CELEBRATION.

There was a dual celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, on Wednesday, September 12th. The marriage took place in 1903, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, South-over, Lewes, Sussex, where Mr. Goldsmith had learned to ring, and where at least three generations of his family had been ringers before him. On the occasion of the wedding a peal was rung at this church, conducted by Mr. George Williams, then residing at Brighton, and another at Shere, in Surrey, arranged by Mr. J. Hunt, then of Guildford. An anniversary peal was put on at Shere, among Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith's friends in the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, and it was a matter of great pleasure and gratification that Mr. Williams was able to take part. The bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers by the kindness of the Rector, Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, and Mr. J. Spooner, the steeplekeeper, had everything ready for a quick start when the party arrived. A capital peal of Double Norwich Major was rung without a hitch, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith entertained the ringers and other friends to supper at the White Horse Hotel. Among those present were the two mothers, Mrs. Goldsmith, now aged 82, and Mrs. Baker, who on the same day celebrated her 81st birthday, Miss Goldsmith (daughter), Mr. H. C. Renshaw, Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. J. Spooner and the band, whose names will be found in the peal recorded elsewhere in these columns.

The second celebration took place the same evening at Birmingham, where Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith have many friends. Members of St. Martin's Guild rang a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques at 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, with numerous referees and witnesses of both sexes. This peal concluded shortly before 10 p.m., at which hour precisely at Shere, Birmingham, and Derby (where other friends had gathered) a mutual toast was drunk of health and long life to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith.

At Shere the toast was proposed by Major Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Goldsmith is hon. secretary), and a birthday toast to Mrs. Baker was also honoured.

The Birmingham party broke up at a late hour, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker having acted as hosts and very kindly entertained the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith desire to thank the many friends throughout the country who have sent them congratulations and good wishes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BYE-MEETING AT LITTLEBOURNE.

A very successful meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Littlebourne on Saturday last. It was the first association meeting held at Littlebourne for a number of years, although the tower has been 'in union' for 26 years. Twenty-seven members, an encouraging number for a bye-meeting, attended, including a visitor from Egerton, who proved a considerable help in the tower. Other towers represented included the following: Canterbury, Dover, Sturry, Herne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, St. Lawrence, Wingham, Wickhambreau and the local tower.

The meeting was timed to commence at 3 p.m., but actually the bells were ringing a few minutes before three o'clock. During the afternoon, the Rev. L. H. Tiarks, Vicar of Littlebourne, paid a visit to the belfry, and gave the visitors a cordial welcome, expressing his appreciation of the numbers present.

Mr. H. Smith, of Wickhambreau, very thoughtfully introduced a ring of handbells, and these were used in the church porch by those ringers who found the atmosphere of the belfry somewhat depressing.

Tea was excellently provided by Mr. W. Martin at the Anchor Hotel, and presided over by the association's general secretary (Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore). The handbells were much in evidence, both immediately before and after the tea.

The District Secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith) intimated that the only business to be transacted was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held at Margate. This was quickly finished, and ringing was resumed again at about six o'clock and continued until eight o'clock.

Besides being a success with regard to numbers, the meeting was an even greater success from a ringing point of view. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise being some of the methods accomplished.

QUAINT BELFRY RULES.

HOW RINGERS WERE GOVERNED IN THE PAST.

In his recently-published book, 'Bells through the ages,' Mr. J. R. Nicholls quotes a number of the old rhyming belfry rules which are still to be found adorning the walls of some towers, although, of course, they are now preserved only as curiosities. One of the earliest of these sets of 'rules' was that at Scotter, Lincs, and is painted in red and black Gothic letters. Mr. Nicholls points out, and truly, that it will probably be necessary to read through this quaint rule several times before rhyme can be made of it, but the rhyme is there, nevertheless.

Yow ringers All
who heare doe fall
And doe cast over
a bell doe forfeit
to the Clarke theirfore
A Groute I do yow
tell & if yow
thinck it to be
little & beare
A valiant minde
Ymore yow give
Unto him than
Yow prove to him
More kinde.

Another Lincolnshire tower provides an unusual and lengthy example. The following belongs to Stow, and is dated March 1st, 1770:—

All you who hath a mind to Larn to Ring
Must to the Sexton Admission money Bring 2 6
Those Articles observed Strict must be
Or your expelled this Society
Two Nights a Week, Sirs, you must meet or pay
This Forfiture to us without delay 0 2
Or when the Sexton for you tols a bell
You must appear, or else this Forfit tell 0 2
And when you come upon this Belfry
If that you Noise or talk, this Forfeit pay 0 1
When you Round peals can Ring, you must pay down
To be a change-man, Sirs, just half-a-crown 2 6
On the first change that you have Learned to Ring
One Shilling more must pay, Sirs, that's the thing 1 0
And every ringer must Spend more or less,
As he thinks meet, to wish you good Success 0 2
If you would Learn to prick a peal in Score
Unto those Colledge Youths you must pay more 1 0
When you know Bob, Hunt, Single, Dodge compleat
You'll not deny our Colledge Youths a Treat 2 6
On our Feast day, the Twenty-ninth of May
Each member must, Sirs, just one Shilling pay 1 0
Where our accounts are passed Sirs for Truth
And you are Stiled then a Colledge Youth
New Stewards then are chose—and by the by
If that you do the Stewardship deny 1 6
Your fine must pay—as in the margin see
Then from your Stewardship one year are free
Those Rules peruse well before you enter
It is a hard task on which you venture,
When once a member you are freely made
Those Articles must justly be obeyed.
So now my Lads, admission money bring
And we will Learn you presently to ring 2 6

A series of sixpenny lines seem to have been in force at one time at Grantham Parish Church. There was sixpence to the poor if the ringer chanced to curse or swear within the belfry door. It is difficult to know why this particular line should go to the poor, when all the rest went to the ringers or sexton. It looks as if the poor were made to benefit merely because the word rhymed with 'door.' Here are some of the other penalties, the first apparently referring to a recasting either carried out or about to be carried out:—

And whoso'er a noise does make
Or idle story tells
Must SIXPENCE to the Ringers take
For melting of the bells.
Young men that come to see and try
And do not ringing use
Must SIXPENCE give the company
And that shall them excuse.

There was also a sixpenny fine for wearing hat or spurs in the belfry or for throwing over a bell, and the 'Articles' conclude as follows:—

Or if a noble minded man
Comes here to Ring a Bell
A SHILLING is the Sexton's fee,
Who keeps the Church so well.
If any should our Parson sneer
Or Warden's rules deride
It is a rule of old most clear
That such shan't here abide.

The Sabbath-day we wish to keep
And come to church to pray
The man who breaks this ancient rule
Shall never share our pay.

And when the bells are down and ceased
It should be said or sung
May God preserve the Church and King
And guide us safely home.

In many places the penalty for offences in the belfry was a jug of beer, and possibly this was the origin of the ringers' jugs, of which a few examples remain, one such being in Norwich Museum and another at Beccles. In those days, of course, the larger the jug the better. The old rules at Tong, Salop, included the following:—

Our law is so concluded here;
For every fault a jugg of beer,
If that you ring with spur or hat
A jugg of beer must pay for that.

At Gulval, in Cornwall, there was formerly to be found a rhyme reminiscent of the dark ages when bells were rung to scare away the devil:—

Good Sirs! our meaning is not small,
That God to Praise assemblies call;
And warn the sluggard, when at home,
That he may with devotion come
Unto the Church and joyn in prayer;
Of Absolution take his share.
Who hears the bells, appears betime,
And in his seat against we chime.
Therefore I'd have you not to vapour,
Nor blame ye lads that use the clapper
By which are scard'd the fiends of hell,
And all by virtue of a Bell.

We look back to-day and smile at these quaint old rules and their penalties, and think what change has come over the conduct of belfries. Thanks almost entirely to Associations and Guilds, the belfry is now treated with as much reverence as any other part of the church, but it is interesting to have the old rules preserved in such a book as that which Mr. Nicholls has now written.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, September 7th, an attempt was made by eight members of the Frodsham band to ring a peal of London Surprise Major, but after 1½ hours' ringing the attempt was brought to an untimely end.

The attempt was made in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, of Manchester. Mr. Brown was born in Runcorn, and takes great pride in claiming Cheshire as his native county.

He learned to ring a bell at the Parish Church of Runcorn. His brother, the late Thomas Brown, was also a ringer at the same church, and more recently his brother-in-law, the late Mr. B. Trevitt, was head ringer there for some years.

After the ringing, the ringers adjourned to 'a certain place,' and at the expense of Mr. Brown celebrated the event in the usual way. It was the earnest wish of all present that Mr. and Mrs. Brown might celebrate many more anniversaries of their wedding.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very fine day, pleasant surroundings, and a cheerful company, all these helped to make up a happy meeting at Great Gaddesden on Saturday week, although, through the very poor bus service, some had to 'shanks' the journey from Hemel Hempstead to Gaddesden.

The bells, newly augmented to six, were set going soon after 3 p.m. to a variety of methods. At 4.15 a short service, with a sociable talk by the Rev. Lees, deputising for the Vicar, an old boy of his, was much appreciated by the company. Further ringing was then done until 5 p.m., when the company adjourned to the Cock and Bottle for tea. Having used up all the tea and hot water, the business meeting was held, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham presiding.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. L. Allen (Hemel Hempstead), H. B. Whitney (Leighton Buzzard), R. J. Scott (Totterhoe), F. J. Tompkins (Houghton Regis).

King's Langley was selected for the next meeting, with a recommendation that Redbourn be chosen for the following one.

Mr. F. J. Reeves proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Lees for his much-appreciated address, and the local ringers for their arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. H. Golding and carried in the usual manner.

The towers represented were Redbourn, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Rickmansworth, Watford, Tring, Hinxley, Totterhoe, Houghton Regis, St. Albans and the local one.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Double Oxford, London Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Plain Bob, Grandshire and Stedman Doubles, with Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob Minor on handbells.

This concluded another happy meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CHOBHAM, BUT LOCAL MEN ABSENT.

In the Guildford diocese there are very few towers whose ringers are not attached to the Guild. One such, however, is Chobham, where, despite all inducements, the local ringers, who have never associated themselves with any ringing organisation, refuse to join the Guild, although the Parochial Church Council have 'affiliated' the tower. In a further effort to get the Chobham ringers interested in the Guild, a combined practice was held there on Saturday, and members rallied to this in very gratifying numbers. During the afternoon and evening, nearly forty put in an appearance from Guildford, Pirbright, Cranleigh, Ockham, Egham, Thames Ditton, Bagshot, Ottershaw, Horsell and Woking, with welcome visitors from Acton, Uxbridge and Finchampstead. All that the visitors saw of the local men, however, was one who came to unlock the tower; then he, too, disappeared. The Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Grundy) came among the ringers and conducted a party of them round the church. During the afternoon and evening the standard methods were given a good grueling, and several novices in charge ringing ne'ped a stage further.

Chobham, although a village of no small dimensions, has, among its neighbours, a reputation of being 'behind the times.' A new generation is now springing up which is endeavouring to alter this state of affairs, but it is still dominated by those who believe in the doctrine that 'what was good enough for my father and his father is good enough for me.' It is this spirit which still, apparently, pervades the bellry. The church, dedicated to St. Lawrence, has been largely rebuilt, but has some fine Norman pillars, and it contains the tomb of the great Nicolas Heath, once Archbishop of York. He was Lord Chancellor of England under Queen Mary. When Elizabeth came to the throne he resigned, but remained so much in the Queen's good graces that she visited him once a year through his life, believing his mistaken piety sincere, as an old writer tells us.

Until comparatively modern times there were only five bells in the steeple, which is crowned by a lead-covered spire, but these bells are survivals of a distant age. Four of them, as was only natural, came from neighbouring foundries, and were cast by the Eldridges, who were first at Wokingham and then at Chertsey. The present 3rd was cast in 1684 at Chertsey by William Eldridge, the last of the family to carry on the business, who died in 1716, at an age of more than 80 years.

The next older bell is the tenor, which was cast in 1610 by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham, who had also a small branch establishment at Horsham, in Sussex. The examples of Richard's bells in Surrey—which range in date from 1593 to 1622—are, with one exception, inscribed in coarse, badly-formed black letter, with rather wonderfully-shaped capitals. His almost invariable motto was, 'Our hope is in the Lord,' with his initials and the date. A few bells, however, bear a different inscription, and one such is Chobham tenor, which is inscribed, 'In trouble and adversitie the Lord God heare thee.'

It seems fairly certain that Chobham must have had a ring of at least four bells from a very early date, for the present fifth and seventh were both cast (or recast) in 1597 by Richard Eldridge, and bear his favourite inscription, 'Oure hope is in the Lorde,' while the present 6th is an even older bell. Indeed, it is a relic of pre-Reformation days, having undoubtedly been cast by William Culverden, brazier, of London, who died in 1522. It bears his shield and the inscription, 'Sancta Margereta Ora Pro Nobis,' with large, handsome crowned capitals.

The bells were made six in 1880, and the present trebles added in 1892. All these bells are by Mears and Stainbank.

THE SILVER BELL FOR H.M.S. 'NELSON.'

There was much festivity on the Tyne on Saturday on the occasion of the visit to the scene of her birth of the battleship 'Nelson,' which had arrived the previous evening and moored at Jarrow. At noon a special meeting of prominent citizens was held in the Newcastle Town Hall, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Stephen Ensten, to present a solid silver ship's bell from the citizens of Newcastle to the battleship. This was handed over by Councillor A. W. Lambert, who, as ex-Lord Mayor, inaugurated the idea.

The bell, into whose making went 7,000 ounces of pure silver, and which ultimately emerged weighing 189 lb. avoirdupois, bears an inscription indicative of its donors. The bell was recently described in our columns by Mr. C. R. Routledge, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. It is 20 inches in height and 19 inches across the mouth. Even the tongue is of solid silver.

The bell was formally received by Captain Meyrick, of the 'Nelson,' and then Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, of the Atlantic Fleet, thanked the donors and the city on behalf of the Fleet. In so doing he testified to the notable constructive record of the Tyne in all forms of war vessels, both before and during the war.

The civic and naval party then proceeded to the Mansion House for luncheon with the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle, the bell meanwhile being borne, in the presence of a huge throng of spectators, by seamen down the steep streets to the quayside, where it was placed in a launch and transported four miles down the river to the 'Nelson' at Jarrow. The festivities were continued on Sunday and Monday.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, before evensong, on Sunday, September 9th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: F. B. Luffkin (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. E. Waldoock 2, F. Chalk 3, J. Amos 4, J. H. Waldoock 5, E. G. Ellenger 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, A. Louth 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Turner (conductor) 1, F. Woods (first quarter inside) 2, G. Miles 3, J. H. Harridge 4, W. D. Leggett 5, C. A. Benbow 6.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for morning and evening services, 720 each of Milton, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, and 240 Kent: W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheelton, J. Walley, W. Corfield, H. Wibberley, C. S. Ryles, O. Williams, G. E. Lawrence and J. Mountford.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) taken from J. O. Lancashire's peal, in 49 mins.: H. Hood 1, J. Yerrold 2, A. G. Hunt 3, G. Warner 4, J. W. Perry 5, H. E. Booth 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Chas. Walklate 1, J. G. Blow 2, Thos. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 5, F. Jeffs 6, F. Beeson 7, J. Dryden 8.

CRAWLEY.—On September 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for the service held in connection with the annual church parade: G. Olliver 1, O. Sippetts 2, K. Snelling 3, C. Nice 4, B. Wells 5, R. C. Johnson 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, G. Morley 8.

DINTING.—For evening service, on September 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Whitehead (Hayfield) 1, T. Richardson 2, C. Brooke 3, F. Booth 4, J. Lawton 5, A. Lawton 6.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, at Watermoor Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. J. Parsons 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, H. C. Bond 4, L. Stilwell 5, W. H. Hayward 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and tenor, who are of Windsor.

WALLASEY.—On September 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced): S. Howard 1, J. Greasley 2, F. Brotherton, Wolverhampton (first in the method) 3, H. Rogers 4, T. A. Rogers 5, T. Rogers 6.

GRANTHAM.—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. Walfram's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: F. Proctor 1, J. Royce (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Nidd 3, W. G. Thorpe 4, H. Thorpe 5, P. Turner 6, A. W. Ward 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8, T. H. Hall (first quarter-peal of Caters inside) 9, R. Pick 10. On Saturday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. H. Hall 1, W. G. Thorpe 2, E. Nidd 3, W. Thorpe 4, A. Parker 5, A. W. Ward 6, S. Proctor (conductor) 7, R. Pick 8. First quarter-peal of Erin by all.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, A. J. Pitman 2, C. Mathers 3, W. J. Norton 4, G. Popnell (Bedwelty) 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weatherby 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evening service on September 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. W. Cook 6, A. J. Ginn 7, Geo. E. Crisp 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for matins at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, G. W. Park 2, W. N. Park 3, J. T. Titt 4, R. Park 5, W. H. Porter 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob for the Rev. G. H. Sharpe. It is also the first 720 rung in Darlington by a clergyman who learnt to ring in the town. On Sunday, September 2nd, for matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, W. N. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, J. T. Titt 4, E. Burnett (West Hartlepool, St. Oswald) 5, R. Park 6.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 26th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: H. T. Mingay 1, F. Overton 2, S. Broomfield 3, H. E. Wills 4, C. W. Taylor 5, B. Morgan (conductor) 6, E. Dalingwater 7, A. T. Swain 8. Ringer of the 4th is from Brigg, and of 6th and 7th from Gainsborough.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on August 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): D. Wright 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Moye 3, T. A. S. Hloxham 4, F. E. Collins 5, B. N. Newson 6, H. Wright (Yarmouth) 7, E. Denham 8, W. Groves 9, W. D. Grainger 10.

SOUTH ANSTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 27 mins., with 6 and 8 covering: E. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, G. Turner 3, H. Hough (conductor) 4, H. Turner 5, F. Stenton 6, C. F. Fowler 7, H. Pollard 8. Also a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. All are Sunday service ringers.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, August 26th, for men's service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: R. Barrow 1, F. W. Sharman 2, H. W. Martin 3, Ernest Morris (conductor) 4, G. W. Tillson 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, P. A. Graham (first quarter) 8.

RINGING IN DEVON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Thomas', Exeter, are to be congratulated on the successful outing to which you have referred in your leading article. Ringers generally will hope that some fruit may be borne from this venture.

There is another instance which, I think, is also worthy of note. At the recent meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Lustleigh, three of the local ringers (who, I believe, are members of the Devon Guild's rival association) rang the tenor behind to 120's of Grandsire Doubles. It was felt by the visitors that some good had been done here also.

The wives of the locals and other ladies kindly took charge of the tea at this meeting, and were included in the vote of thanks. This item was accidentally left out of the report of the meeting sent (and published last week), and an apology is therefore due for this omission.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

AN EXCURSION TO THE WEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In beginning these notes allow me to congratulate you and Mrs. Goldsmith on your silver wedding, and I hope you duly received the figures of the peal of Treble Bob rung on the wedding day, and also that the silver wedding peal was successful. Some of your readers will wonder what this has to do with two cities, but they have not got long to wait and see. Again, Mr. Editor, I must congratulate you on your well-reasoned article of the 14th inst. If your readers follow closely they must read, mark, and inwardly digest.

Now to business. On Sunday, August 26th, the writer was suddenly called upon to attend a friendly society conference at a very ancient city known by many as the 'Ever Faithful.' Time was short, seeing the conclave opened on September 3rd, but the writer had a brain wave. Did not 'The Ringing World' publish a few weeks since the list of secretaries of all county associations and Guilds? Turning to a back number, the requisite address was found, and a letter was off next post, bringing an answer by return, with 'digs' fixed up and, you bet, some ringing, with rising and falling thrown in. Travelling by 'G.W.' on Sunday, September 2nd, to the 'Ever Faithful,' 'digs' were located, and some time was spent waiting for the hon. secretary of the county Guild. Several glances were exchanged before the gentleman ventured to speak, but he need not have waited so long if he had looked at the traveller's bag, for there, tucked under a strap, was a current issue of 'The Ringing World.' Ringers, please note: Always carry a copy; it is very handy for recognition.

Ringling at St. David's on Monday evening, at St. Sidwell's on Tuesday, at St. Thomas' on Wednesday, St. Petrock's and Heavitree on Thursday, filled the evenings. Friday saw business finished, and full steam ahead for another city. A host of ringers gathered to meet the visitor, several of whom had met at the 'All England' gathering at Croydon, and, most remarkable of all, one who sat next the writer at tea on that occasion. At St. James' tower some Double Norwich and Bob Major were tapped off on another grand ring. Staying by invitation at this city with an old and valued friend of 'record' handbell fame, the writer on Saturday morning joined a charabanc party at 8 a.m., the first objective being St. Peter's, Oakford, where there is a most delightful ring. Then off to St. Mary Magdalene's, South Molton. More ringing and many tales of bygone days, then off to St. John-the-Baptist, Witheridge, and afterwards to Crediton, where the 'inner man' was duly replenished. Then to the tower, and what a noble building it is, and in it a most noble ring of bells. Afterwards, on again to the 'Ever Faithful City,' with glorious scenery en route. Tea at a well-known cafe, then to that grand and melodious ring of 72½ cwt., the 'tit bit' of all. Here Stedman was essayed, but did not materialise. Grandsire Cinques was, however, successful. Bidding good-bye to the visitors, the writer returned to his former 'digs,' and next morning rang at St. Sidwell's. To the Cathedral for service, a most inspiring and delightful one, and then to the train for the long journey home.

Allow me to thank all my new friends for their very cordial greeting. I know what they have to contend with in the City of the Ever Faithful, but will they take a little honest advice? Will they all pull together and co-operate more closely? They will then surmount their difficulties much sooner and much more easily.

W. K.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, August 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Wadley 1, H. Wadley 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, G. Woodman 4, G. Feist 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. This is the first quarter-peal by E. and H. Wadley, also the first quarter-peal by the local band. It was also rung in honour of E. Wadley's 19th birthday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. — K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Uphill bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30. Bells of Parish Church available immediately before and after service.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. 1928 subscriptions will oblige. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Chair to be taken at 5.45 p.m. prompt, by the Association President. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and the rings of 8 at Headingley, Far Headingley, Armley and Hunslet will be available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Sept. 22nd.—A. Knights, Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec.

BEWDLEY BELLS.—The bells of Bewdley Parish Church have been re-hung and will be opened on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. The Rector and local ringers will be pleased to see any ringers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6), also Selborne (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Service at Blackmoor Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting after at Parish Room.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Come and try Messrs. Taylor's fine new peal! — Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Leatherhead Districts.—A joint meeting of these districts will be held at Shere (8) and Albury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available at both towers from 3 p.m. Service at Shere at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea.—N. V. Harding, Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford; F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eccleston Sept. 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All other arrangements as usual.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ST. JOHN'S, LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—The six bells at this church, having been rehung, will be rededicated at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The opening will be on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., to which all ringing friends are invited, also to the tea, which will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. to those who notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Sept. 25th, of their intention of being present.—Wm. Miller, The Cottage, Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E.11.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Great Tey, Essex.—The reopening of the above bells, which are being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and

Johnson (treble and tenor recast), will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The reopening touch will be rung by the local band, and ringing will take place after the service.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Honiton on Thursday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available 2. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church. Bells (8) available from 6.30. Service at 8 (address by Rev. E. Roberts), followed by business meeting in Vestry. — W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge POSTPONED to Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 24th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 29th. Come to Rickmansworth (8 bells). Bells open from 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) 5.45. Usual business after. Ringing till 8.30. Cheap trains from London, etc. Number for tea, please, by 25th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a 6-bell contest at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for those who send word to me not later than Sept. 24th.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m., service 4.45; tea at 5.30. A good attendance is requested. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, the 25th.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Chilton, Longcross, Chertsey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped a good number will be present. It is imperative that those requiring tea should advise Mr. Fred Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, before the 25th inst. Will local secretaries send all receipt books and all towers the testimonial lists to the hon. treasurer on or before this date? Also members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Those requiring tea please notify before Sept. 25th either Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, or the general secretary. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at Brown Candover. Bells (5), New Alresford (6). Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcomed. Please notify by September 26th.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present kindly notify me on or before the 24th?—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 5 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, September 26th?—C. Fields, District Sec., High St., St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the tower at 4.30 p.m. In the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter's bells (10) will be open for ringing. All ringers welcome at both towers.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head for those who notify Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finchampstead, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the school, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5. Please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs., by October 2nd?—S. Warrington, District Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The monthly meeting at Shardlow will be postponed, owing to the quarterly meeting of the association on that date at Mansfield. October meeting will be at Spondon.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

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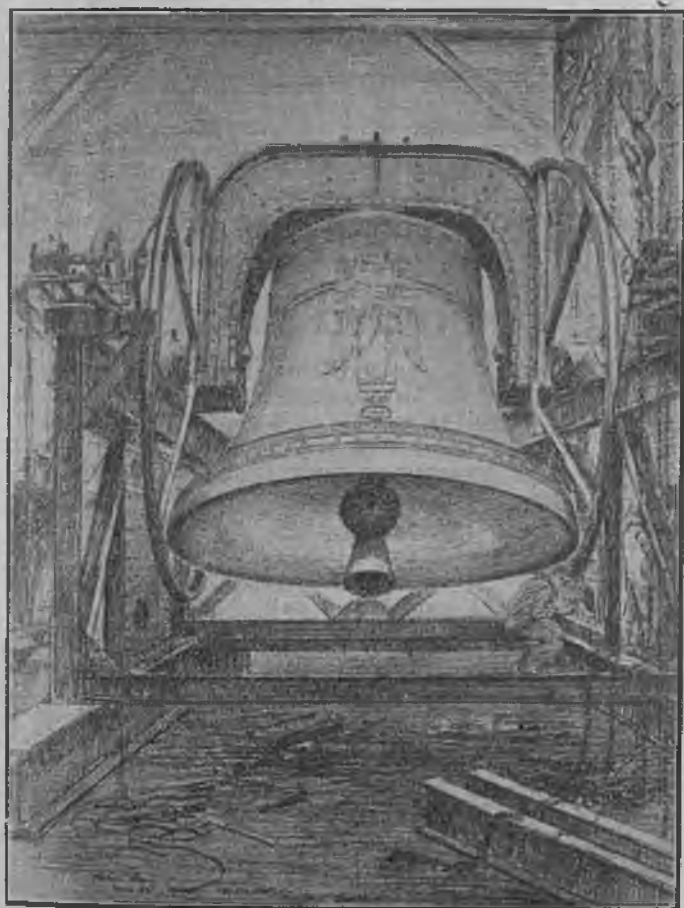
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THE BROADCAST.

There are some people who do not think it altogether wise to enlighten the public too much on the subject of bell ringing, but who prefer that the art should remain enwrapped in mystery from fear that the more the public know about it the less they will be inclined to uphold it. With this view we totally disagree. We practise an art of which we may legitimately be proud; and it is no decaying art either. We fulfil a not unimportant function in the service of the national church, and we have nothing to hide. On the contrary, the more the public appreciate that the bell ringers' work is something more than a mere pulling at ropes to produce a noise, and that in its best form it is something which demands a high standard of skill, mental alertness and physical fitness, the more readily will they recognise that bell ringing is an art which deserves encouragement and invites participation. But how can this spirit be promoted among the public, unless the public are educated to it?

In all matters of this kind the educational process must necessarily be a slow and long one; but any means which enables the public, or any section of it, to get some grasp of what is involved in the art of ringing is a step forward. For that reason the Central Council are to be congratulated upon having induced the B.B.C. to permit a 'wireless' talk on the subject to be given from the London studio. It is not an easy thing to make intelligible to a large audience a technical subject like bell ringing, in the short space of a quarter of an hour, when the bulk of that audience has no preliminary knowledge of it. There can be no doubt, however, that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who was responsible for the subject matter and delivery of the 'talk' itself, made the most of the time at his disposal and covered, in those few minutes, quite a lot of ground. His illustrations, too, were well chosen, but the subject is such a large one that he could, naturally, take in only just a bit of the fringe.

What the practical result of the talk is likely to be, no one can say, but if it has only scratched the surface of interest in that portion of the public who heard it, it will well have repaid all the time and trouble that has been given to it. Not the least important result, however, is the impression apparently made upon the officials of the B.B.C. itself. At first it was only by persistent effort that they were eventually persuaded to allow the talk to be given; at the end they were so impressed by the handbell course of Stedman Triples that 'marvellous' was their description of it, and rather than 'fade' it out at the close of the allotted time they per-

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mitted it to run on to a finish. This is a happy augury of what, we hope, may be done in the future in the way of wireless talks on the subject of bells and ringing. A great deal depended upon how this first venture was carried through. It was entirely successful, and, the door having now been opened, it ought to be possible to gain admission to 'Savoy Hill' for further talks of the same kind and upon other matters connected with bells and their many-sided interests.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	RONALD G. BECK 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 2	JOHN A. BORFORD 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
ALBERT E. STOWELL 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caterers, on the same bells and on the same day of the week.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Treble	JOHN C. PERKINS 6
*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
HERBERT JORDAN 3	*ERNEST WITHERS 8
JOHN HALL 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
HAROLD STREETS 5	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, an esteemed member of the local band, and Miss Gladys Basson, which took place at Hampton the same day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	THOMAS WILLIAMS 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	JAMES MARSHALL 6
JOHN KENDALL 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN LLOYD 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung on the occasion of the weddings of Mr. Harold Roberts to Miss Irene Couper, at Brierley Hill, and Mr. Hector G. Bird to Miss Jackson, at Old Hill. All are members of the local Sunday service band.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDGAR BAILEY Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 2	*ARTHUR KING 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal of Oxford. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambs.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES,

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. A. CAVE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAIDRE SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 7
THOMAS K. DEACON 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	WALTER WHITE 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	EDWARD READER 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in anticipation of the christening of John Godfrey Oldham, of the Bell Foundry.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 34½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	LEONARD CLAY 5
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... 2	ALBERT COPPOCK 6
ALAN GOODWIN 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
ARTHUR GAMBLE 4	FRED BLOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal at first attempt. Rung at the first convenient date in honour of the silver wedding of the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Also as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Thompson and her mother; and as an appreciation of the work of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, on behalf of the tower.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 4	WILLIAM ARMOUR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* This is the first peal of Stedman for Miss Cross, of Twyford, Reading, and she is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

* WILLIAM H. DODD Treble	ARTHUR LEWIS 5
* ARTHUR G. PITT 2	WILLIAM MARGETTS ... 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
FRED WOODS 4	* CYRIL HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
* GEOFFREY MILTON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	* ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local conductor and towerkeeper, Mr. George Williams, to whom all the band tender their hearty thanks for his kindness and hospitality after the peal.

LLANFIFAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Maughans,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
* HARRY BROUGHTON 2	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
* GEORGE COOKE 4	* ALEC A. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* Proposed members previous to the attempt. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	CYRIL WILLSON 5
JAMES NICKERSON 2	FRANK KIRK 6
AMOS SMART 3	WILLIAM STOCK 7
FRED SIDBBS 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
JOHN W. WARD... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*FRANK HARPER 4	ROBERT G. KING... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. A birthday peal for E. G. Hibbins, jun., and the daughter of R. G. King.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	CHARLES NORRIS... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Venerable Reginald Thomas Talbot, D.D., Canon of Bristol, as Dean of Rochester.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' COMPOSITION, No. 5.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN T. WILLIAMS Treble	*GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	*DAVID J. LEWIS... .. 6
*EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	HARRY BOYCE 7
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Bob Major for the Guild. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, and it was his 60th peal. All the ringers, except of 2nd and tenor, are from six-bell towers. This composition has the 2nd alternately in 4th's and 2nd's place.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 720 each of Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*CYRIL SPEED Treble	HARRY CARTER 4
MOSES BILLINGS 2	*CHARLES CLAYDON 5
HERBERT PEARSON 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	CYRIL POOLEY 4
MISS HELEN W. BILL 2	HANBURY F. CARTER 5
EDWARD C. WILSON 3	WILLIAM TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was rung by the Cromer company (with the assistance of Miss Bill of Norwich), who opened these bells five years ago. The entire village, presumably, turned out in relays to watch the performance from the tower door. At the conclusion of the peal the band were met and congratulated by the Rev. Mr. Eva and entertained to tea in the Rectory.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 16, 1928, in Three Hours.

At the Detached Tower of the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and twenty six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY C. WOODWARD ... Treble	GEORGE J. R. PRICE 3
WILLIAM EVANS 2	GEORGE BREEZE 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

CALVERLEIGH.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN T. WOODLEY ... Treble	†WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE... 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
FRANK DAVY 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

E. HOLMAN Treble	H. R. THORPE 4
J. WALLIS 2	E. J. SANDERS 5
A. HOLMAN 3	H. K. HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by H. K. HOOPER.

First peal as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RALPH FODDY Treble	LEONARD A. SMITH 4
FREDERICK C. CASE 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At the Church Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK A. TURNER 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
WM. R. J. POULSON 3-4	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7-8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: WILFRED JARVIS.

Rung as a 'birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	*PERCY MAY... .. 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS
Umpire: WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Maximus on handbells.

'NELSON'S' SILVER BELL.**HOW THE MASSIVE CASTING WAS MADE.**

Most ringers know the process by which a bell is cast, and they will read with interest the description of the casting of the silver bell for H.M.S. 'Nelson,' the presentation of which we reported in our last issue. No bell of silver had ever previously been made of the dimensions of this bell, which the citizens of Newcastle gave to the 'Nelson,' and there were many doubts expressed as to what sort of bell would result. The order was placed with Messrs. Reid and Sons, of Newcastle, who put the work into the hands of Messrs. Stole and Co., of Deptford. The following story of the casting of the bell appeared in a Newcastle newspaper:—

The first step towards the making of a casting is the pattern work—in this case the mould and core of the bell were struck up in special loam, by means of a striking-up board. These boards are made to suit the contour of the outside and inside of the bell, and are attached to a revolving spindle.

The mould is then prepared on a plate, roughly to the shape of the bell, and the striking board is then revolved, thus removing any surplus of loam and leaving the mould or core to the size required.

The board for the outside diameter was made considerably larger than the finished size, but the board for the core was exactly to size with the exception of the mouth of the bell or where the clapper strikes, as an allowance had to be made for machining.

A full pattern was made for the crown portion of the bell, and the mould for this was made in sand.

These moulds were then put into drying ovens, and all moisture thoroughly extracted—this must be done very gradually, and therefore the moulds were in the ovens for two or three days. The complete mould consisted of three parts, and, after drying, these were assembled by means of locating boxpins to ensure a perfect joint, and the mould was then ready to receive the metal.

Over 7,000 ounces of silver were melted in specially constructed graphite pots, and the fuel used for melting was specially selected sulphur-free coke. The melting of the silver was supervised by an expert from the laboratory, who, by the use of an instrument known as a pyrometer, which indicates the temperature of metals, decided the right moment when the silver was ready for pouring.

The metal was poured into a runner box, which is placed at the top of the mould, the runner connecting to same, feeding from the bottom of the mould.

The molten metal is collected in the runner box—a ball valve preventing the silver from entering the mould until nearly all the silver is transferred from the pots—then the valve is removed, and the silver enters the mould with considerable force, thereby ensuring that the metal will enter all parts of the mould before freezing takes place. This is a very anxious moment, and is particularly necessary with silver, as this metal soon freezes, or sets.

In addition to the runner box, two large square risers, about 8 in. x 6 in. section, were placed at the top of the mould, and into these the surplus metal runs, and also any dirt that might be in the mould or metal.

Another interesting fact may be mentioned, and that is the silver bell was cast crown uppermost, which is contrary to the usual practice amongst bellmakers—it was deemed advisable to do this because of the great volume of metal in the body of the bell near the mouth, and the possible difficulties in the setting of silver in such volume.

The mould was removed within a few hours of casting, and the casting was found to be perfect—a joy and relief to those responsible for this portion of the work.

The runners and risers were then removed in the trimming shop and the bell was transferred to the machine top, for turning to correct size and weight.

Even the clapper is made of solid silver, and is in two pieces—the striking portion being cast and machined, and the rod being forged with a hook at one end, and screwed at the other for connecting to the striking portion. The eye on which the clapper hangs was cast and machined and screwed into the crown of the bell.

The actual weight of silver melted was 7,393 oz. troy, and only 61 oz. troy were lost in the various processes of manufacture—a percentage of less than 1 per cent.

Special precautions, of course, had to be taken to guard against undue loss, and considerable expense was incurred in the necessary plans to achieve this.

The casting was trimmed on a specially cleaned floor, covered with paper, and all filings and chippings carefully swept up—the lathe on which the bell was turned was enclosed with boarding lined with paper, and all turnings swept up each day, and carefully transferred to the safe.

After filing and burnishing, the final polishing of the surface took a polisher a whole week to do; the surface is beautifully free from the slightest mark, and the colour carries the usual charm of burnished silver.

The finished weight of the bell is 2,749 oz. troy, which is 1 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. 11 oz. avoirdupois.

The bell has been engraved with the name of the ship, and also the inscription: 'Presented to H.M.S. "Nelson" by the inhabitants of Tyneside, 1928,' surmounted by the City Arms.

BISHOP AND BELLRINGERS.**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION'S PRESENTATION.**

The members of the Barnsley and District Association have presented to the retiring Bishop of Wakefield a large framed photograph of a group taken on the lawn at St. Mary's Rectory, Barnsley, and in which the Bishop was the central figure. The gathering was unique in the history of the association from the interest taken in it by, and the presence of, many clergy and well-known ringers. The gift was presented to the Bishop as a memento of a very happy day. The presentation, which took place at the Diocesan Church House, Wakefield, was made by a deputation of Mrs. J. W. Moxon (Sandal), president of the association, Mr. R. Thickett (Horbury), and Mr. W. Reyner (Sandal), vice-presidents and past-presidents.

Mr. Moxon (says the 'Wakefield Express') told the Bishop that the honour which he paid the association by attending their Barnsley rally had already done them a great amount of good, and they felt that the Barnsley Association was the 'live wire' of bellringing societies in Yorkshire to-day. Great strides had been made since the war, and the meetings had been a real inspiration to the ringers.

The presentation was made by Mr. Reyner, who told something of the history of the Yorkshire Association founded over fifty years ago by Jasper Snowden, which grew to such an extent that sub-divisions had to be made, these resulting in the founding of their own organisation. Ringing, said Mr. Reyner, was a very fascinating art, and he was surprised that it was not taken up more by the younger men. There was no recreation wherein the mental and physical faculties were more combined than in change ringing. To ring 5,000 changes without a break, and without a look at a figure, must be a great strain on any young man or woman who took up the art, and was a fine recreation, so much so that it was deplorable to find so many church towers where the peal of bells was idle. It was regrettable that fine peals in some of the towers in which that association had rung in the past should to-day be silent, the belfry left open and exposed to climatic action, and the place practically 'lost' so far as ringing was concerned. Nothing sounded better or sweeter on a Sunday than the ringing of church bells, and it must have an uplifting effect on those who were going to preach in the churches. Think what an outcry there would be throughout the length and breadth of the land if the church bells of England were silent for a month! Nobody mentioned the ringers under ordinary conditions, but let the bells be silent, churchpeople would soon be wanting to know whether there was a strike on, or whether the ringers had fallen out with the parson! It was a matter for pride with him that he had rung the bells and sung in the choir at every confirmation held at Sandal Church during the past fifty years.

The Bishop, in acknowledging the gift, which, he said, would be among the things he would value most, because it was a little bit of Yorkshire which he would take away with him, remarked that it was a matter for real regret that the younger men were not coming forward and taking up the art of ringing, but apparently it was the same in change ringing as in Friendly Society work—it was 'the old gang' which kept things going. It was evident that a recruiting campaign was necessary, and had he been remaining in the North he would have done everything possible to forward such a movement. Personally, he had a feeling that the interest of the young people would come back, but he was afraid that we had of recent years in England a little lost some of the occupations which demanded patience. With the increase of education, and the enormous opportunities for excitement and recreation, the younger generation did not put their hand steadily to those tasks which required great steadiness, great intelligence, and great perseverance. As a result of what had been said he hoped that 'more of the younger men would come forward and take up the time-honoured, peculiarly English, and excellent bit of work of ringing the bells in the church steeples of the country.' As regarded the silent steeples and belfries open to the effects of weather conditions, the Bishop offered as a practical suggestion the getting into immediate touch with Archdeacon Harvey, but he reminded the association that there was such a thing as the annual visitation of churches in the diocese, and that the condition of the belfries and peals of bells were amongst the things which had to be noted in the report.

In a word as to his successor, his Lordship said that if the choice had been left to himself, and he had searched England over, he could not have found a better man than Canon Seaton, and he was very happy in the thought that he was leaving the work in such capable hands. He was a real man, a Yorkshireman, who knew the West Riding in and out—better than he did himself—and withal a very approachable man, and likely to be popular as well as very efficient in his new office.

Mr. Thickett, adding a few words at the close, referred to his own lengthy connection with bellringing at Horbury. He had rung the bells at St. Peter's for 40 years, and his brother had done it 30 years. The learning of ringing, he said, was a difficult matter, and many who started gave it up when they reached a certain stage. A lot depended upon the clergy, and the sympathetic interest of the Vicar of a parish meant a great deal to the bellringers, who worked far better than when they were left severely alone, with the feeling that they were on their own.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT GATHERING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

For some years an annual joint gathering of Essex and Middlesex Association members has been held at Waltham Abbey. This took place on Saturday, and it was a happy thought which led to an invitation being extended to the Herts Association to participate. A continuance of the glorious summer weather of the past few weeks caused a large number of ringers (in many cases with their wives) to attend, well over 60 being present. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. W. Pye, and continued until tea time.

After tea, which was a somewhat lengthy affair owing to the large attendance, a short meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Herts Association), who was supported by the following association officials: W. Nash (Herts), E. J. Butler, F. J. Pitstow, A. Prior (Essex), W. Pickworth, W. Pye and C. T. Coles (Middlesex).

The Chairman first called upon the last-named, who stated that they were met together in a joint effort to further the art of change ringing. This meeting, said Mr. Coles, was probably unique in the history of ringers' gatherings. There had been several occasions during recent years when the associations had met together, but he thought that this was the first time when three associations had done so. It was a happy idea which led to the Herts Association being invited, and he hoped the meeting would continue in popularity. They were not rivals; they existed for the same object, that of fostering ringing for church services; and it was the duty of the associations to assist each other in those areas where their territories adjoined.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow said it was a pleasure and a privilege to be present at such a meeting. He endorsed all that the previous speaker had said as to the objects of the meeting, and added that they of the Essex Association always wished to help other societies in furtherance of their common object.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence said that he wished to thank the other two associations for the invitation to Herts members to join them at this meeting. In Hertfordshire they had no twelve-bell tower, and they therefore greatly appreciated this opportunity of ringing on twelve bells. He trusted that the friendly feeling would continue between them.

During the proceedings a brief visit was paid to the meeting by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Johnston), recently recovered from a serious illness. He welcomed the ringers to Waltham Abbey, and wished them God-speed in their work.

Mr. E. J. Butler thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells for this annual gathering, which kindness, he said, was much appreciated by them all.

During the afternoon and evening a large number of touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, and a course of Cambridge Maximus. Late in the day Mr. G. R. Pye, fresh from a successful ringing tour in Hampshire, turned up, and almost at the close of the day Messrs. E. Jenkins and J. H. Riding, who had also come from Hampshire, arrived just in time to take a short turn in the ringing.

SHIPLAKE RINGERS' LOSS.

By the death of Mrs. Nicholson, of the Old Vicarage, Shiplake, Oxon, the ringers have lost a dear friend. 'The Ringing World' of December 23rd last contained an account of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's golden wedding, of their continued hospitality, not only to the ringers but in the surrounding district. One knew little of Mrs. Nicholson's kind actions; so quiet, so reserved were they that the origin of many seeds of kindness were unknown. Mrs. Nicholson was confined to her bedroom for some time, and weekly listened to the Sunday ringing. She loved to hear good striking. Recently the writer was congratulated by her on a touch rung for evensong and the lowering of the peal. She would speak on bad striking, pick out the bell that did not receive the attention that it should have done.

The funeral, fully choral, took place on Saturday last. Six of the oldest ringers were bearers, and the ringers' foreman performed the duties of undertaker. There were nearly fifty magnificent floral tributes, that from the ringers being in the shape of a bell with clapper complete, and bearing the words, 'Sweet bells chime, 'tis even-tide, Heaven's morning breaks for you.'

With the bells half-muffled, 300 of Grandsire Triples was rung before the service, a 500 afterwards, then the muffles were removed by request, and the bells run down in peal, which closed a day mingled with sorrow and sweet memories that will linger long in the hearts of Shiplake ringers.

HOPE.—At the Parish Church, on September 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor (1,680 changes), being 240 each of the following methods: London, Canterbury, Beverley, York, Carlisle, Chester and Cambridge: E. Lloyd 1, J. Greasley 2, E. Parry 3, H. Rogers 4, T. A. Rogers 5, T. Rogers (conductor) 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. Thea Jones) for the loan of the bells, and also Mr. and Mrs. Millington for their hospitality and the tea they so kindly provided.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

The third quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Enderby on Saturday. The bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., after which a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. This was followed by a few rounds and call changes for the benefit of some of the local ringers. After this, touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung, and at 5 p.m. members made their way to the Church Institute, where a very good tea was partaken of by 20 members. This was kindly arranged by Mr. C. Jesson, captain of Enderby ringers.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. Edwin Cattell, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Mr. Clarence Jesson, of Enderby.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Belgrave.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow kindly invited the Leicester District to combine with the Hinckley District and hold a joint meeting at Stoney Stanton. He said that if they did so he would see that they were provided with tea at half price or less.—Mr. R. H. Bartlam, of Melton Mowbray, asked the meeting if they would consider having a meeting at his tower. He said that although they were in the Leicester District he could not remember a district meeting there, although there had been a few 'general' M.C.A. meetings.

It was decided at this meeting to send votes of condolence to Mr. H. J. Poole, of Leicester, and Mr. Lovatt, of Sileby, in their sad bereavement.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and towerkeeper.

The belfry was then visited again, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The meeting was altogether quite representative, one or more members being present from most of the towers in the Leicester District. Several members were also present from the Hinckley district. Everyone present was very pleased with the tone and go of this new peal (tenor about 12 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE FIRST RINGING CONTEST.

A well-attended meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Norton Cuckney, when 42 members and friends were present from Anston, Barlborough, Everton, East Markham, Gamston, East Retford, Ordsall, Warsop, Worksop, Edwinstowe, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-on-Trent, and a number of the local company.

This being the first competition for the Crawford silver cup, the Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney, had given a most hearty invitation to the association to hold it at that tower, and Mr. J. R. Brearly, of Bolsterstone, was appointed the judge. The contest piece was 560 changes of any method.

Four companies entered the competition, but only two bands brought a full company (probably the great distress in the coal fields had something to do with this). The two companies to compete were Anston and Shireoaks, and the judge awarded the cup to the first-named band.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, catered for by Mrs. Harvey, who was assisted by a willing band of lady helpers. The Rev. H. R. Peel presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Haigh, explained the circumstances under which the cup was given, and said it was the donor's wish that it would create a most friendly rivalry amongst ringers, and give an impetus to all ringers for better striking and Sunday service ringing.

The presentation of the cup followed, the chairman handing it to Mr. H. Stenton, leader of the Anston band.—Mr. Stenton returned thanks.

At the business meeting which followed, five new members were duly elected, viz., Mr. B. Cawdwell, of Ordsall, performing member; Messrs. G. Clark, of Doncaster, Samuel Harrison, Milton C. Fowler, and Percy Godstone, of Conisborough, as non-resident life members.

The next meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, November 10th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Norton Cuckney for presiding over the tea and meeting, for placing the bells at the disposal of the association, also to all others who had contributed to make the meeting a success. The Chairman suitably replied, and spoke of his delight in listening to the bells being so skilfully rung. He said he would be glad to welcome them at Cuckney on any future occasion.

During the day the following methods were rung by visitors: Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent and Violet Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, two ladies acquitting themselves admirably in the Cambridge and London, while one lady took part in the conducting. Everyone seemed delighted with the day's proceedings, the only regret being that so few bands had taken part in the cup competition.

CLEVELAND RINGERS VISIT YORK

The Middlesbrough ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, September 8th, and were joined by ringers from Saltburn and Ormesby, and friends, the whole party numbering 44. Rev. Kemm, the Vicar of Ormesby, accompanied the ringers. In spite of the slight rain it was a happy motor ride from Middlesbrough to York, and, after ascertaining where the first meal would be found, the ringers adjourned to the Minster belfry. They were met by some of the Minster ringers, and the lovely peal were soon in changes. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Kent Royal were the principal touches, and the party congratulate themselves that the ringing was well above the standard of visiting teams. They were pleased to have the company of a Birmingham ringer, and envied him that he could renew acquaintance with the bells on the Sunday following. They also enjoyed his exhibition of ringing the 60 cwt. tenor—no small feat. Still, pleasure must come to an end, and after a splendid 'settle,' in which the bells came down 'like tops,' the party wended their way through the old town to the Windmill Inn, where an excellent meal was disposed of. A walk round the city to see the old streets and quaint shops brought three o'clock, when the departure was made to Tadcaster. Here the party were welcomed by their old friends, the Tadcaster ringers, who had the bells pulled up in readiness. Grandsire Triples were rung, and after a couple of touches had been completed the first unfortunate incident happened, when a rope broke. But, happily, the Middlesbrough band includes an expert in the art of splicing, and the matter was soon put right. There was, however, only time for a short touch of Stedman, but this proved 'the touch' of the day, and tapped out with perfect precision and absolute uniformity of striking, with never a trip of any kind, the ringers felt it was worth while. The expressions on the faces of the Tadcaster ringers showed that really good ringing was appreciated. It was with regret that the bells were lowered, as the ringers wished for more of such ringing, but circumstances over which they had no control denied them the pleasure, and they unwillingly turned their steps away from the belfry. Tea refreshed them for a walk round the town, and Tadcaster being the home of breweries, the product had, of course, to be sampled!

A long ride home brought the party 'to the end of a perfect day.' Still, the memories of a happy outing will long remain, and the hopes of a repetition of perfect ringing and perfect company will buoy them up for another year. The ringers wish to thank, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' all their friends who made the outing such an enjoyable one. They are truly indebted to all helpers.

J. C. P.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AT WHADDON.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Whaddon on Saturday, September 8th, when about 40 members attended from the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Twyford, Woughton, and the local ringers, with visitors from Northampton and Loughborough. This was the first meeting that had been held at Whaddon, where the bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A service was held, at which the Vicar of Whaddon officiated, and a short address given by the Rev. F. W. Bennett, of Bletchley. After service the members were invited to Whaddon Hall, an historic mansion, which stands on high ground, and from the lawn of which a view of the Old Whaddon Chase can be obtained. Tea was served in great style, and the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes) stated that he had been asked to welcome the branch in the absence of Col. William Selby-Lowndes, and to place the grounds and gardens at the members' disposal.

Both Col. and Mrs. Selby-Lowndes regretted they were unable to be present to welcome the branch on their first visit to Whaddon.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said that he had no business to bring forward, only to thank the members for attending so well, and thus making the meetings a success.

The Chairman (Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Whaddon for making the arrangements, and asked him to convey to Col. and Mrs. Lowndes the thanks and appreciation of the branch for their kind hospitality.—This was suitably responded to by the Vicar, who assured the branch that they would be welcomed to Whaddon any time they cared to visit the village.

This brought to a close a very pleasant afternoon, which was favoured by glorious weather. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

DEATH OF FORMER ALDENHAM RINGER.

After evening service, at Aldenham, Herts, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's: A. Jones 1, C. Evans 2, H. Long 3, E. P. Palmer 4, E. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Inwood 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Bennett, who passed away the previous Sunday, aged 75. For 37 years he faithfully served his church as vergier, retiring about four years ago. He was held in great respect by all who knew him, and in his younger days had done much for the art of change ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, is hors de combat with a twisted knee, sustained last week.

Mr. G. E. Large, of Birmingham, who three months ago met with a motor-cycle accident, involving serious head injuries, through his machine skidding, is now making rapid progress towards recovery. He desires to thank the many friends who have kindly made inquiries regarding him.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

The first peal on the bells of Braughing, Herts, was rung on September 30th, 1746, by a band of ringers 'all of this parish.' The two trebles had been given a year earlier by William Freeman.

On October 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short. This, we believe, is still the longest peal of Bob Major on record.

The first peal 'on ye eight new bells at Saint Mary, Rotherhithe,' was rung by the Eastern Scholars on October 1st, 1749.

The visit of the recent Hampshire tourists to the little village of Soberton, where, by the way, they met with one of the two non-successes of the trip, is a reminder that it was at this tower exactly thirty years ago next Wednesday that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in Hampshire and by the Winchester Guild was rung.

That, too, was on a tour, but it lasted only from Saturday until Wednesday. Nevertheless, it produced two peals of Superlative Surprise, three of Cambridge and one of Stedman Triples. It is a rather melancholy reflection that only four of the party remain. All the rest have 'crossed the bourne,' viz., Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. W. W. Gifford, I. G. Shade, H. White, J. W. Whiting, and C. Giles. The survivors are Messrs. G. Williams, K. Hart, F. S. Bayley and J. S. Goldsmith.

The Barnsley Association, which has made a presentation to the retiring Bishop of Wakefield, comprises ringing members from almost all the church towers containing bells within a twelve miles' radius of Barnsley. It is, however, a matter of regret to the association generally that up to now they have been unable to secure in membership the ringers from Wakefield Cathedral.

The ringing friends of Mr. C. N. Sharples, Blackpool, will be interested to know that he has passed successfully the examination for India Civil Service. He is placed fourth in order of merit out of about 250 candidates.

To-morrow, all being well, eight members of the North Stafford and District Association will attempt a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Silverdale, Staffs.

The bells at St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella, which the Yorkshire Association visit on October 13th, have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Norman V. Harding, hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has been appointed private secretary to the Ven. Ronald Irwin, the new Archdeacon of Dorchester.

'When and where,' asks a Nottingham correspondent, 'was the first peal of Double Bob Royal rung? I am wondering how near the first was the one composed and conducted by W. D. Crofts about 1790 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Without referring to the books, I believe it was his last peal at St. Mary's.'

Did Fabian Stedman ever visit Nottingham? If not, why does 'Nottingham Single,' as applied to a method name, appear in his book? The MSS. of Crofts makes no mention of him, but these MSS. are confined to composition and research, and social and other matters are not mentioned in any way.

THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

ELEVEN PEALS SUCCESSFUL.

The party which toured last week in Hampshire lost only two peals, both curiously enough on the same day. These were London Surprise at Soberton and Cambridge Surprise at Curdridge. The attempt at Wimborne Minster failed to materialise, as the band met one short through an emergency man being unable, at the last minute, to turn up. There were two other peals on the same day.

The successful peals included one of London, two of Bristol, two of Superlative, two of Cambridge, one each of Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Cinques.

At the time of going to press, details of the peals had not been received.

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS, ESSEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if any of your readers can give me any information as to how the bells at East Bergholt Church, which are hung in a cage in the churchyard, are rung. I understand from a friend that they can be raised and rung, but was surprised, on going to see them, that they had no wheels, stays or visible means of handling, except clocking ropes on the clappers.

Perhaps some of your readers can tell me if these bells can be rung, and, if so, when they are, as I should like to hear and see them in motion.—Yours faithfully,

Buccles.

EDWIN E. GOATE.

BROADCAST 'TALK' ON BELLS.

SUCCESS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S EFFORTS.

As the outcome of a resolution passed at the London meeting of the Central Council in 1927, a broadcast 'talk' on bells and ringing, under the title of 'The English Art of Bellringing,' was given from the London station, through 2LO and 5XX, on Wednesday of last week. The path to the microphone is beset with many difficulties, as the Council's Committee (Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and E. A. Young) found out, but eventually the B.B.C. were prevailed upon to include the subject in their programme, the talk itself being left in the hands of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, a member of the Council and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild. With a time limit of fifteen minutes, Mr. Edwards' greatest problem was to compress into so short a period an intelligible explanation of the art of ringing, together with the necessary illustrations. That he succeeded to a remarkable degree, all those who are ringers and who heard the 'talk' will fully agree. Speaking to an audience who knew nothing whatever of the subject, Mr. Edwards had perforce to treat the matter in a very elementary style, but he was happy both in his address and in his illustrations.

The announcer made a very pleasant little introductory speech, and then, by way of creating an 'atmosphere,' the handbells were heard in a brief 'flourish.'

Mr. Edwards wasted no time in preliminaries, but having briefly indicated that the object of the talk was to enable those who heard bells rung in changes to understand something of what was being done by the ringers in the belfry, and so to listen with greater interest and enjoyment, he plunged straightway into an explanation of what was meant by 'ringing'—as distinguished from 'chiming'—and the mechanism by which a bell is rung. He went on to refer to the fact that from a remote period bells had been rung in set 'changes,' which were illustrated by 'rounds,' 'queens' and 'tittums' on the handbells, and then showed how this developed into the art of change ringing by which the order of the bells is changed at each pull of the ropes. He referred to some of the quaint names which methods have, and the difference between Major and Triples. The first eight changes of Grandsire Triples served to illustrate the latter, and then Mr. Edwards explained how the number of possible changes grew as the number of bells employed increased. His only historical reference was to the Leeds peal of 40,320 Bob Major in 1761, and then he came to the rules underlying the making of changes, and explained the terms 'hunting,' 'dodging,' and 'place making.' Handbell examples helped the listener more readily to grasp the application of the descriptions given, and Mr. Edwards added a reference to Fabian Stedman and the Stedman method. In conclusion he remarked that as change ringing was essentially an English custom, one would like English people generally to take a pride in the advancement of this truly national art. In case any of those listening to the talk felt inclined to visit a belfry and see change ringing actually being done, they would, he added, be assured of receiving a warm welcome on a practice night.

The 'talk' concluded with a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells, for the completion of which the officials extended the allotted time, for they found this demonstration particularly interesting, and at the conclusion exclaimed 'Marvellous!'

The handbells were rung by Messrs. E. A. Young, C. F. Winney, F. E. Dawe, T. H. Taffender and T. W. Taffender.

Asked as to his 'feelings' in facing the microphone, Mr. Edwards said:—

'There is nothing to try one's nerves much in facing the microphone. It was a most interesting experience. My own case may have been under exceptionally favourable conditions. In the first place I had watched the same thing done by others on previous occasions, so that the surroundings were familiar. Then the five ringers present constituted a visible and sympathetic audience, besides an old schoolfriend of mine, who often broadcasts himself.

'Naturally, the hardest part of my task was to fit what I had to say with the illustrations, all into 15 minutes. That took a lot of doing, but proved to be very accurately calculated. I had reckoned on the course of Stedman being 'faded out' after a few sixes, but the director of our rehearsal found it so musical, that he requested the announcer to give us a little extra time for the performance and let us complete it.

'At the rehearsal I was told that I had only one thing to bear in mind, and that was not to deafen the audience. I had to subdue my natural speaking voice considerably. When I got downstairs from the studio, a banker at Pinchley was inquiring for me on the telephone. He said that he had spent a most enjoyable quarter of an hour, and would like to hear more of the same kind. (I had met him the day before and told him about the broadcast.)

'I find that several groups of parishioners listened in here (Kington Magna) by means of the few wireless sets available, and all heard very clearly. The practical question is how many of the general public, apart from personal acquaintances, heard and were really interested?

'Before the rehearsal I tested the handbells through the ear-phones in the studio, and was quite astonished at the wonderfully

(Continued in next column.)

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LEICESTER.

Leicester is to have another ring of ten bells. That fine peal of eight at the Church of St. John-the-Divine (with a tenor of 21 cwt.), universally regarded as one of the finest octaves in the country, is to be augmented by two trebles, and the frame reconstructed to hold them all on one level. The whole is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Willson, of Leicester. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are entrusted with the order, and when completed the bells will be a glorious ring of ten.

Mr. Willson is one of the best-known figures in ringing circles in the Midlands, and has been connected with the tower at St. John-the-Divine's Church ever since the peal was originally installed in 1901.

Leicester already possesses a fine peal of twelve by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at St. Margaret's Church, a ring of ten at the Cathedral, and rings of eight at St. Saviour's, St. Mark's and St. Mary's, but the two last-named are unringable.

THE POLICE GUILD.

A meeting of police ringers will be held at Leicester on Saturday, December 1st. The proposed programme is as follows: Visit Messrs. Taylor's Foundry, Loughborough, during the morning, with ringing at the Foundry Campanile. Ringing at Leicester from 2 p.m., various towers will be available. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a social evening to conclude about 9 p.m. Week-end tickets are now available to return Saturday evening by any train. Will any police officers who are interested and will attend please notify P.C. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester, stating whether they will require tea?

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCHES MEET.

The picturesque garden village of Port Sunlight, Cheshire, was the venue of a joint meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association and the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday—a meeting that was successful in every way. A beautiful day, a good peal of bells, an excellent tea, and an opportunity of renewing old acquaintanceships and making new ones—what more could one desire? A large number of members of both societies were present, and the bells were kept going, with but a short interval for tea, in a variety of methods.

After tea, which was kindly provided by Lord Leverhulme, Mr. W. M. Seale (secretary of the Church Committee) presided at the business meeting, and after apologising for the absence of the minister (who was in Scotland) said how pleased he was to be at that meeting. It was the first of its kind he had attended, and he hoped it would not be the last. He was very pleased to see so many young members present, especially the young ladies, and said he considered bellringing was a valuable training in many ways, mentally and physically, and he hoped they would continue to give of their best in a true spirit of service.

After the business of the Lancashire Association had been disposed of, the Secretary of the Wirral Branch proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Leverhulme for providing the tea, and to the church authorities for allowing the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the Liverpool Branch secretary, and unanimously carried.

The company then returned to the tower, and some good touches in various methods were brought round, all present, no matter what their capabilities—learner or expert—being accommodated.

These combined meetings cannot but be productive of good, bringing the members of both Guilds into closer touch with each other and assisting to advance in every way the art in which we are all so interested.

W. J. B.

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clear and musical effect. Several correspondents have commented on the same thing. One friend in the musical profession asked whether I was playing on a dulcitone!

The handbells, a light set in C by Mears and Stainbank, were kindly lent by the Rector of St. Clement Dances, Strand.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns express my appreciation of the very interesting and instructive demonstration on 'The English Art of Bellringing', broadcast on the 19th inst. Great credit is due to the Central Council for arranging this long-looked-for item on campanology, also to the Rev. F. L. Edwards, whose explicit lecture, I sincerely hope, travelled to many thousands of 'listeners.' The course of Stedman was delightful, and must have given food for thought to countless numbers.

It is to my mind most essential that the 'outside public' should have some idea of what is going on in the tower, both the bells and the work engaging the minds of the ringers. Let me also add how much I enjoy a well-struck touch that we occasionally hear on a Sunday evening. What could be nicer to the ear, or a finer advertisement to gain recruits? May we have the pleasure of a few more of these happy moments.—Yours delightedly,

C. W. PIPE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

The experiment of a joint district meeting was tried by the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when members of the Guildford and Leatherhead Districts gathered at Shere, which many people claim to be the prettiest village in Surrey. Lying unspoiled, astride the little Tillingbourne river, the place certainly has many claims to this distinction, for not only is it situated in beautiful surroundings, but has about it an old-world charm which impresses all its visitors—its lime-tree avenue, its quaint gabled cottages, its picturesque church on the bank of the stream, and its ancient White Horse inn, all help to make it one of the most delightful spots in the county.

The church has a central tower and ring of eight bells—nothing, perhaps, to brag about in quality, but a useful peal and a commodious ringing chamber. The back six were cast by Richard Phelps in 1712, and the two trebles were added between thirty and forty years ago. But even in the time of Edward VI. Shere had five bells, 'the heste bie estimacion xvij e, the next xiiij e, and so after the rate.' According to the churchwardens' accounts the bells were new cast in 1590, but the bell founder did his work so ill that a suit was instituted against him, in which they expended £4 2s. What the result of the law case was we do not know.

Over forty ringers, including several ladies, assembled for the meeting from Banstead, Capel, Chertsey, Cranleigh, Dorking, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Ottershaw, Shere, West Clandon and Woking, and excellent use was made of the bells. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) the Rev. H. C. G. Aldridge officiated at the service, and gave a very practical address. He also presided at the tea which followed at the White Horse. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. W. Harrison (chairman of the Executive Committee), J. S. Goldsmith (general hon. secretary), C. Hazelden (Ringing Master, Guildford District), A. Harman (Ringing Master, Leatherhead District), N. V. Harding (Guildford District secretary), W. Melville (Guildford District assistant secretary), F. G. Woodiss (Leatherhead District secretary), H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District secretary), etc.

By arrangement there was no business transacted, but on the call of the Master a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (who had sent an expression of great regret that he was unable to be present), to the Rev. H. C. G. Aldridge, and to the organist.

Many of the ringers returned to the tower, and others went to the adjoining village of Albury, which, like its neighbour, is on the ancient 'Pilgrim's Way.' The Parish Church, a red brick building, lies upon the hillside overlooking the village, and was opened in 1841. In the previous church had been five bells, cast by William Eldridge, in 1695. These were removed to the new tower, the fifth being recast, and a new treble added by Thomas Mears. The bells (kindly placed at the Guild's disposal by Canon F. N. Skene) are woefully out of tune, and the fittings much dilapidated. Movable stays are attached to the headstocks and move from side to side as the bells turn, coming to rest against a fixed pin in the side of the bell cage. It is really a case of having the 'slider' on the headstock, and the stay affixed to the frame. It is hoped that something may be done to get these bells put into proper order. Those who visited the church rang Minor and Doubles.

The joint meeting of the districts was a very successful venture, and will doubtless lead to the arrangement of similar gatherings on district borders.

The members present were extremely interested in a group photograph which Mr. R. Whittington brought for inspection. It was a picture taken at a meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild held at Shere in the year 1905, and contains over 80 faces. Some have gone to the 'great beyond,' others are scattered to distant parts of the world, but it was interesting to note how many there were who are still taking their part in ringing in the district, though 'Time' is steadily making his mark upon them. Staid and gray to-day are many who at the time of this picture were in their 'lean and callow youth'; others, then in the prime of early manhood, now begin to wear the imprint of veterans. A few were present on Saturday, and the spirit and the will to do is still to be found in them; indeed, to their initiative largely has been due the founding of the new Guild, which is endeavouring to encourage in the diocese a renewed vigour and interest in belfry work.

AN AFTERNOON AT WORMINGFORD.

A gathering of friends was held at Wormingford Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd, when an enjoyable afternoon was spent by visitors from Ardleigh, Bures, Little Horsham, West Bergholt (Essex) and Lavenham (Suffolk). The parishioners were afforded much pleasure by the ringing, as the bells at this church are very little rung. The touches included 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Gusterson 1, E. Leggett 2, A. Ives 3, S. Davey 4, H. Bacon 5, A. Symonds (conductor) 6; also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, C. Bower 3, W. Gusterson 4, E. Leggett 5, and W. Chalk 6; and 240 changes of Double Court. The visitors' thanks are due to the Vicar, also to Mr. E. Leggett (Wormingford) for arranging this pleasant gathering.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I venture to think that anyone who read Mr. J. E. Wheeldon's letter in your issue of June 29th last would regret to find in the new Collection, when published, any less than the full number of regular methods possible in this class.

Mr. J. W. Parker, in a letter which appeared on June 22nd, stated that there are only five Double methods capable of producing a true extent, having regular lead-ends, and without any bell striking more than twice consecutively in one place. I beg to differ. I find the number of methods conforming to the three conditions set out above to be not five only but nine.

I suggest that the Exercise be informed in your columns which are the five methods it is proposed to insert in the 'Collection,' so that the remainder may be forwarded without delay.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

60, Coleman Road,
Belvedere, Kent.

[In 'The Ringing World' of September 7th the names of the five methods added to the Surprise list were: 42, Biddulph; 43, Cheddleton; 44, Hanley; 45, Horton; 46, Milton.—Ed. 'R.W.']

RECOGNITION OF PEAL REFUSED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the South-West Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers direct me to inform you that the peal of Bob Major rung at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth (Compton Gifford) on August 4th, 1928, composed and conducted by C. R. Lilley, will not be recognised by the Guild as the conductor refuses to publish the composition.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH,
Hon. Secretary.

September 21st, 1928.

THE CATCHPOLE AND MOTTS MEMORIAL.

We beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the fund towards the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church. Any further subscriptions will be thankfully received by either C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

Already acknowledged £12 0s. 6d., Rev. R. Copeman 2s. 6d., G. N. Price 5s., W. Roughton 5s., James George 3s., A. Stanley Boar 2s. 6d.; total £12 18s. 6d.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RICHMOND.

Richmond was the venue of the autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association on Saturday, September 15th, and a most enjoyable half-day was spent. The eight bells were merrily in peal before 3 o'clock, and ringing continued until 8 p.m., with only a break for tea. The ringing was truly excellent for mixed hands, and the touches rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were all well struck. It is worthy of note that every touch attempted was successful.

Some 25 members sat down to tea, and the ringers were honoured with the company of both churchwardens, who, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, gave the visitors a very hearty welcome. The ringers were sorry that their old friend, Mr. Morton, of the Richmond band, was called away from home, and could not be with them.

A short meeting took place after tea, and the thanks of the association were tendered to the church authorities for the use of the bells.

It was decided to revive the pre-Lent meeting of the association, and it was resolved that this meeting should be held on a Saturday at Northallerton.

A notice of motion that the annual subscription of ringing members be raised to 2s., and that such members be presented with an annual report was fully discussed, and met with the approval of the meeting.

There is no doubt that this was one of the most successful and happy autumn meetings which the association has held. It is hoped that more such meetings may be held, and members confidently look forward to a successful half-day at Northallerton.

Ringers attended from Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Shildon, Thirsk, Middlesbrough, and the local company.

DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, Westmorland, on Saturday, September 22nd, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,928 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 15 mins.: R. Dennison 1, E. Jennings (conductor) 2, W. Nevinston 3, T. H. Newton 4, W. Atkinson 5, W. Robinson 6, L. J. Heap 7, W. Salmon 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT RIPON.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th, when the fine ring of ten at the Cathedral and the ring of eight at Sharow were placed at the disposal of the members. The weather being gloriously fine, a gathering assembled from a very wide area.

**RIPON CATHEDRAL.**

The day's proceedings commenced with a meeting of the general committee, which was held in the Cathedral Hall, which had been placed at the disposal of the association by the courtesy of the Dean of Ripon. Tea was served to some 70 members in the neighbouring Granville Hotel. This was followed by the general meeting in the Cathedral Hall. The president occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association.

Miss Phillips Marjorie Leach and Messrs. Wain, Reece and William Duncan, of Reepham, were elected as members.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. Lawson, J. Broadley, J. H. Blakiston and G. Halksworth.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Ripon for his courtesy in granting the use of the Cathedral bells was proposed by the president, and, being seconded, was carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson (general secretary), seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

At this moment the Dean entered the meeting, and in a short but delightful speech extended a most cordial greeting to the association, and expressed his good wishes. He trusted that a further visit to Ripon would be paid in the near future.—Mr. Tingle replied on behalf of the local ringers.

More ringing and train time brought to a close a most pleasant and delightful meeting.

AN OUTING WITH A PURPOSE.

The ringers of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, had a very successful outing to Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, on Saturday, September 15th, and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent in company with the ringers of St. Mary's, Burnham. Arriving at Burnham in the morning, the party were met at the station by the old captain of St. Ann's, Mr. T. C. Ringrose, who has gone to Burnham to live in retirement, and who has thrown in his lot with the local band. Some very good ringing was done on a good-going peal of six bells. The visitors were of great assistance to the local band, as they are young in the art of method ringing, but eager to get on. Two 720's of Plain Bob were brought round, one in which three of the local band took part and ringing their first 720. The first 720 was rung in 28 mins. by T. C. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, T. G. Deal 3, H. Blee 4, C. Ross 5, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 6; the second 720 by Mr. Stebbings, sen. (first 720) 1, T. G. Deal 2, Mr. Stebbings, jun. (first 720) 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, E. Rouse (first 720) 6.

After some sightseeing, the party enjoyed further ringing, and then adjourned to the residence of Mr. T. C. Ringrose, where a very substantial meal was provided and greatly appreciated. Handbell ringing was then indulged in on the lawn, but all too soon it was time to return to the station en route for home. Thus ended a very perfect day.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 of Plain Bob Minor at the Parish Church: R. Bennett 1, J. Johnson 2, W. Bennett 3, G. Philips 4, H. Martin 5, H. Philips (conductor) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

BIRTHDAY RINGING.

At St. Mary's Church, Putney, on Wednesday evening, September 12th, previous to the usual practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by A. Williams 1, J. Herbert 2, T. Bolton 3, W. W. Bailey 4, W. H. Ball 5, Robt. Bullen 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. Thomas Bolton's 67th birthday, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.' A move was subsequently made to a 'place, etc.,' where the toast of the genial master was suitably honoured.

ASHTON MEN AT SHEFFIELD.

Members and friends of the Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church had an outing to Sheffield on Saturday, September 1st. Arriving at 3.30 p.m. on a glorious day, the party visited All Saints' Church, Pitsmoor, where a new peal of eight bells has been installed. At five o'clock they journeyed to the Cathedral. Here several touches of Treble Bob and Stedman were rung until seven o'clock, after which tea was partaken of. After tea, a social evening was spent, and several touches on the handbells were rung. Many thanks are due to the Sheffield company for the enthusiastic reception given to the visitors.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Thursday evening, July 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. L. Pope 1, J. Huxley 2, F. F. Gover 3, A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, E. Stitch (Port Talbot) (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8. First quarter-peal by Mr. Huxley, and first quarter-peal by Mr. Pope away from the treble.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 1, O. H. Surridge 2, T. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, J. G. Blow 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, F. Kirk 7, J. Sanders 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,187 changes) in 47 mins., composed by John Carter: E. Wase 1, J. Stauier 2, R. Evans 3, W. Wase 4, A. Pritchard (first quarter-peal on ten) 5, W. Lago 6, J. Hanley 7, W. Saunders (conductor) 8, H. Bixom 9, L. Jones 10.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): Miss B. Cox 1, R. Underwood 2, H. Giles 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. This was the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells and the first quarter of Minor by all the band except H. Giles and the conductor.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on Sunday, September 16th, 1,280 Bob Royal in 49 mins.: H. C. Page (first quarter-peal of Bob Royal) 1, H. A. Folkard 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Bob Royal with an inside bell) 4, W. H. Hollier 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skelington (conductor) 7, H. Harding 8, H. Becher 9, A. W. Coles 10.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, September 16th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evening service, 1,251 Stedman Caters: F. N. Smeaton 1, *K. Snelling 2, *R. Johnson 3, H. Raun 4, *B. Wells 5, *A. H. Drew 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, *N. Elliott 8, O. Sippetts 9, *E. Higgin 10. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. Goot 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Steele 4, A. E. Gasson 5, A. C. Gasson (conductor) 6. Rang as a birthday compliment to the youngest daughter of the conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,285 changes) in 54 mins.: W. Rogers (conductor) 1, F. Wilford 2, F. J. Taylor 3, F. Rollins 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Farey 6, E. Hopper 7, E. Sibley 8, G. Favell 9, A. Monk 10. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Rogers, G. Favell and F. Wilford, their birthdays coming on September 13th, 14th and 15th respectively.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 16th, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes, composed by G. Hollis): F. J. Daniels 1, R. G. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, J. S. Roberts 4, W. W. T. Daniels 5, J. Berry 6, H. Wheeler 7, H. W. Bishop 8, W. G. Lancaster 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Hatfield 1, Lucas, sen., 2, Rev. F. J. Amies 3, W. Scarrott 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, B. Cox 8. Arranged for Mr. Lucas, who is staying near Bicester on holiday, and also for the Rev. F. J. Amies, who afterwards conducted evensong.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, September 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, sen., 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8.

BUSHY, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: *H. Dale 1, *F. Stacey 2, *E. Aylett 3, P. Parsloe 4, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley 7, *J. Evans 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter in method.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday evening, September 16th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) (Morris' arrangement): Allen Missing (first quarter) 1, Fred Good 2, Wallace Good 3, William Henniker 4, Alexander Waddington (first quarter as conductor) 5, Bert Foreman (first quarter) 6. The three 'first quarter men' are from Egerton, and have had most of their practice at Charing.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for the Dedication festival, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Miss D. Richards 1, G. Large 2, W. Richards 3, J. Philipps 4, F. Smith 5, L. Strong 6, P. Heath 7, A. Rowley 8, A. Parnell (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Miss D. Richards 1, F. Hannington 2, F. Smith 3, W. Richards 4, G. Large 5, L. Strong 6, P. Heath 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Philipps (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

LATE NOTICE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 7th, at 10 a.m. Monday, 8th, quarterly meeting at 6.30 and 22nd at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesdays, 2nd, and 30th at 8.—S. C. Moye, General Secretary.

NOTICES.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a 6-bell contest at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m., service 4.45; tea at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped that a good number will be present. All members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at Brown Candover. Bells (5), New Alresford (6). Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcomed.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 p.m.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 6 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m.—C. Fields, District Sec., High St., St. Neots, Hunts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday next, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckland Monachorum to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (free to members) and meeting 5 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.45. Cheap trains from London, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 2nd and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 4th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn on the 18th. 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.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the tower at 4.30 p.m. In the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter's bells (10) will be open for ringing. All ringers welcome at both towers.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head for those who notify Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finchampstead, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the school, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5. Please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs., by October 2nd?—S. Warrington, District Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. The arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social will be held in St. Thomas' Church Schools, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. Tickets may be had from Mr. S. S. Fitton, 23, Huddersfield Road, Newhey. Gentlemen 2s. each. Ladies 1s. 9d. each. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., for all who notify me not later than Oct. 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

JOINT MEETING.—LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section) & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Handsworth on October 6th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Visitors please notify Mr. J. Garth, Schoolhouse, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, not later than Oct. 3rd, and oblige.—Mrs. H. Jacques, Mr. R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers and friends being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llangibby on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Timberscombe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evening song 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Kindly let me know if you intend to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The branch autumn meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, Oct. 6th. 3.30 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. Couchman. 4.30 p.m.: Tea at the Village Hall at 1s. per head to members. Business meeting to follow. The names of other towers open for ringing will be given out at the meeting. Members who intend to be present must let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Subscriptions for 1928 should be in my hands before this date.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading branch of the above Guild will be held at Shinfield and Arborfield on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Shinfield Vicarage at 5 p.m., followed by a short service at 6 p.m. Please notify the secretary if able to attend by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Highclere, Hants.—Saturday, Oct. 6th, dedication of two new trebles, by the Bishop of Winchester. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify not later than Oct. 3rd for tea.—F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, Highclere, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m.

Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Tottenham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 9th. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Oct. 10th.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 64, De la Pole Avenue, Hull, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been

booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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BISHOP'S LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE.

On Saturday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Bartholomew's Church, Marsden, Yorks, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Wakefield to consecrate a new burial ground and dedicate a new lych gate. This was probably the last public appearance of the Bishop (Dr. Eden) prior to his retirement: L. Byram 1, S. Whitehead 2, G. Scawthorn 3, G. Wright 4, H. Shaw 5, C. Hoyle 6, A. Carter 7, H. Hoyle (conductor) 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Bartholomew's Church, Marsden.

A VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

On Saturday, September 8th, the ringers of St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, together with the Rector, Rev. T. Salmon, had their annual outing, when they journeyed to Brighton by car. They arrived at St. Peter's Church at 11.45, and were met by Mr. K. Hart. Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the back eight were rung. In the afternoon they visited St. Nicholas' Church, where Mr. F. Bennett had all in readiness. Two courses of Double Norwich and a course of Grandsire Caters were tapped off on this handy ring of ten. Accompanied by Mr. Bennett, the party then went on to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, where several of the local band welcomed them, and on this new peal Cambridge and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The visitors proceeded to Shoreham where they had tea, and afterwards were met at the tower by several local ringers, touches of London, Double Norwich and Grandsire being rung. After refreshments at a hostelry kept by a well-known ringer, the journey home was made. Thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and also to the many ringing friends who met the party and made them so welcome. The company were sorry not to have with them Messrs. G. Pullinger and D. C. Williams, both of whom were indisposed.

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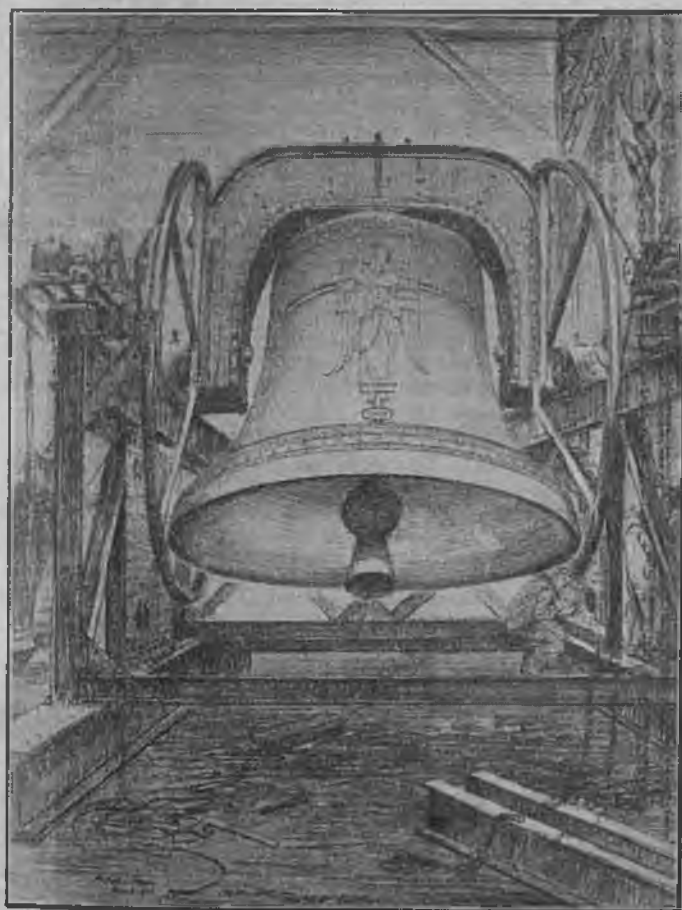
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There are still some strange notions existing with regard to church bells. The Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance have recently declared church bells to be a luxury and on that ground, therefore, have refused a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Navenby. Such a declaration seems to us to form a bad precedent, because there are other articles in the furnishings of a church which could, with equal justification, be brought into the same category and assistance denied to their renovation for the same reason. It may well be that the Diocesan Board prefers to devote its funds to other purposes, but it is the reason for and not the actual refusal of the grant which we desire to question. First of all we hold that church bells are not primarily a luxury. It is laid down in the Book of Common Prayer that a bell shall be tolled at a convenient time before the beginning of morning and evening prayer; therefore a bell maintained in proper repair is a necessity demanded by the laws of the Church. A ring of bells, in our view, derive the same importance when substituted for a single bell; and their proper maintenance is a duty which devolves upon the church authorities. Whether or not any Diocesan Finance Board will help a bell restoration fund is a matter within their own discretion, but they cannot justifiably say that bells are luxuries. If they do so they must equally dub the church organ a luxury, and with more justification, because, as far as we know, the organ finds no mention in the directions for the conduct of worship. Yet we wonder if the Lincoln Diocesan Finance Board would refuse to assist a fund for the restoration of an organ purely on the ground that it was a 'luxury'?

But let us, for the moment, assume that bells are luxuries; is that any reason why a Diocesan Board of Finance should refuse to assist a bell restoration fund? If it were asked merely to assist in the installation of a new peal or even in the augmentation of an existing peal, the refusal could, perhaps, be understood if it is assumed that it is a luxury, but the question of the restoration of a ring of bells is another matter. The Church authorities are liable for the maintenance of all property in their care, and those who have in the past accepted and who still from time to time accept the custody of a new peal of bells, do so with the knowledge that they and their successors will be held responsible for the upkeep of this part of the church's equipment, just as much as they are for the maintenance of the organ, or the surplices of the choir. They cannot shelve their responsibility on the ground that bells are a 'luxury,' and, as Diocesan Finance Boards are established (inter

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alia) to assist by grants or payments of money, the equipment, maintenance and repair of churches, it seems strange that the excuse of 'luxury' should have been put forward in the diocese of Lincoln, when a request of this kind was made. In this instance, however, the Board's action has had what was probably an unlooked for sequel, for the Parochial Church Council of Navenby, faced with an extension of their burying ground and still requiring £150 to complete the restoration of the bells, have declined for the present to make any further collections on behalf of the diocesan fund!

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
JOHN POTTER 3	ERNEST BIRCHALL 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Sam Jones, jun., and Miss Nellie Reeves, at Eccleston, Cheshire.

LYE, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. COOPER	5
HAROLD V. COOPER	2	WILLIAM GIBBS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ..	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
BENJAMIN GOUGH	4	JOHN LLOYD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal of Triples. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the local captain, Mr. Alfred Boxley, and Miss Connie Pardoe. The band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Boxley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

FRED WATKINSON	Treble	WALTER BINGHAM	5
*JOHN W. SYKES... ..	2	GEORGE O. DIXON	6
*ARTHUR S. ROBINSON	3	*ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
†FRED CARDWELL	4	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. Rung for the festival of St. Matthew, and in honour of and immediately following the wedding of Miss E. Dunford and Mr. L. S. Jessop at the above church.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW	Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY	5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL	2	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH... ..	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... ..	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY	4	WILLIAM HARRISON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

First peal in the method as conductor.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	Treble	JOHN BARBER	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	JOHN SMITH	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	ALFRED HACKETT	Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Arranged for John Barber, of Wednesbury, who was proposed a life member before starting; also a compliment to Tom Greenhall, of the Halesowen company, on attaining his majority.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK	Treble	MRS. E. WAKELING	5
FRED J. COOK	2	HAROLD J. HAZELL	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	GEORGE E. CRISP	7
ERNEST WAKELING	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. COOK. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON

In this composition, now rung for the first time, the 2nd is never in sixth's. Mrs. Wakeling was elected a member previous to the peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. J. White, of Redlands, Long Stanton, to Miss M. Bridgewater, of London; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wakeling.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

LOUIS A. WILSON	Treble	*CHARLES J. GARDINER	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
GILBERT H. HARDING	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN	Treble	*ALBERT NASH	5
JOHN R. BREARLEY	2	ARTHUR GILL	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
ARCHIE BREARLEY	4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON	5
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	GEORGE AMBLER	6
PERCY J. JOHNSTONE	VERNEY BAIRSTOW	7
ROWLAND MYERS... ..	WILLIAM AMBLER	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Robt. W. Jennison, P. J. Johnson and H. Lindsay.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	*HENRY JENNINGS	6
HARRY BARTON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	Treble	*JOSEPH JENNINGS	5
INSPECTOR F. RIDGWELL	2	WILLIAM KERBLE	6
JAMES FLEUTY	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM STANNARD Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... 6
JAMES CHINERY 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ARTHUR E. MOORE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
~~It is the first time since the last peal was rung on these bells.~~

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	ALBERT DISKRENS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	JOHN T. KENTISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and by this association, also by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th, and the first inside by the ringer of the 7th. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*FREDERICK NEALE ... Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
HARRY NEVILLE 3	WILLIAM STONE 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for the tenor ringer, who hails from Saunderton, Bucks.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	LEONARD DRAKE 5
JAMES A. TRALE 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	HARRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was arranged for and rung on the occasion of Mr. Jos. Woodhead's 75th birthday, also as a birthday compliment to G. E. Lawson.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight 240's by A. J. Pitman and 28 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE KNIGHT ... Treble	†GEORGE HAWKINS 4
*EDWIN PERRY 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
LIONEL JONES 3	*EDWARD BOWYER Tenor

Conducted by D. G. CLIFT.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. All the ringers are under 19 years of age, the conductor being the youngest. Also the first peal on the bells by a local band.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HUGH MCVAY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

GRAMMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

HUGH MCVAY ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	OSWALD SIMM 5
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

G. H. GALLAND ... Treble	EDWIN LEE 3
W. W. GARDNER 2	T. E. COPE 4

A. SMITHERINGALE Tenor

Conducted by E. LEE.

First peal by all the band, who are local service ringers.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

G. H. GALLAND ... Treble	EDWIN LEE 3
W. W. GARDNER 2	T. E. COPE 4

A. SMITHERINGALE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LEE.

These two peals were rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the bells being rehung and augmented from three to five.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

This is the first time this arrangement has been rung in the county and by the association.

THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL PEALS.

The following peals were rung during the recent Hampshire tour:—

WINCHESTER.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. WITHIN

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ARTHUR E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal, and hats from King's Somborne.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 1). Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS
First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN EVANS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY BARTON 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Major.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	HARRY BARTON 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, September 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
* GEORGE R. PYE 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. 6
† GEORGE MARTIN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* 1,100th peal. † 200th peal.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, September 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN EVANS Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 2). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

THE INVASION OF HAMPSHIRE.

JOTTINGS OF THE WEEK.

In pursuance of a promise to visit Hants, made in West Wales a year ago by the 'faithful couple,' and in response to the invitation of Mr. G. Williams, of Southampton, sixteen ringers assembled to tackle sixteen towers during the third week of September, and a brief report of what proved to be an excellent tour in delightful 'record weather,' amidst attractive surroundings on sea and land, may afford additional interest to the peal list which appears on another page of 'The Ringing World.'

At Winchester Cathedral the genial Mr. Wilfred Andrews received the party, and Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Maidenhead, on a cycling trip, helped to raise the bells in preparation for the peal. 'All present' was punctually reported to the Ringing Master. There is a certain amount of reluctance to grant permission for peal attempts on the part of Cathedral authorities, so in this case the team considered themselves highly privileged. The 9th bell was 'sulky,' as usual, and Mr. George Fletcher (like Mr. F. S. Bayley a year or so ago) had an unenviable task, and as much as he could do to 'coax' the bell to a finish. That sterling conductor, Mr. G. R. Pye, again proved his worth. Like our English coinage, he is practically the 'Georgius Rex' of the belfry, and does not need any 'hall mark.' He rings true. After half an hour's ringing the tenor thought fit to dispense with the services of Mr. Jenkins, by slipping his rope, but a mighty effort at 'hand' caused the ringer to be lifted off his feet at 'back' and dropped from the high box on to the belfry floor. The ringer was spun round like a marionette on the end of the rope and lifted back on the box again—a wonderful recovery for a ringer standing five feet nothing, and weighing eight stones minus his shoes, with a 30 cwt. bell.

Four o'clock tea at Holloway's Restaurant was a go-as-you-please affair. It resembled in numbers a meeting of some association branch, and included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of Enfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, of Southampton, Mr. G. Lindoff and his son, of Dublin, Mr. J. H. Shepherd and his old push bike. With a silver wedding day and a birthday in the wind, the tea cups rattled merrily, and the babble of tongues gave vent to ancient memories of church bell and tower, and the boys that handle them. The editor of the 'Cardiff Express' once described a company of ringers visiting that city as the National Band—it would be a more appropriate title on this occasion with Ireland, North and South Wales, and England's ringing men gathered together, and it only needed one of our Edinburgh friends present to create a band of Great Britons. As it was, there were eleven members of the Irish Association present, and an 'eight' who had rung a peal in the four quarters of Britain—all awaiting the advent of a Scottish Association of change ringers.

Arrangements for bed and board at Swaythling—central for the area to be covered—had been made by Mr. G. Williams, two hotels and a private boarding house being commandeered, whilst Mr. H. Barton, of Ventnor, did his full share of work in providing similar comfort on the Isle of Wight for the 'courting couples' who went over there for a few days.

Referring to the peals achieved, all went well for the first four days—the 'old bag' was ready to burst with them—and then came a defect in the mental 'pulley block,' and both slides and stay came to rest all too soon. It was a case of what the bell said to the headstock—'blockhead.'

A TRIPLE EVENT.

There were three peal attempts planned for Wednesday—Southampton, Dibden and Wimborne, the latter permit given at the last minute, with the courteous request for 'Cambridge Royal' or nothing. At the first-named tower, with a man to spare, so sadly needed at Wimborne, our 'Johnny W.' was as Faithfull as ever, kindly giving way to the visitors. At Dibden the Vicar and his wife again gave hospitality to the peal band at the Vicarage—a most enjoyable lunch. At Wimborne Minster, nine 'Cambridge' men met at 3.30 p.m. and were 'sent down.' What matters the beautiful architecture or how glorious the Dorset scenery going to and from the town, if the bells are silent? It was a great disappointment to the 'Faithful Couple' that neither the hermit from the Bristol Cave nor the 'courting couple' from the Island could be present.

The humble peal of Bob Major, rung on the Island on Thursday, was the only redeeming feature of a disastrous day for the 'Overans,' a term given to people living outside the I.O.W. At Soberton, an attempt for London Surprise Major lasted 2 hrs. 20 mins., one hour being spent on repairing ropes, etc., beforehand, and another afterwards at the inn, doing justice to a feed of boiled Hampshire hog and greens, which convinced the Dublin visitor that all the best bacon was not bred on the other side of the Irish Channel. While on this subject of dinner, it may be noted that quite a number of readers of 'The Ringing World' are eager to know if a certain Cornish 'leg of mutton' is wandering about the hillsides of Truro?

At Curdridge, a fine eight by Taylor's, tenor 30 cwt., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was lost after 1 hr. 40 mins. This is a noisy ringing room that quite deafens one after a half hour's ringing.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Weybridge, and proved a great success, between thirty and forty members and friends putting in an appearance during the day from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Chertsey, Esher, Hersham, Old Woking, Ockham, Otter-shaw, Otlands Park, Leatherhead, Dorking, Walton-on-Thames and Thames Ditton, while a welcome visitor was Mr. R. Waddington, of Egerton, Kent.

The Rector (the Rev. Ernest Tritton) very kindly provided tea, which was served in the Rectory drawing-room. A company of 28 sat down, although only eleven had sent in their names to the secretary. Anticipating a greater gathering than this, however, he had suggested to the Rector that there might be 15 or 20 present, but even this number was considerably exceeded. It is not an easy matter to expand at a moment's notice to meet demands of this kind, especially in a private house, but the Rector rose to the occasion. Extra tables and chairs were brought in from other parts of the house, and everyone was provided with a sumptuous meal.

The Guild's service followed in the Parish Church, the Rector officiating. In addition to the ringers there were a number of parishioners present, some of whom commented that the service was a most beautiful one. The Guild would be only too happy if more parishioners would, on these occasions, attend and take part in the services. As a rule they see little of the work of the ringers and know nothing of what the associations are doing.

The Rector in his address welcomed the Guild to Weybridge. It was the first visit the new Guild had paid to the parish, and he hoped they would come again. The bells, he added, reminded people who did not attend a place of worship of higher things, and although the ringers, perhaps, did not know it, they often brought to the minds of others thoughts of God and His Church. The address was a most interesting, helpful and uplifting one, which enabled those present to realise the high calling in which they as ringers, are engaged.

The business meeting was held after the service, the Rector kindly placing his study at the disposal of the members for the purpose. Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer of the Guild) presided, and in view of the proposal which is to be discussed at the annual meeting of adopting a badge for the Guild, handed round a small badge for inspection.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) notified the members that the next district meeting would be held at Egham on November 3rd, and would be a joint gathering with the Middlesex Association. There was also to be a combined practice at Horsell on October 20th, and he hoped the members would attend both these events in large numbers.

The Chairman, on behalf of the ringers, heartily thanked the Rector for his splendid hospitality and for the use of the bells and the Rectory. He remarked that he thought the Rector must have been in the Army or the Navy to have been able to provide at any emergency.—The Rector briefly replied.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major and Superlative Surprise, and at the close were splendidly lowered in peal, someone remarking that this was the best bit of ringing during the day. The meeting was one of the most successful held in the district.

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ing, and renders correction of faults futile. In the present effort even the Warrington 'whisper' failed, and thus the band came to 'stand still,' not knowing if their 'black' day had been saved by the 'Wights.'

The longest journey from headquarters was made on Friday, rail and motor-cars collecting the clans for Alton in the morning and Privett in the afternoon, where two good performances were brought safely home. The former, a new octave by Gillett and Johnston, tuned on the Simpson system, is a good one and beautifully clattered. The latter octave by Mears and Stainbank of forty years or so ago, well tuned on the old principle, is a masterpiece from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, resembling another ring by the same firm installed at Llanstephan, tenor 12½ cwt. It would be quite worth the while of a committee of musical experts to visit both places and pass judgment on their respective merits.

Fifteen ringers gathered at Privett, those not ringing enjoying the efforts of their brothers above by strolling around and basking in the sunshine. Several were soon sleeping on the bosom of Mother Earth with the 'sleepless' that lie around beneath them.

Bishopstoke was the fixture for Saturday morning, but as there was illness here, Stoneham was put on in its place by mutual agreement, and a peal in quick time finished by 12.30. Then haste to a farewell dinner at the Masons' Arms before breaking up the Hampshire 'stay.' With such a strong muster of hands it is something to record that everyone had a 'pull,' even if some members did less 'pulling' than they expected, but everyone joined in a vote of thanks to Mr. George Pullinger, the hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, for the work put in for their happy week.

W. H. F.

'MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS' IN A BERKSHIRE BELFRY (WITH A MORAL.)

At a tower not far from Maidenhead a peal of Minor was attempted on Saturday last, September 29th, as it was the eve of the harvest festival. All went well until the third 720, when a terrific 'thud-thud' was heard overhead (not unlike the French 75). The tenor lost his speech, and the 'bob caller' (late R.E.) cried 'Stand.' He also 'stood,' but away went his rope up through the ceiling (owing to the clapper, on leaving the bell, smashing the slider to pieces).

Four of the band sat down in the ringing chamber whilst the other two went aloft to gather the fragments and patch them together for the following day's service ringing. Imagine the surprise of those above and below when the treble suddenly decided to ring itself (no one having touched the bell or rope).

Those below said: 'Fools, to push a bell off with no one on the rope,' and those above said: 'Idiot, to pull a bell off with us up here.' All were wrong in their accusations, as it was found that the stay was badly fractured, and the weight of the bell in leaning back in the 'set' position had snapped the stay and freed the bell.

Anyway, the lady of the party was put on her train for London minus a peal, while the remainder of the band went in search of the village blacksmith (who was not at home) to knock out a new bolt. The steeplekeeper very appropriately played, 'Now the day is over' on the chimes as they departed.

If the 'Spooks' had decided to 'Cook 'em' for harvest festival service ringing they were much mistaken, for at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Mr. Taylor, of Maidenhead, got on his bicycle, rode to Boyne Hill tower, picked up a spare slider and proceeded with it to Cookham. At about the same hour Mr. John T. Fowler had aroused the village blacksmith from his slumbers to hammer out a new bolt, whilst J.T.F. employed himself in making a new stay for the treble (to replace the broken waggnette shaft that had previously done duty), and the bells did ring out their message of thanksgiving for morning service.

Although this has been treated in 'lighter vein,' it might easily have had a more serious ending and proved fatal, so to crawlers amongst and under bells, when they are up, see that there are no fractured stays or sliders.

The participants in the above venture were: J. T. Fowler (Cookham) 1, W. E. Taylor (Boyne Hill) (first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob) 2, Miss B. M. Mills (London) 3, W. Henley (Farnham Royal) 4, A. Martin (Boyne Hill) (first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob) 5, G. Gilbert 6.

THE MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' please inform all whom it may concern that on the Manchester to Chester rail or road route you pass through Altrincham and Bowdon (Bogedone). Bogedon is the old, historic name of Bowdon in the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Perhaps we shall now hear less sarcasm from the gentleman whom we should have thought more versed in his geography and history. I think it equal, if not better, than Quantock.

With regard to the floral names, I did not know it was possible to alter an historic fact. The altered names given to the Minor methods create worse confusion, and, furthermore, they have no more to do with a mathematical science than the names previously given, which was the original plea put forward in a leading article of 'The Ringing World.'

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Victoria Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

NO ALTERNATIVE NAMES.

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask the committee of the above two questions: (1) If floral names are not suitable, why 'Primrose' Surprise, especially as this method (Surprise No. 38) already has a name? (2) Also, if a method is given a name, why append an alternative one?

Don't make another muddle, but clear up the job now, once and for all time! Give each method a name, with no alternative, and then we shall know where we are.—Yours,

S. H. SYMONDS.

[We think we can enlighten our correspondent on both these matters. (1) The change of names in the 'floral' group was made only among those titles which had been bestowed in quite recent years. No attempt was made to alter any of the ancient names of methods, and 'Primrose' is one of these. It appeared in some of the early editions of 'Campanalogia Improved,' the first edition of which, we believe, was published in 1702. (2) It is not proposed to give in the new 'Collection' alternative names to any of the methods; those names which appeared in parentheses in the list in our issue of September 7th are names which have been alternatively used in the past. When the reprint of the 'Collection' appears they will be given in an appendix for reference.—Ed. 'R.W.']

An article appealing for 'Simplification,' by the Rev. H. Drake, is unavoidably held over until next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to add two trebles to the heavy ring of six at Old Woking Church, Surrey. This has been made possible by the energy of the local band, of whom Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is one.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are now engaged upon rehangings the eleventh bell at St. Paul's Cathedral in an iron headstock. The jubilee of the opening of the bells will take place on November 1st.

An attempt is to be made at Wolverhampton to-morrow for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, if successful, will be Mr. James George's one thousandth peal! His many friends throughout the country will join in good wishes to the youthful veteran for the accomplishment of this great ambition. When he has achieved it, Mr. George will be only the eighth ringer to reach a four-figure total.

One hundred and forty years ago to-morrow the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung. It was performed at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths, and in order that the length should not be superseded in a hurry they made it 6,204 changes, which occupied 4 hrs. 47 mins. It was nearly 30 years before a longer peal of Stedman Cinques was rung.

The first 'clerical' ten-bell peal was rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910. The method was Stedman Caters.

Henry Hubbard, who was a composer and writer of the middle of the nineteenth century, died on October 9th, 1881. He was born in the year 1807.

Mr. J. Faulkner, of Southill, Beds, who died suddenly on September 17th at the age of 66 years, rang his first and only peal on January 28th last. He was for many years a ringer at Southill, and a muffled peal was rung there to his memory on Saturday.

Some ringers' enthusiasm knows no bounds. On Sunday week Mr. J. Fleuty, of Earls Colne, Essex, walked to Colne Engaine, rang for morning service and sang in the choir. In the afternoon he walked to Great Tey for the reopening of the bells, sang in the choir and rang in the opening and other touches, then walked back to Earls Colne and rang for evening service there. Altogether he covered nine miles.

Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Miss H. F. Mills, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who is still in the Londonderry Hospital, suffering from the effects of the accident she met with on August 7th, is making good progress. She wishes to express her thanks to those who have written to her, and also for all kind enquiries.

RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Ringings in Durban, Natal, has of late been reduced to Minor owing to lack of ringers. In August, however, Rev. Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, made a welcome holiday stay in the city, and the company, with his help, were able to ring Triples. They made the most of his stay, and were just getting into peal shape when he had to leave.

If Canon Ridout wants a change-ringing practice he has to travel about 400 miles to get it!

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your Beccles correspondent wishes to know how the bells at East Bergholt are rung. I once saw a local ringer turn one over with the clapper tied. The operation consisted of pushing the bell off by the rim, and as the bell turned over, in catching hold of the wooden stock at the back of the bell, and so keeping it going by pushing it along in this way, the ringer standing in a pit at the side of the bell.

I believe these bells are rung regularly by the local ringers, and I feel sure that if your correspondent were to get in touch with the Rector of East Bergholt, who is interested in campanology, he would be able to learn all he wishes to know in connection with these bells.

—Yours faithfully,

E. G. ELLINGER.

Maldon, Essex.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of E. W. Marsh, re 'Recognition of peal refused,' I, as one of the members of the band, wish to state why the composition was refused. Firstly, do the South-West Committee think they have recorded the peal rung at Stonehouse, March 16th, 1927, correctly? Secondly, it would be of interest to ringers if the secretary (Mr. E. W. Marsh) would state through 'The Ringing World' upon what rule in the Guild Report they have based their attitude. In conclusion, I cannot see how it can have been a Devon Guild peal, as two of the band were not elected members until after the peal, and the majority of the band had gone.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. LILLEY.

[For the benefit of our readers we would point out that the peal of March 16th, 1927, was published in 'The Ringing World' as composed and conducted by O. R. Lilley, while in the Devon Guild Report it is recorded as composed by J. E. Burton (C.C. Collection, No. 116).—Ed. 'R.W.']

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED NEW DISTRICT IN DERBYSHIRE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, September 29th, at Mansfield, and, although the weather was wet and miserable, quite a good muster was present from Bolsover, Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Nottingham, Southwell and other places too numerous to mention. Good use was made of the eight bells of the Parish Church, touches and courses of the standard and Surprise methods being more or less successfully brought round.

The committee met at 4 p.m. in the Parish Room, and in the absence of Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P., the chair was taken by Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton (vice-president). There were present also the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace, hon. secretary, Mr. E. Morris, and eleven members of the committee. The usual routine work was done, and an appeal was made for a donation from the Bell Repair Fund for West Hallam, where the present six are being augmented to eight. Alderman Chambers has promised a private donation, and suggested that the M.C.A. should do likewise.—It was decided to grant three guineas.

A suggestion of the Derby District to form another branch in the Bakewell area was discussed, and it was decided to ask the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, for his opinion and suggestions as to the area and centre of such district. He has been doing much good work by holding meetings in the various towers of this rather isolated area.

Tea was provided at 5 p.m., at which over thirty members sat down, and once again it is to be regretted that quite a number failed to notify their intention of being present.

The general meeting immediately followed, and the members were pleased to have the Vicar and Rural Dean of Mansfield (the Rev. Canon Spencer Elliott) with them, and subsequently to make him an hon. member.

New members elected since the previous meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 3 honorary, 2 life and 20 ordinary. The suggested grant from Bell Repair Fund for West Hallam was ratified, and the question of alteration of the title of the M.C.A. left over for proper notice to be given prior to the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. Wallace proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Mansfield for the use of bells, and his presence, also the local committee for splendid arrangements made.—This was seconded by Mr. White and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Then adjourning to the tower once more, the ringers terminated a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**GREAT MEETING AT BLACKPOOL.**

This year's annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Blackpool, when most of the towers in the Fylde district were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. The many attractions of this famous seaside resort make an appeal to everyone, and as a result the ringers were not allowed to come alone. The bells were at liberty from 10.30 a.m., by which time many had already arrived. Service was held at 4 p.m., when the preacher was the Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool, who gave a very helpful address.

The usual press photo followed, and then to tea at 5 p.m., a company of 214 having tea together.

The business meeting followed, over which Canon Elsee presided.

The president gave the committee's report for the previous year, and each member had a copy of the balance sheet.

After questions had been answered on both, they were passed.

As there was only one nomination for each post vacant, the retiring officers were re-elected for two years, and thanked for their past services. These were Canon Elsee, president, Mr. W. H. Shaker, general secretary and Mr. H. W. Jackson, hon. treasurer.

The turn for the next year's meeting is the Blackburn Branch, and a member of the branch invited the association to Blackburn Cathedral, which was accepted and carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher for arranging the service, to the organist and choir boys, and to the clergy in the district for the use of their respective bells.

The total number of members of the association is 1,554, 1,131 of which are regular ringers in the county, the rest being composed of hon. and non-resident members. The balance sheet showed a balance on the year's working of £3 17s. 11d., the receipts having been £73 1s. 6d., and the expenses £69 3s. 7d.

DEVON GUILD.

A successful meeting of the South-West District was held at Buckland Monachorum, on Saturday, when ringers attended from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel (Plymouth), Plympton St. Mary and St. Maurice, Kelly and Bradstone. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Plymouth, the Lady Midmay, Revs. H. C. Champion, E. Davies, C. B. Yonge and Major and Mrs. Jerram.

Rev. C. Street gave an inspiring address at the service, and at the subsequent tea and meeting he was heartily thanked.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the ladies for preparations for tea and to the organist for his services.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Plympton on Saturday, January 5th next.

THE SNOWDON DINNER.**SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT LEEDS.**

The annual commemoration of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Leeds this year, on Saturday, September 22nd. Visitors arriving at the railway stations were welcomed by the strains of the band of the Coldstream Guards, which caused them to think that unusual honour was being done to the annual gathering of change ringers, but this thought was soon dispelled when it was learned that it was the 'Civic Week' for the city. The various rings of bells were used by ringers from many distant towns, prominent among the visitors being the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, S. Roper, Surrey Association, A. H. Ward, Midland Counties Association, etc.

The dinner was held in the splendid Victoria Room of the Victoria Hotel, Briggate, where the proceedings went with the usual swing. Largely owing to the industrial depression, the gathering was smaller than in former years, between eighty and one hundred sitting down to dinner. The chair was occupied by the president of the association (Rev. C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Lord Bishop of Knaresborough, Rev. Canon Elsee, Councillor R. H. Blackburn, and the principal officers of the association.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, a quartette, consisting of Messrs. Slater, Scott, Shepherd and W. Batley, opened the musical part of the proceedings with the glee, 'Here's life and health.' In proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' Councillor R. H. Blackburn paid a witty and eloquent tribute to the debt that the State owed the Church, in the building up of the national character, and trusted that an early and amicable way would be found out of the difficulties by which the Church was at present confronted.

The Lord Bishop of Knaresborough responded to the toast, expressing his pleasure at being able to be present, and wishing the association every success in the work it had undertaken.

The toast of the evening was proposed by the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee). The speaker stated that though he never had the pleasure of meeting the first president of the Yorkshire Association, he had met his brother, the late William Snowdon, on many occasions. He paid high tribute to the great advance in change ringing that had been wrought by the labours of the two brothers, by the publication of the famous books on change ringing, and by their efforts which resulted in the formation of the Yorkshire Association, and the great uplift that had been achieved in the status of the ringers of this country.

The toast was silently honoured.

'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, following which Mr. S. F. Palmer proposed 'Kindred Ringing Societies.' In his remarks, Mr. Palmer announced that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. W. Story (Newcastle), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), and Mr. G. Halksworth. Representatives were present from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Midland Counties Association, the Lancashire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Surrey Association. He coupled with the toast the names of two old and honoured friends in the persons of Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and J. F. Smallwood, of St. Martin's Guild. Both of these visitors had an enthusiastic reception on rising to respond, and thanked the gathering for the kind sentiments expressed in the toast.

This report would not be complete if it failed to compliment the quartette, who were responsible for the musical part of the programme, for the polished rendering of the various items which they contributed.

Some of the visitors stayed the night in Leeds, while others had to rush for trains, but all were firmly resolved that the next dinner, to be held in Sheffield, should have their presence if at all possible.

GREAT TEY BELLS REOPENED.

The reopening of the bells at Great Tey took place on Sunday, September 23rd. The special service was conducted by the Vicar, and the local company of ringers rang the opening changes.

After service over 60 members from 21 different companies took part in touches in most of the standard methods, those present including Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, and Mr. R. W. Stannard, district secretary, who carried out the arrangements for the meeting.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated for the efficient way in which the work has been carried out. The treble and tenor have been recast, and the whole peal relying on ball bearings.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was present at the reopening, was accorded a special vote of thanks.

LONG PEAL LOST.

The long peal that was attempted at Silverdale, Staffs, on Saturday, was lost after ringing 4 hrs. and 10 mins. The following members took part in it: H. Smith 1, C. S. Ryles 2, H. Carnwell 3, T. Hurd 4, F. H. Crawley 5, R. G. Lewis 6, A. W. Hall 7, C. H. Page (conductor) 8.

ANOTHER 'TAYLOR' RING OF EIGHT FOR CORNWALL

The square tower, strongly built of Cornish granite, of Phillack Parish Church has hitherto contained only three small bells. By the generous gift of Captain Edwin Jenkins, however, the tower will soon be the home of a fine new peal of eight bells, altogether in keeping with the dignity of the tower, and the rich music of the bells will sound forth on Christmas Day across the waters of Hayle Poole by which Phillack so picturesquely nestles.

The new peal is being cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be in the key of F sharp, tenor 14-15 cwt.

TRAGIC DEATH OF DARTFORD RINGER. KILLED IN A LORRY ACCIDENT.

The fatal accident to a motor lorry driver at Towcester on Tuesday, September 25th, and reported in the daily press, has robbed the Holy Trinity Band, Dartford, of one of their most able and respected members in the person of Mr. Edmund G. Bates.

The fatality was caused through a collision. Mr. Bates was driving the lorry from Towcester to London when a second lorry towing a disabled lorry approached from the direction of Birmingham. The disabled lorry swayed and struck the vehicle driven by Bates, and he and his mate were thrown on to the pavement. The disabled lorry then ran on a few yards and overturned, goods being strewn all over the road.

Deceased was 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children, one aged four years, and twins five months old.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 29th, at Watling Street Cemetery, the service being held at St. Alban's Church, Dartford. The mourners were Mr. W. Bates (father), Messrs. G. H. J., J. W., A., and J. Bates (brothers), Mr. Dapton (brother-in-law), Mr. Pankhurst (uncle), Messrs. H. Pankhurst, J. Howden and J. Hall (cousins). Local ringers were represented by Mr. E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), Messrs. Norton, H. Rayner, R. Rayner and T. Groombridge, jun., of deceased's own tower, while a representative body of his former colleagues, drivers of the Maidstone bus service, and a representative of his last employer, Mr. W. G. Halkney, of Dartford, were in attendance at the graveside.

Some idea of his popularity may be gleaned from the magnificent display of wreaths, 45 in number, from all quarters.

Unfortunately last honours to the deceased as a ringer could not be arranged. Owing to the short time available it was impossible to get a band for handbells at the graveside, while a wedding at the Parish Church ruled out muffled ringing at the time of the funeral.

The bells were, however, rung muffled on Thursday, when the sad news of his death came to hand, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Sunday morning last before morning service by: F. J. Beer 1, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 2, E. Brown 3, H. Howard 4, H. Rayner 5, H. Simmons 6, H. E. Audsley 7, R. Jenkins 8.

Starting his ringing career in 1906 at Farmingham under the tuition of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 'Ted' Bates was never a prolific peal scorer. As far as can be ascertained at the moment he rang about thirty peals from Bob Minor to Double Norwich Major. It was not, however, from lack of enthusiasm, but owing to the uncertain hours of his employment, resulting in often having to back out of a peal at the last minute.

Joining the Holy Trinity band, Dartford, in 1918, he proved himself a valuable asset to the company, being good for anything up to Cambridge Surprise, a first-class striker, and equally enthusiastic about Grandsire Doubles for a beginner, unselfish to a degree as regards peals, always the same unflinching personality, except when bad striking crept in. His loss was felt when work and domestic troubles claimed him temporarily, and now that the last great call has come the sympathy of all his friends goes out to those to whom his presence meant most.

BLACK CAT CHANGES THE 'LUCK'

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY AMONG ESSEX STEEPLES.

A most enjoyable and successful outing took place on Saturday, September 22nd, when the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, augmented by a few friends to the total of 26, started at 6.30 a.m. by charabanc en route for Earls Colne, where a hearty breakfast, supplied by mine host at the White Lion, put the company in good fettle for ringing. The following towers were visited before dinner: Earls Colne (eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.), Halstead (eight bells, tenor 16 cwt.), Sible Hedingham (eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.), Finchingfield (eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.), Thaxted (eight bells, tenor 16 cwt.). The last-named church has a spire erected in 1421, 181 feet high. King Edward IV. completed the building of the chancel, and the north porch bears his coat of arms and devices.

Upon nearing Braintree, a black cat ran across the road. 'Now we shall have some luck,' said the company's wag, but he omitted to state what kind of luck, for during dinner the news came that illness near the church prevented ringing; at Dunmow there was a funeral; and Coggeshall was minus a rope. As is well known, misfortunes never come singly, but the esprit de corps was not one jot abated, and good ringing at Feering and Kelvedon ended the round. The crowning touch of the day was splendidly struck Oxford Treble Bob Major at Feering, conducted by Mr. Fred Tillet.

The society wish to thank all the incumbents, steeplekeepers and others for their co-operation in making the outing the great success it was.

CROYDON CONTRACTS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are recasting the peal of six at Carhampton, Somerset, and strengthening the frame. Recent contracts secured by them are spread over six different counties:—

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Winslow, Bucks: Peal of six, tenor 20 cwt. Recasting treble and re-hanging peal.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. A. G. Driver's letter in your last issue, what I said was a statement of fact. There are only five methods fulfilling the conditions laid down, so that Mr. Driver must have 'discovered' something which is non-existent.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

KINGTON MAGNA'S OLDEST RINGER.

CHORISTER AND INSTRUMENTALIST.

The parish of Kington Magna has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. F. Hannam, its oldest ringer. When the present Rector (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), in his college days, received his first lesson in change ringing, Mr. Hannam had taken part in it, and it was Mr. Edwards' sad experience to have to hurry back after his recent broadcast lecture for the burial of his colleague of the belfry.

For upwards of twenty years Mr. Hannam had been a regular ringer at the village church, and almost every Sunday found him in his place both morning and evening.

Besides taking his part in the belfry, Fred Hannam was possessed of an exceptionally fine bass voice, which he used with great effect in the church choir, and was an expert player on more than one musical instrument. A 'Trombone solo by Mr. Hannam' was a popular feature of many a village entertainment, occasionally varied by his vocal rendering of 'The Farmer's Boy.' At times he would keep his instrument beside him in church and play an occasional verse of a hymn, while he and the Rector often played the congregation out with an improvised 'concerto' on the trombone and organ.

An incident of one Christmastide remains vividly in the present writer's memory. After singing in several verses of 'While shepherds watched' to a traditional carol tune, Fred with a sudden inspiration picked up his trombone, and at the words 'All glory be to God on high,' the loud trumpet tones rang out through the church with dramatic effect.

On the first Sunday in September Mr. Hannam did his full day's work in the belfry and choir. The next day he was stricken with paralysis, and on his 66th birthday he passed away.

The bells were rung muffled for evening service, for it was Sunday, and the flag lowered to half-mast.

Borne to his grave by past and present ringers, he was laid to rest in a spot just in front of the belfry door and facing direct towards his place in the chancel. The burial service was chorally rendered, the Nunc Dimittis was sung at the graveside, and muffled peals were rung at the close of the last sad rite.

DEATH OF MR. S. POOLE, LEICESTER.

It is with deepest regret we have to announce the death of Mr. S. Poole, of Leicester, which occurred on September 18th at the age of 65 years. He was for many years a respected member of the old band of ringers at St. Mary's, Lutterworth, and, although never a great peal ringer, had scored two peals of Grandsire Triples.

On leaving Lutterworth he joined the staff at St. Mary's Church, Leicester, until that tower was condemned and the bells unsafe to ring. He joined on occasions the outings of St. Martin's Cathedral Society, but of late years did not do much actual ringing.

He was the father of Mr. Harold J. Poole, whose records are well known in the ringing world, and who is now a member of the Leicester Police Force.

OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER.

At Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 38 mins.: T. Atkins 1, C. H. Briggs 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow 3, C. Brown 4, L. E. Towers 5, R. F. Elkington 6, A. Ballard, jun. (first quarter-peal as conductor in this method) 7, T. W. Barwell 8. Rung as a compliment on his 78th birthday to Mr. Harry Briggs, for over 50 years a ringer at this church.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

At Erith, Kent, on Sunday evening, September 30th, for the harvest thanksgiving service at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. J. Luck 1, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor), 2, L. J. Cullum 3, H. A. Holden 4, C. Palmer 5, J. S. Morton 6, B. Aldridge 7, O. Robinson 8.

At All Saints' Church, Childwall, Liverpool, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lydieth 1, F. C. Thomas 2, E. Gittins 3, J. Boustead (first 720) 4, F. Woodward 5, C. I. Davies (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's, Fryerning, Essex, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival services, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 York Surprise, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Norwich Surprise: L. Wright, L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, September 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Aylett 1, W. E. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, G. H. Spice 4, E. H. Spice 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 30th, at the Cathedral Church, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, W. E. Jelley 2, H. Hutton 3, W. J. Robinson 4, W. R. Melville 5, L. Hunter 6, B. S. Philpott (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: C. Roberts 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Gabriel Lindoff 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. Diserens 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10. Also a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff, in which Messrs. W. H. Hewitt and J. Ward took part.

LATE NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me by first post Wednesday, October 10th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Reading Room 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by October 10th.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All members requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, October 11th. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 30th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th. 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.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the tower at 4.30 p.m. In the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter's bells (10) will be open for ringing. All ringers welcome at both towers.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scolney Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social will be held in St. Thomas' Church Schools, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. Tickets may be had from Mr. S. S. Fitton, 23, Huddersfield Road, Newhey. Gentlemen 2s. each. Ladies 1s. 9d. each. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finchampstead, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the school, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—F. Warrington, District Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. The arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

JOINT MEETING.—**LADIES' GUILD** (Northern Section) & **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Handsworth on October 6th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—Mrs. H. Jacques, Mr. R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers and friends being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llangibby on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Timberscombe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evening 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Kindly let me know if you intend to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The branch autumn meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, Oct. 6th. 3.30 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. Couchman. 4.30 p.m.: Tea at the Village Hall at 1s. per head to members. Business meeting to follow. The names of other towers open for ringing will be given out at the meeting. Subscriptions for 1928 should be in my hands before this date.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading branch of the above Guild will be held at Shinfield and Arborfield on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Shinfield Vicarage at 5 p.m., followed by a short service at 6 p.m.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Highclere, Hants.—Saturday, Oct. 6th, dedication of two new trebles, by the Bishop of Winchester. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, Highclere, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Tottenham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 64, De la Pole Avenue, Hull, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The first M.C.A. meeting since the augmentation of the bells will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton, beforehand. A good attendance particularly requested.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 10th, please?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 9th. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Oct. 10th.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8), St. John (8) and Holy Trinity (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Oct. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. The bells of St. Paul's will also be open. Both 8-bell towers. Visitors will be welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of peal (8 bells) by the Lord Bishop of Derby, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify W. Piggin, Town End, Crich, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th?

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 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. James', Haslingden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good muster of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 9th.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Oct. 9th. Important.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale, St. Mary's, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. J. Allen, 53, St. Mary's Road, Barston, before Thursday, Oct. 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. Those coming to tea are particularly requested to advise Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 17th. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head), to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by 18th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who

notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from 3 to 4 and after the business meeting until 9 p.m. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Further details later.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Chertsey District.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Rough-ton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. — A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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FEERING, ESSEX.—On September 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes): J. C. Newman 1, W. Keeple (conductor) 2, A. Saunders 3, G. Hayward 4, F. Ridgwell 5, R. Fiddler (first quarter-peal) 6, L. Clark (first quarter-peal of Major) 7, W. Arnold 8.

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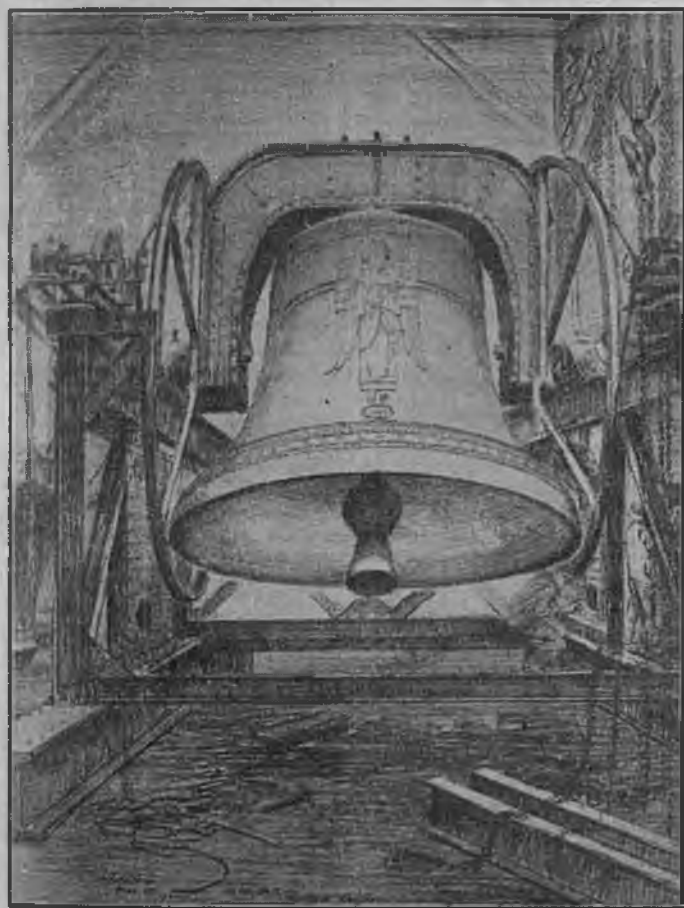
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On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
The 1,000th peal rung by Mr. James George.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	†ARTHUR G. KING 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	†WILLIAM J. LEE 8
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	†EDWARD G. KETT 9
CHARLES F. SAYER 5	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*LESTER L. GREY Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
†THOMAS HAMMOND 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
†GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 8
JOHN BOOTH 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
†JAMES W. GROUNDS 5	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on the attainment of his 1,000th peal. * First peal of Stedman Caters away from tenor. † 100th peal together. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the 35th anniversary of Mr. E. Caunce's first peal.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	WILLIAM HANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLY 3	ALFRED HACKETT 8
JOHN HALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 9
JAMES HEMMING 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

Rung as the annual peal for the association, and on the eve of Bromsgrove harvest festival. It was originally intended to make this an officers' peal, but owing to the indisposition of the general secretary, Mr. C. Camm kindly made up the band at a few hours' notice. The remainder are office holders.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5819 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	PERCY HARRISON 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDAY ... 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 8
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
HAROLD G. JENNEY 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Thomas Taylor and Alfred Martin on their 70th birthday. The latter has been connected with this belfry for the past 50 years, and, unfortunately, could not ring owing to illness. The composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6
*JOHN ROUND 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
†JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Rung on eve of harvest festival and in honour of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE LAMBERT Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by WM. GARRARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Arranged for Messrs. G. Lambert, Ladd and Wren, who hail from East Grinstead, Sussex. Mr. R. T. Lambert's 100th peal, thirty of which have been conducted by Mr. A. E. Edwards.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GR PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	SAM JONES 6
FRED MORRIS 3	ERNEST COTSFORTH 7
JACK NUTTALL 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by S. JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, the son of the 4th ringer and Mr. T. B. Worsley.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
CHARLES ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Robert Whiting, an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, who died on September 27th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYR Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY MASSON Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	HAROLD L. JONES 6
*HUGH TAYLOR 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY ... 7
GEORGE COPLEY 4	J. A. BOWERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Cyril B. Rogerson and Miss Doris Caygill, daughter of Mr. G. Caygill, churchwarden, and esteemed vice-president of the local ringers' society.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUGH McVAY Treble	*HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
*JOHN ANDERSON 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN PERRY Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung specially in honour of the ringing of 1,000 peals by Mr. James George. It was also the 100th peal rung by Mr. E. F. Mitchell for the above society.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. R. A. FARDON Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISETT 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	HORACE J. HUNNISETT 6
WILFRED G. WILSON 3	ROBERT A. FARDON 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Robert Holloway, late Master of the South and West Branch of the Middlesex County Association and captain of the Acton band, whose funeral took place that morning.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. BILLINGTON Treble	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
*WALTER STONE 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST STONE 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

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

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung for the harvest festival.

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

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*MISS K. E. FLETCHER Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
†MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM H. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

DARLINGTON.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ALFRED COATES 2	J. CYRIL POLLARD 6
HARRY TAYLOR 3	T. BERNARD CLAYDON 7
WILLIAM DOWSON 4	ARTHUR W. WEST Tenor

Conducted by T. B. CLAYDON.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Claydon, who is leaving to take up a position near Birmingham.

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

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F. sharp.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	†WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
*JAMES MILLER, JUN. 2	*FREDERICK H. HARWOOD 6
†FREDERICK BLACKLIDGE 3	*JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7
*HARRY FRANCE 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by resident members of the Preston Branch. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung at the second attempt.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	BERTRAM LUCK 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
HARRY BAKER 3	*CHARLES H. SONE 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	†ALBERT REIFE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, of East Malling, and as a birthday peal for Mr. A. H. Smith. Messrs. C. H. and T. E. Sone's 50th peal together.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
FRED A. HOLDEN 2	HENRY SQUIRES 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	*WALTER WILSON 7
†HAROLD MARCON 4	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method in the tower on eight bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

MISS FREDA E. ORR Treble	*WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALBERT DISBRENS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county of Middlesex.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	JAMES ABREY 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 2	†JAMES HAZELL 6
*MISS ESTHER MATHEWS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
†MISS RUBY HAZELL 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	HERBERT C. AUNDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

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

* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and by the association. Also first peal in the method by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KELLY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM HILL Treble	†HERBERT BOUCHER 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
†GEORGE FITZ 3	*F. ABEL JOHNS Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, on which the first six scores of Grandsire ever rung in Devon by Devon men were rung under the inspiration of Rev. M. Kelly, nearly 65 years ago.

**SOUTHILL, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

STANLEY WALLACE Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
GEORGE R. DILLEY 2	*HARRY SLATER 5
HERBERT J. HARLOW 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as the last token of respect to Mr. J. Faulkner, who was for many years a ringer at the above church, and who died suddenly on September 17th.

STEVENTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's of Morris' arrangement, eight of Pitman's and eighteen six-scores.

*FREDERICK J. NOBES... .. Treble	DAN H. WOODLEY 4
FRANK W. BUNCE 2	JACK HONEY 5
JOHN NOBES 3	A. PERCY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, also as a birthday honour to Mrs. Foulkes, widow of the late Rev. A. L. Foulkes, for twenty-seven years Vicar of the parish.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. Treble	HENRY BIRD 4
TOM ATKINS 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
C. HENRY WEBB 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on St. Michael's Day for harvest festival. P.C. F. E. Wilson belongs to the Leicester City Police, the rest to the Hinckley District.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. SNEATH Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	GEORGE RANDLE 4
WM. MAPP 2	WM. R. NASH 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Mary to Burwarton, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six Pitman's 240's; 30 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	†JAMES SHAW 4
HERBERT T. PIPER 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
JACK W. TAYLOR 3	†ALBERT ADDISON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

* First away from tenor. † First peal. † First attempt, and proposed a member before starting. Birthday peal for J. W. Taylor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*H. J. CUSHING Treble	*S. HYDER 4
W. PICTHALL 2	*H. A. SMITH 5
J. WILLIAMS 3	C. J. A. CUSHING 6

*A STEDMAN Tenor

Conducted by C. J. A. CUSHING.

* First peal.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and 18 six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	GEORGE J. R. PRICE 4
ROBERT MCCANN... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
EDGAR R. JONES 3	JAMES RANDLE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

This was William Bavin's first attempt for a peal. All the above ringers are natives of Over.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 21, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8
CHARLES T. COLES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witness: A. W. COLES.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, October 5, 1928, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS... .. 5-6
WILFRED JARVIS 3-4	LEONARD PRYKE 7-8

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal by Messrs. Pryke and Jarvis.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

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LEYTONSTONE BELLS RE-OPENED.

About fifty ringers and friends attended the official reopening of the peal of six bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Leytonstone, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells have been quarter turned, new headstocks have been fitted, and they have been rehung in the old frame. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and the firm has fully upheld its reputation. The bells were rededicated at the morning service on Sunday, September 23rd, by the Rev. Canon W. T. Brown, M.A., Rural Dean and Vicar of St. John's, and a short touch was rung after service by the local company.

Visitors began to arrive on Saturday at 3.30, and the bells were kept going to courses and short touches in various methods until five o'clock, when tea was generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens in the Parish Hall, and all who sat down apparently did justice to the fare provided. The Vicar presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. H. Clarke and John Wish), the hon. diocesan reader (Mr. H. Heather, J.P.), and Mr. W. Miller (Master of the Leytonstone company).

After tea the Canon welcomed the visitors to Leytonstone, and said how pleased he was to hear the bells again. He congratulated Messrs. Bowell upon their work, and said he was very satisfied with the improved tone of the bells. In lighter vein, he said that bells were not always appreciated, and told of a certain parishioner who, when hurrying to catch his train with his mouth half full of breakfast, strongly objected to being informed that 'Now the day is over.'

Mr. H. Heather, J.P., amused the company with some funny stories, two of which he insisted came straight from his Court. This may be, but they were funny. His 'Watchman's Story' of the 'minding the 'ole in the road' was very much appreciated.

Mr. W. Miller, the Master, offered the visitors a hearty welcome to Leytonstone on behalf of his band. He mentioned that he had been connected with the tower for some thirty-five years, and that this was the first occasion within his memory that a ringers' meeting had taken place there. The tower, being situated in the main road (a fairly busy shopping centre), did not lend itself to much Saturday ringing, but he hoped that in the near future something might be arranged. He thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the splendid tea, Mr. Heather for his entertainment, and the following ladies who so kindly helped with the arrangements: Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Wish, Miss Dawson, Misses Harwood, Keep, and Miller. He regretted that Mr. Bowell and his sons had been compelled to leave before the tea.—The Vicar and Mr. Clarke briefly responded, and a course of Grand-sire Caters upon handbells followed, by: J. Moule, G. Faulkner, J. Thomas, E. C. S. Turner, and E. D. Smith.

Canon Brown then called upon Mr. Heather to unveil the brass tablet in the porch of the church, which records the fact that the work has been done by Messrs. Bowell, and acknowledges the generosity of Miss Emma Barron, the founder of the Barron Bell Trust, in defraying the cost.

The bells were kept going from 6.30 until 8 o'clock in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise in four methods.

The new peal of eight at Leyton was available in the afternoon, and the peals of six at Wanstead and Woodford in the evening. Several of the visitors took the opportunity of ringing at these towers, and Miss Elsie Chapman is to be congratulated upon adding four towers to her already extensive 'bag.' The first extent upon the rehung bells at Leytonstone was rung for evening service on Sunday, September 30th, being 720 of Spliced Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, and Primrose Surprise.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Winchester District was held at Brown Candover on Saturday, September 29th, when a good company of ringers, ladies and friends, was present. It was impossible to do any ringing at Brown Candover tower as the bell framework was in want of repair. The Rev. Gough conducted the service and gave a splendid address.

After tea, which was prepared in the Church Hall, a business meeting followed. The Rev. Gough was voted to the chair, and expressed his regret that the belfry was in such an unsafe condition. He hoped that funds would be raised to restore it in the near future. Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, also to those who helped with the most enjoyable tea.

The rest of the evening was spent at Old Alresford tower, where there is a very nice peal of six. Various touches, including Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, were rung. Afterwards a visit was paid to Micheldever tower.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION: YOUNG MEN MUSTER WELL.

A meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llangibby on Saturday last, a good number putting in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. A feature of the gathering was the number of young men who attended.

The bells, originally a ring of six by Rudhall, augmented to eight a few years ago by Taylor, with a tenor of 15 cwt., were much admired by those who had not previously paid Llangibby a visit. They were raised in the afternoon and kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the church, the Rector (the Rev. A. Lancaster Osman) officiating and giving an interesting address.

Following the service, an excellent tea, generously provided by the Rector, was served at the White Hart Hotel. At the subsequent business meeting, over which the Rector presided, various routine matters were dealt with, such as instructors' reports, reports on augmentations and restorations, and the election of new members.

The hon. secretary read a leaflet which he had received in reference to the book just published, 'Bells through the ages,' and it was unanimously resolved that a copy be purchased by the association.

The best thanks were accorded the Rector for his exceptional kindness and hospitality, and, in replying, he said it had been a very great privilege and pleasure to him to do what he could for the association.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late in the evening in Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major. The weather was delightfully fine, and the meeting one of the very best.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD: GREAT MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

A special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Saturday, September 29th, and proved to be very successful. A service, at which the Guild's form was used, was held in St. Edmund's Church. The special preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave a very interesting and instructive sermon.

After service, tea was held in St. Giles' Buildings, an excellent spread being arranged by Mr. F. Wilford and the Northampton Branch committee, assisted by lady helpers. Ninety-five sat down, those present including Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. R. C. Thurstfield (president, Kettering Branch), Rev. G. E. Petter (president, Gillsborough Branch), Rev. W. Fearis (president, Daventry Branch), Mr. F. Wilford (Master), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Messrs. F. Barber, J. Nickerson, T. Tebbutt, H. Baxter and W. C. Moore (branch secretaries), Mr. R. T. Elthbert (general secretary of Oxford Guild), Miss Stella Davis (Bucklebury), Mr. A. King (Luton), Rev. C. J. Watkins, Rev. A. M. Johnson, Miss Thurstfield (secretary of Northants Branch of Ladies' Guild), Messrs. H. and W. Sear, and friends from Bletchley.

Rev. R. C. Thurstfield moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his address, to the respective clergy for the use of their bells, and conducting the service, to the ladies who assisted with tea, and all who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Barber and carried.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Rev. C. J. Watkins suitably replied.—The bells available were St. Giles' (ten), St. Edmund's, St. Peter's, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (eights), many visitors having a ring at all four churches.

St. Peter's bells, which were cast in 1734 by Abraham Rudhall, have recently been tuned and rehung in modern fittings, and go splendidly.

In the face of all we hear to-day of the scarcity of young ringers, it was encouraging to see so many keen young ringers at this meeting, some having their first ring on eight or ten or a touch in a fresh method.

Various methods were rung up to London Surprise Major, Grand-sire and Stedman Caters, an attempt for Cambridge Royal failing in the last lead.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.

A meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Whittlesea on Saturday, October 6th, about twenty-four members attending from Northampton, Kettering, Peterborough (St. Mary's and St. John's), Wisbech, Somersham and the local band. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar, and after tea a short business meeting was held.—Wisbech was chosen for the next meeting on December 1st.—Four new members were elected.—The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Bob Major.

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GREAT EASTON BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Essex, took place on Sunday, October 7th, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Immediately after the dedication, rounds were rung by the newly-formed local band.

For many years it had been unsafe to ring the old five bells owing to the bad state of the tower, but now this has been restored, and with the addition of a new treble and tenor Great Easton has a fine peal of six. The old tenor, which was cracked, has not been recast, but now occupies a place of honour in the ringing room. The other four bells were retuned and quarter turned, and the whole ring hung in a new frame. The tower was a timber structure on brick walls. The timber work has now been removed and the tower completed in brick in Tudor design. The new frame girders take a bearing on the old brickwork, which is about 18 inches thick. The tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung on ball bearings, leave nothing to be desired, and everyone was pleased with the very able way that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out their work.

During the afternoon many ringers arrived from various parts of Essex, including Messrs. E. J. Butler, W. Keeble, A. Saunders, W. Arnold and W. J. Nevard. At four o'clock all present were invited to an excellent tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widdington) and the parishioners. The Rector said what a great day it had been for all at Great Easton, also how pleased he was to welcome so many ringers.—Mr. A. Saunders (District Master of the Northern Division) suitably replied on behalf of the Essex Association. During the day methods ranging from Bob Minor to London were rung, Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylors, who was present, taking a rope in several touches. One 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, E. J. Butler 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, J. P. Fidler 5, A. Saunders 6. This was the 144th tower in which W. J. Nevard has rung in the county of Essex.

THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH:

Great credit is due to F. Palmer who rang the treble in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on Saturday. He is 17½ years of age, and only started ringing last year, his longest touch having previously been 672.

As well as ringing the treble to London and Bristol, this promising lad rings inside in Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman.

He is the youngest son of the late Mr. F. Palmer, of Irthlingborough, who lived at Harlow Common for a number of years, and, strange to say, he died 18 years ago the very day his son rang his first peal.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Lilley has been good enough to give an additional reason why the peal at Compton Gifford on August 4th, 1928, should not be recognised by the Devon Guild. Perhaps he will be willing to state who was responsible for sending you a falsely worded report originally.

As regards his other point, the regulation to which he appears to object has been in force since May 12th, 1913. If he cares to enquire from his father he will learn that it is a condition demanded by most of the larger associations before recognising a peal. Its importance is evidenced by the facts relating to the peal of Bob Major at Stonehouse, to which Mr. Lilley refers. Your readers will remember that in the 5,056 of J. E. Burton a single occurs halfway and end. In the peal at Stonehouse the composition was change for change the same, except that the singles were transferred to the first course-ends in each half-peal.—Yours faithfully,

T. LAVER,
Gen. Secretary, Devon Guild.

COMMITTEE'S UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Lilley writes in his letter that as one of the band that took part in the peal he wishes to state why the composition of the peal was refused, but he fails to make any explanation, and proceeds to ask questions.

In reply to his questions: (1) The peal rung at Stonehouse on March 16th, 1927, was reported correctly in the Guild Report, and the conductor of that peal knows it. (2) The rule of the General Committee of the Devon Guild is well known to Mr. C. R. Lilley, as he has been informed by letter on more than one occasion. The necessity for such a regulation is obvious from my reply to his first question. (3) If the election of the two non-resident members was not in order, why did Mr. C. R. Lilley send the peal to you for publication under the auspices of the Devonshire Guild?

Mr. C. R. Lilley was written to asking for the figures of the composition, and also whether the two non-resident members were elected members of the Guild. He was requested by letter for an answer on three subsequent occasions, but as no reply was received, and the figures of the composition had not been published in 'The Ringing World,' the committee of the South-West Branch by a unanimous vote instructed me to write to 'The Ringing World' refusing to recognise the peal.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH,
Hon. Secretary,
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are now engaged in erecting the new bells at Worcester Cathedral, and it is expected that the reopening will take place shortly.

December 8th has been tentatively fixed for the opening of the new peal of twelve which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are placing in St. Martin's Church, Birmingham.

A peal board is to be placed in St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the North of England. The arrangements for the unveiling ceremony are now being made.

Holt's ten-part was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch Church.

A peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham on October 16th, 1880.

The old peal of six at Highclere, Hants, have been rehung in a new iron frame, with modern fittings, and two trebles added to complete the octave, by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They were dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester last Saturday.

The 'Old Brigade' were well to the fore on Saturday last at Leicester. In the band who rang the Stedman Caters no less than seven are over 60 years of age. It is to be hoped that the 'annual merchant' will get another chance. He did more than justify his inclusion in the band. Will the selection committee please note?

With reference to the footnote to the report of the peal at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, in our last issue, to the effect that it was over 20 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, Mr. C. Woodstock, of Ipswich, writes that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there on June 15th, 1912, conducted by Mr. S. H. Synmonds, who also writes pointing out this fact.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., achieved something of a record last week-end, when he represented the firm at no fewer than three bell dedications within 24 hours, one in Hampshire and two in Essex.

'BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.'

Mr. J. R. Nichols' new book, 'Bells through the ages,' has received many commendatory press notices, but in the very quarter where we should have expected some recognition of the bellringer's work, viz., in the 'Church Times,' we find a review which misdirects the public attention to that side of ringing activity which, so far as the bells themselves are concerned, matters least. There can, of course, be no objection to saying that quite a large number of men enjoy change ringing and give their Saturday afternoons to it. That is perfectly true; but the reviewer totally ignores the fact that the motive behind ringing in these days is the service, voluntarily rendered, to the church on Sundays by thousands of men and women. Bells are used primarily as a call to worship, and it is to this end that the ringers of this country have entered the craft.

After this, it is not surprising to read that 'the village chime can move us as, let us say, the "tubular bells" of the Imperial Institute certainly cannot' (the Imperial Institute has one of the heaviest rings of ten in the country), or that 'citizens of the United States have developed in late years a keen taste for bellringing.' We are glad to learn, however, that this writer agrees that Mr. Nichols has presented the public with a 'readable' book. All our readers who are able—either individually or collectively—to purchase a copy and peruse it will find it is this and more. Its information is authoritative, and the book covers a far wider field than anything given us before in one volume on the subject of bells.

In the correspondence columns of the 'Church Times' in the following issue, 'E.D.A.R.' has a timely letter 'on behalf of those men and—particularly since the war—women who give their services in ringing the bells of our churches.' He refers to the lack of consideration often shown to the ringers by the clergy, and quotes from a recent leading article which appeared on the subject in 'The Ringing World.'

Ringers should apply to the publishers for a prospectus of the book.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT WHITING.

A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Norfolk Guild, and of the Redenhall District in particular, have suffered a loss by the death of Mr. Robert Whiting, at Pulham St. Mary, who passed away on September 27th at the age of 78 years.

The funeral took place on October 1st, and four local ringers were the bearers. Five other parish ringers were also present, and Messrs. G. Archer, E. Poppy, E. Richards, and John Souter also attended.

Deceased was born in the ecclesiastical parish of Redenhall, where three of his ancestors had been peal ringers (the first in 1782), and there rang his first peal (Double Norwich) in 1876. He was an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and took part in its first peal, Superlative, rung at Redenhall, on November 6th, 1877. In all he had rung 89 peals. He was a good ringer, and his sayings and doings will be remembered by many.

A half-muffled peal was rung in the evening at Pulham Market.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. James George achieved on Saturday a distinction which has, up to now, been gained by few men. At Wolverhampton he rang his one-thousandth peal, and thus clinched his right to a place of fame in the ringing Exercise for all time. Not that his previous performances had not entitled him to such recognition, but to complete a thousand peals is to reach a dizzy eminence to which few indeed can even hope to attain. The achievement is the more remarkable when his years are taken into consideration, although age does not seem to count with Mr. George, and he will probably tell you, on the 27th of next month, that he is 'seventy-five years young.'

It has taken Mr. George nearly forty years to reach this epoch-making point in his ringing career, but, after all, that is fairly good going. Just think for a moment what a thousand peals means. It means on an average a successful peal attempt almost once a fort-



MR. JAMES GEORGE,
WHO COMPLETED HIS ONE-THOUSANDTH PEAL ON
SATURDAY.

night—for forty years! Most people would imagine they had done tolerably well if they had averaged a peal a fortnight for one year, but Mr. George has kept it up for a couple of score of years. Through his early ringing history, indeed, he kept his pace with remarkable consistency, except for one burst between 1906 and 1908. But since 1921 he has accelerated his speed, and in these last seven years has rung exactly three hundred peals. Some people may be inclined to say that 'the older he gets the worse he gets.' We would prefer to put it that years only bring added enthusiasm.

What the members of the Exercise have most admired in Mr. George's ringing career has been the manner in which he has 'taken on' all bells alike, and there is, we venture to say, nothing hung in a bell frame that a man could ring to a peal that Mr. George would not tackle with a light heart and tackle successfully. Whatever the bell, little or big, he takes it in his stride, so to speak, and only asks for more worlds to conquer. Some of his performances in this respect we will refer to later on.

Mr. George was born at Pinner, Middlesex, on November 27th, 1853, and he took to peal ringing comparatively late in the day. What he would have accomplished had he started young, goodness only knows. It was not, however, until the year 1888, when he was 35 years of age that he rang his first peal. This was for the St. James' Society at St. George's Church, Camberwell, and Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, is the only other survivor of that company. The peal was Holt's Original, and was conducted by that well-known old London ringer, Dick French. The ringers were: Henry W. Flower 1, Richard French 2, William Jones 3, Frank Davey 4, William Weatherstone 5, Joseph Barry 6, William H. George 7, James George 8. W. H. George was, of course, Mr. James George's brother, and Joseph Barry was his cousin, while it is interesting to note that his father, James George, sen., sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

SOME BIG JOBS.

In those days Mr. George lived at Coventry, but later he removed to Rugby, with which place his name was intimately associated in the minds of all ringers for many years, until, in fact, he retired from the service of the old London and North Western Railway Company in 1914, and settled down in Birmingham. So extensive, however, have been his travels in pursuit of his favourite hobby that no city can now lay exclusive claim to him, and he is familiarly known to-day as 'James George, of England.' It is probable that no other ringer has travelled as many miles for ringing as Mr. George has done. He minds not how many days or nights he spends in the railway train as long as the ultimate reward is a peal. His activities north, west, east and south have only been bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, and the English Channel. He has rung peals in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in which countries he belongs to almost every ringing association. He has sought out the smallest bells and rung them to peals, as, for instance, the treble at Lye, in Worcestershire, which weighs 60lb., and which he rang to Stedman Triples; and the treble at Loughborough Bell Foundry, weighing 80lb., which he has rung to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Bells like these are a job for Ringers (with a capital R), but it is at the other end of the scale where the spectacular feats are performed, and it is at the heavy and that Mr. George is in his element. The heavier the bell the more he revels in it. Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to Cinques and Maximus; Southwark (50 cwt.) once to Cinques, and twice to Maximus; Norwich old tenor (43 cwt.) to Royal and Maximus; Cornhill (41 cwt.) to Cinques; Sheffield (40 cwt.) to Caters, Cinques and Maximus; Shrewsbury (40 cwt.); Waltham Abbey (39½ cwt.); Birmingham (36 cwt.); and Cripplegate (36 cwt.) to Cinques, are a few of them. Then there have been the somewhat smaller fry, such as Chester tenor (33½ cwt.) to Major; Wolverhampton (33 cwt.) to Cinques; Ipswich (32 cwt.) to Maximus; and lots of others. It is not always on the tenor, however, that all the work is to be found. Sometimes the man on the eleventh has an equally big share, and Mr. George has 'done his bit' in this department. He has rung Southwark 11th five times, Bow 11th three times, Cripplegate twice, Birmingham twice, Ipswich twice, and the 11th once each at Norwich, Dublin, Cornhill, Worcester, Waltham Abbey, Chelmsford, Newcastle, Winchester and Liverpool. Then he has rung the ninth in ten-bell peals at St. Sepulchre's, London, Stepney, Loughborough, Nottingham and Wells; and the seventh in eight-bell peals at Sherborne Minster, Croydon Parish Church, Lymm, and St. Luke's, Derby, at all of which churches the tenor weighs more than 30 cwt. Quite a respectable record for one man, most people will agree. The places to which reference has been made are also a reminder that Mr. George has rung peals in 29 different twelve-bell towers, and in this respect he leads the field. Mr. George has rung nine peals exceeding the conventional five thousand, and the greatest of these was the record peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hrs. 39 mins. on April 17th, 1911, to which peal he rang the tenor.

In a thousand peals there have, of course, been many of special interest and many for special occasions. It is impossible to refer to all these, but on May 2nd, 1914, Mr. George took part in a veterans' peal of Caters at Aston. The ages of the company aggregated 653 years 10 months, and the youngest of the party was Mr. John Carter, then just 60. Mr. George was next youngest at 60 years 5 months, and the oldest was Mr. Samuel Spittall, who was 77 years 4 months. Mr. George is the only survivor of that company.

The way in which Mr. George's peals at first crept up and latterly have leapt up, since that first peal of his on February 16th, 1888, may be seen from the following: 100th peal, November 20th, 1894; 200th, December 31st, 1899; 300th, January 13th, 1906; 400th, September 22nd, 1908; 500th, October 19th, 1912; 600th, August 18th, 1917; 700th, October 8th, 1921; 800th, August 9th, 1924; 900th, July 3rd, 1925; 1,000th, October 6th, 1928.

The honour of having rung one thousand peals, Mr. George shares with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. W. Pye, the late Mr. E. Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. G. R. Pye; but he shares another distinction with one other ringer only (Mr. W. Pye) in having rung a peal on every date in the year.

THE ONE THOUSANDTH.

With regard to the peal itself, Mr. George's only regret was that he could not include in it all the friends whom he would have liked to take part. But there were only twelve ropes, and those who did

stand in felt honoured. There were a number of ringers present at the start to wish Mr. George 'the best of luck,' and Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung, specially made the journey from Birmingham and climbed the 70 odd steps to the belfry to extend official and personal wishes for the success of the attempt. There is little to be said about the peal. The ringing was good from beginning to end, and the only 'thrill' the ringers got was when the treble man sneezed twice. With the band which Mr. George had round him it was, perhaps, only to be expected that the peal should be rung at the first attempt, for the twelve men have, in the aggregate, taken part in over 6,000 peals, while they have between them rung 966 peals of Stedman Cinques! Had there been a failure, therefore, it could hardly have been attributed to inexperience.

The man of the moment was himself on the tenor box, and, needless to say, he acquitted himself in a manner which befitted the occasion. Wolverhampton tenor is not everybody's job; it has got a nasty knack of 'playing up' the ringer in the last hour of a peal, and far younger men than Mr. George have found it their master, but 'He, of England,' handled it in true Georgian style, and at the end received the hearty congratulations of the band. Downstairs a large number of ringers and many ladies waited to add their felicitations, and a cheer was raised as the hero of the hour emerged from the belfry door.

As will be seen from the report of the peal, the band included two ringers who had already passed the one thousand mark, viz., Mr. William Pye, whose 1,596th peal this was, and Mr. G. R. Pye, who brought his total up to 1,106. Mr. William Pye and Mr. George have rung nearly 250 peals together, and the former has called 155 of them.

Among those who assembled to hear the start were a band who went on to St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples, afterwards returning in time to hear the finish of the Cinques. That is a thing that is not often possible. This peal of Triples and a peal of Caters at Liverpool were rung in Mr. George's honour.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Afterwards, at the Molineux Hotel, Mr. George kindly entertained the band and a large number of friends to a meat tea. Ringers, many of them with their wives, were present from London, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, King's Norton, Derby, Coventry, Little Wenlock, Erdington, Willenhall, Coalbrookdale, Coseley, Bloxwich, Stourbridge, Hagley, Kidderminster, Tipton, Brewood, Woking, etc. Later, the proceedings developed into a homely gathering, over which Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, presided, and several complimentary speeches were made. The Chairman spoke of an association with Mr. George of more than 40 years. During that period, he said, they had spent many happy times together, but he looked upon that day's proceedings as the consummation of all he had enjoyed in Mr. George's fellowship. There were very few men who had a ringing record equal to that of Mr. George, and Mr. George had a great deal to be thankful for that he had been given health and strength to accomplish so much. On behalf of all present he thanked Mr. George for his hospitality, and tendered congratulations to him, both upon having been spared to do so much and upon the performance which he had been able to complete.

Mr. Albert Walker, the conductor of the peal, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (who could claim to have rung a peal with Mr. George before any other of that day's band), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. Herbert Knight all added a tribute to Mr. George's achievement. The last-named mentioned as a coincidence that Mr. George rang the tenor at Wolverhampton to the one thousandth peal rung by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On behalf of the ladies, Mrs. Hughes presented Mr. George with a large box of chocolates.

SOLE SURVIVOR.

Mr. George gracefully acknowledged the gift, and replied to the complimentary speeches. He referred to some of the peals in which he had rung in the past, including one at Aston in 1908 by a band all over 55, and another in 1914, in which the ringers were all over 60. He was, he said, the only survivor of those two companies. He thanked Mr. Knight for all he had done in making the arrangements for his one thousandth peal, Mr. Walker for conducting it, and the band who had assisted him to ring it.

He handed his photograph to Mr. Walker, and this was autographed by all the band, as was also another copy which Mr. George was asked to retain.

Mr. George's health was drunk with musical honours, and a very pleasant evening was completed with handbell ringing.

In the absence of the bells at St. Martin's, the members of the peal band were conveyed by cars to Warwick to ring for service on Sunday. They inspected with great interest, under the guidance of Mr. Adams, leader of the local ringers, the fine old church of St. Mary, that crowns the hill around which Warwick clusters. The Norman crypt, the glorious Beauchamp chapel, with its tombs of many of the Earls of Warwick, the war shrine, and the other features for which this church is noted, were all admired, and then the ringers mounted the lofty tower, where they enjoyed ringing on the very fine peal of ten bells, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Adams and the local men. Afterwards, a pleasant hour was spent in a charming old-world

garden nearby, where they were the guests of a lady who loves the sound of the bells and who was charmed with the handbell ringing that was done.

In the evening King's Norton, with its Taylor ten, was visited, and here the happy and successful proceedings of the week-end were brought to a close.

MR. GEORGE'S PEAL LIST.

The following is the detailed list of Mr. George's 1,000 peals, which have been rung in 44 counties and 340 towers in the British Isles:—

		Tower.	Bells.	Handbells.
		Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
DOUBLES:				
Grandsire	...	2	—	—
MINOR:				
In one method (including two of Cambridge)	...	7	—	—
In three methods	...	2	—	—
TRIPLES:				
Grandsire	...	68	14	7
Stedman	...	225	4	4
Union	...	—	—	1
Plain Bob	...	1	—	—
Darlaston Bob	...	2	—	—
MAJOR:				
Grandsire	...	2	—	—
Plain Bob	...	35 (a)	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	3	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	54 (b)	—	—
Double, Norwich Court Bob	...	49 (c)	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure	...	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise	...	77	—	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	29	—	—
London Surprise	...	10	—	—
Bristol Surprise (with treble)	...	5	—	—
CATERS:				
Grandsire	...	33 (d)	—	1
Stedman	...	138	—	14
ROYAL:				
Grandsire	...	1	—	—
Aston	...	1	—	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	43 (e)	—	—
Plain Bob	...	10	—	—
Little Bob	...	1	—	—
Forward	...	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	4	—	—
CINQUES:				
Grandsire	...	5	—	—
Stedman	...	127	—	17
MAXIMUS:				
Grandsire	...	1	—	—
Plain Bob	...	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	16 (f)	—	—
Forward	...	1	—	—
		958	19	44

(a) Including 6,000, (b) including 6,336 (both rung in one day), (c) including 6,720, (d) including 6,011 and 8,009, (e) including 6,080 and 7,280, (f) including 6,000 and 12,240 (record).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAILURE OF A TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cowden on Saturday, September 29th, but as far as the attendance of the members of the district was concerned was a complete failure. It is remarkable, writes a correspondent, that those members who are always so anxious that meetings should be held at six-bell towers should, when these meetings are arranged, be conspicuous by their absence. One would think that if they were so interested in the six-bell towers they would at least show it in a practical way by attending the meetings. As it was, less than a dozen members, including the district secretary, and the two representatives on the Central Committee attended, and had it not been for members outside the county from East Grinstead, Limpsfield Chart, and Godstone, the meeting would have been a complete fiasco.

Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Harold Brown), and his wife presided at the organ, the lesson being read by the district secretary (Mr. W. Latter). The Rector gave an excellent address.

Ten was partaken of at the Crown Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.

One new non-resident life member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next by-meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 20th.

The Rector, in replying to votes of thanks for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, etc., and to Mrs. Brown for presiding at the organ, expressed the great pleasure it had given both of them to meet the members. He said it was the first time that a meeting had been held at Cowden, but he hoped it would not be the last. It is quite probable that the local band will be reorganised and will rejoin the association in the new year.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.**SUDDEN DEATH OF SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT MASTER.**

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert Holloway, of Acton, one of the best-known ringers of West Middlesex. On Wednesday, October 3rd, the deceased gentleman, apparently in the best of health, attended a meeting connected with church affairs. He left the Rectory in the best of spirits, and on his return home went upstairs to see his young son. He was taken suddenly ill, and before he could be removed to hospital was dead.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Acton, on Saturday. It was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Percival Gough, was choral, and was attended by a large number of people.

Mr. Holloway had for many years identified himself with church life at St. Mary's, Acton. He held at times many of the offices connected with the parochial organisation, and especially had interested himself in the social life of the parish, of which he was the leader and chief organiser.

Some years before the war, when ringing matters at Acton were at a very low ebb, a new band was started under the tuition of Mr. J. R. Mackman. Mr. Holloway was made captain, and under his leadership the bells have been rung continually for Sunday services ever since. For some years he was Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and he represented that association on the Central Council. Although his tastes did not run very much towards peal ringing, he scored a good many peals in the standard methods.

The sad news of his death came to Mr. Hollier, the association secretary, on Friday. He at once set about getting a band to represent the association, and as soon as possible after the funeral service a peal of Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled.

Two of the ringers were from Acton, three from Christ Church, Ealing, and two from St. Mary's, Ealing, the secretary and the treasurer representing the officers of the association. Mr. Goodfellow, of Hillingdon, and other Acton ringers, also took part in a short touch before the peal.

Both in church life in Acton and in ringing matters in Acton and West Middlesex generally, Mr. Holloway leaves a gap which will be hard to fill.

*** RINGING CONTEST AT CROFTON.****LIVERSEDGE WIN CLOSE COMPETITION.**

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at All Saints' Church, Crofton, near Wakefield, on September 29th. Eight teams had entered for the contest, for which 600 changes, any method, had to be rung. The draw was as follows: 1 Meltham (No. 2), 2 Shelley, 3 Holmforth, 4 Sandal, 5 Liversedge, 6 Meltham (No. 1), 7 Batley, 8 Thornhill. Batley rang Kent Treble Bob, all the rest Oxford Treble Bob. Batley and Thornhill were drawn 1st and 2nd respectively, but owing to their members not having turned up to time they had to ring 7th and 8th, and each had a penalty of 30 faults put on.

An excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which about one hundred sat down. Ringing ceased about 8.30, and the meeting followed.

Mr. Rayner (Sandal) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. Brownrigg) and churchwardens, also to the ladies for providing the tea. He said that the ringers always received every encouragement from the Vicar, when they wanted the use of the bells, which were in very good condition.—Mr. Waterhouse (Meltham) seconded.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the Halifax and District Association to Crofton, and hoped that their own ringers would soon be entering the contests.

Mr. E. Stead also spoke in acknowledgment of the vote, and said that he thought that the meeting could not close without sending thanks to the new Sharlston Colliery Company for the kindness they had shown in allowing the judges the use of Crofton Hall.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Earlsheaton) then gave their decision as follows: No. 1, rung out; No. 2, 117 faults; No. 3, 186 faults, 20 penalty, total 206; No. 4, 125 faults; No. 5, 94 faults; No. 6, 206 faults, 10 penalty, total 216; No. 7, 129 faults, 30 penalty, total 159; No. 8 rung out. No. 5, Liversedge, were therefore declared winners of the cup.

Mr. Brownrigg congratulated the conductor of Liversedge, Mr. Hodgson, on their ringing, and remarked how close the contest had been.

It may be stated that the average age of the winning team was 21 years.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—At the Church of St. John, on September 25th, 1,008 Bob Major in 41 mins.: T. Barker 1, J. Charnock 2, H. Nelson 3, Adam Blogg 4, E. Lawson 5, A. Hartley 6, F. G. Bradley 7, Alfred Blogg (longest length of Bob Major as conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble and 2nd.

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ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.**GREAT BARDFIELD BELLS OPENED.**

The dedication of two trebles presented to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Great Bardfield, by Miss Chapman, in commemoration of her voluntary services as organist for forty years, was a long-looked-for event in the parish, and attracted a crowded congregation at 3 p.m. on Sunday last. The service commenced with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' sung in procession by the choir headed by the cross bearer. The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford was present, robed in cope and mitre, the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, acting as his chaplain. The service was taken by the Rev. K. E. Cartwright, Vicar. After the dedication, the bells were rung in rounds, and an excellent sermon was delivered by the Bishop. Unfortunately, Miss Chapman was indisposed, and could not attend the service.

Immediately after the service a well-struck touch of three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob was rung: E. Townsend 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, Chas. H. Howard (conductor) 4, H. C. Reason 5, A. Wiffen 6, J. Jennings 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

The old ring of six have been rehung in the old framework, and all the bells are fitted with ball bearings. The 'go' is perfection. The hangers and founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who cast the treble to the old ring of five in 1887, have added to their laurels in carrying out this work of completing the octave. The timber for the additional framework has been provided locally by Miss Chapman's brother.

Two members who rang in the first touch on the eight bells, Messrs. H. E. Hammond and C. H. Howard, were present in 1887, when the treble to the old ring of five was dedicated, and rang in the first 720 on the bells.

The bells were rung for evensong by the local company. On Saturday, October 13th, the bells are to be formally opened, as advertised in the notice columns.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**PLEASANT MEETING AT ALREWAS.**

Delightful weather, in an old-time village, with timbered houses and thatched roofs, a bright and handy ring of eight bells to play with, and a parson of especial friendliness, how could it be other-wise than pleasant? Such were the conditions at Alrewas, when the above society held its autumn meeting on a recent Saturday.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar), who also delivered an admirable address. Tea was served at Reville's Restaurant to a company of nearly 50, the Vicar presiding.

It was agreed to subscribe the sum of one guinea each to Pattingham and Lapley restoration schemes, the John Briant Memorial appeal to be held over until the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. Burford (who, by the way, expressed a wish to become an honorary member) for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to the lady organist for her services, was carried with acclamation.

It was resolved to send an expression of sympathy to the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

The next meeting is fixed to take place at Penn (or Wombourn) in January, as the new ring of twelve at Walsall—the place that was originally arranged—will not be ready at that date.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Association was held at Ickleton on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Barley, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Melbourn, Sawston, Trumpington and the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) gave an interesting address, adding that he was pleased to say ringers were now being looked upon as churchworkers.

The business meeting was held after tea, at the Duke of Wellington, the Vicar being in the chair. One life member and five resident members were elected.

The Secretary stated that it was now fifteen months since a visit was paid to the Fen Country, and, on the proposition of Mr. E. G. Hibbins, seconded by Mr. T. R. Dennis, Fordham was chosen as the place of next meeting.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A bye-meeting of the Suffolk Guild (Lavenham District) was held at Preston on Saturday, September 29th. Owing to the unsettled state of the weather and to a ringer's wedding in the district, the gathering was a small one. During the afternoon only Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. The Rev. J. B. Hall (Rector) gave the ringers a welcome in the tower. Tea was provided at the Rectory by the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Hall. Handbell ringing followed, also Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor on the tower bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Hall for their hospitality and for the use of the bells.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Acton.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

The president of the Central Council sailed in the s.s. 'Alaundra' for Tenerife on Saturday, to recuperate after his recent severe operations. Several Liverpool ringers visited him just before he left to wish him a pleasant voyage and a speedy and complete restoration to health.

A peal was commenced at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, about the time Canon Coleridge sailed down the Mersey.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday morning, October 7th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, C. J. Tricker 2, H. Dyas 3, W. Bradley 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, E. A. Passam 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First of London Minor on the bells for Sunday service. Also 288 Cambridge Surprise.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Standen 1, F. Morgan 2, G. King 3, G. Mills 4, F. White 5, C. Creasey (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, J. Goodsell 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Hoad 3, F. White 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills (conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on October 4th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, E. Hancock 2, E. G. Swift 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, C. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, G. H. Bray (first quarter-peal) 8.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, October 4th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: H. G. Snaith 1, F. H. Crawley 2, A. Thomas 3, C. V. Sandlands 4, J. Bayley 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Thursday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. F. Mitchell 1, H. Hood 2, G. Warner 3, A. E. Winterton 4, F. R. Blewitt 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, A. G. Hunt 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, before matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Before evensong, 720 Double Oxford and 720 Double Court: L. Camp, F. Wright, H. Wright, E. Stich, C. Harrington, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—At St. Tydfil's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Davies 1, J. Gooding (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirk 4, W. Fisher 5, E. Lush 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. Arranged for E. Lush.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Michael and All Angels', for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Jos. Evans 1, J. Kimber 2, R. Biggs 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Janes 5, F. D. Boreham (conductor) 6, John Evans 7, F. West 8.

LATE NOTICE.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, October 20th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 30th, St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Tottenham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The first M.C.A. meeting since the augmentation of the bells will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton, beforehand. A good attendance particularly requested.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Oct. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE. — Dedication of peal (8 bells) by the Lord Bishop of Derby, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify W. Piggin, Town End, Crich, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th?

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Reading Room 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. — E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good muster of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel, followed by business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale, St. Mary's, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 13th, formal opening of the two trebles. Ringing commences 2 p.m. Ringers' office 4.30. Free tea, 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—W. Arnold, Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Important. — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. — A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. Those coming to tea are particularly requested to advise Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 17th. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions. —A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head), to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbrick Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at Wilford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. The annual whist drive and dance will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by 18th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service at 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify the secretary by Wednesday, Oct. 17th. — G. A. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Oct. 20th at Warwick. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, at Dale's Temperance Hotel, near church.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by the local ringers, and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me before first post on Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th. Cathedral bells (10) available from 3 to 4 and after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4; address by the Ven. R. T. Talbot, D.D., Dean of Rochester. Tea in the Carlton Cafe at 5. Business meeting to follow. The Dean, who was inducted last month, has expressed a wish to welcome the ringers in the belfry, so it is hoped all who intend being present will attend before 4; also notify me before the 24th inst., so that arrangements can be made for tea, which is provided for members by the association. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Further details later.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Chertsey District.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Rough-ton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON. —Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, October 4th, for practice, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Pulford (first 720) 1, G. E. Woosman (first 720 of Bob Minor) 2, H. Martin 3, J. Breese 4, F. Winstanley 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6.

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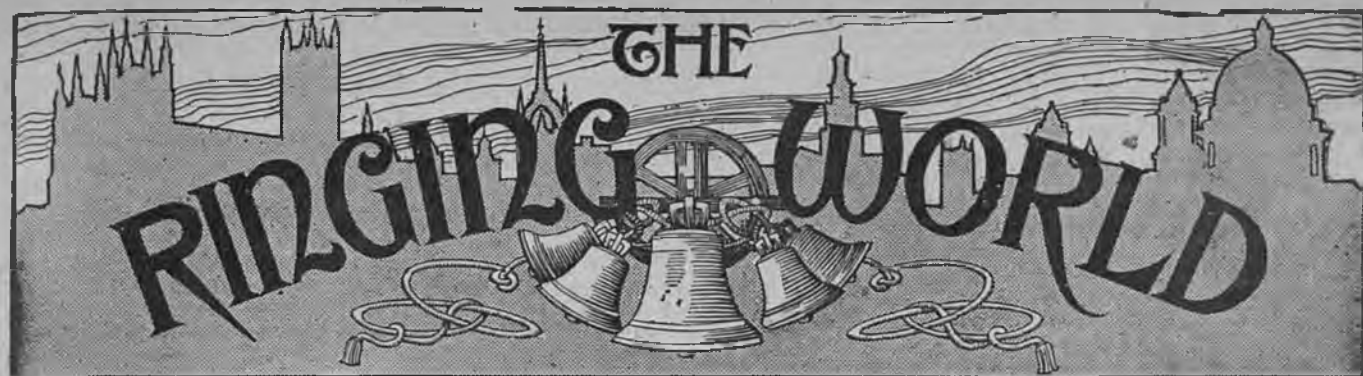
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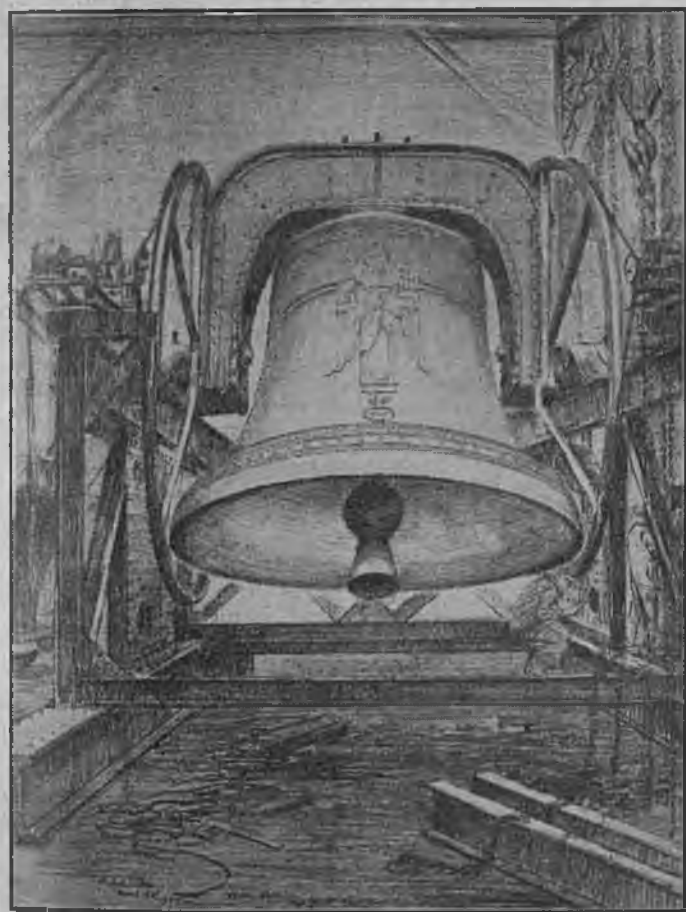
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CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR METHODS

The preparation of the new edition of the Minor Methods Collection is involving a great deal of work, and, even now, at the eleventh hour, many suggestions are being made to the committee in the hope of effecting improvements in various directions. We hope it is not too late for something to be done in regard to the classification of the plain methods. We referred to this subject a few weeks ago, and suggested that a revision or a more ample explanation of this classification was desirable. Further examination shows that it would be better if it were entirely eliminated. In the Treble Bob and Surprise sections there are well defined lines upon which the methods are divided, the place-making (or the absence of it) at the cross sections determining the class into which the method falls. Plain methods cannot be dealt with on the same footing. Although in the first edition of the publication an effort was made to separate them into three categories, this grouping was never very convincing. There were what were called Bob methods, Imperial methods and Court methods, but neither was strictly defined. The Bob methods had, perhaps, the most precise definition of the three, but a young ringer coming to a study of the conditions would wonder what connection a 'Grandsire Bob place' has to do with, for instance, fifth's place when the treble is behind. Then we are not told exactly what 'Imperial places,' which are the governing factor of the Imperial methods, really are. The places in Kent Treble Bob are quoted as an example, but a casual example is not a definition.

And, finally, Court methods are stated to be methods 'having Court places, i.e., places other than those in (1) and (2)' (the places in the Bob and Imperial groups)—which is no definition at all. Now, when we find that the methods shown in the Court section have similar places (except for the second's or fifth's) to the Bob methods; that the Imperial section contains methods that have 'Grandsire Bob places,' and that some of the Bob methods are precisely the same as the Imperial with dodging on the front instead of place making, it will be seen that this arbitrary division of the plain methods into groups is largely futile. Those who set up this classification twenty years or so ago did more than was necessary. Plain methods are plain methods, and it needs something very much more decisive in the way of conditions, and 'definitions' which are much more 'definite' before ringers are asked to look upon the thirty possible plain Minor methods as belonging to different groups. In the collection of Plain Major methods there are no such subdivisions, and we hope the committee will dispense with them in the new edition of the Minor methods. They are unwanted and unnecessary.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*MISS DOLLY RICHARDS ... Treble	PETER HEATH ... 6
†FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 2	CHARLES GREEDY ... 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... 8
ERNEST HUNT ... 4	ALFRED PARNELL ... 9
ERNEST STITCH ... 5	WILLIAM HEATH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALFRED PARNELL.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Large, one of the local band. First peal as conductor and first attempt. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Treble	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
*JOHN E. HOBBS ... 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
GEORGE E. WEST ... 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 8
*SAM PINDER ... 4	JAMES F. GEORGE ... 9
*FRANK BRADLEY ... 5	†ALBERT ADAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells and elected a member of the association before starting the peal. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Ringing Master of St. Peter's company, on the occasion of his installation as Worshipful Master of Southwell Lodge of Freemasons, which took place the same evening.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED RIDER ... Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... 6
JOHN RIDER ... 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	EDWIN SHARRATT ... 8
EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... 4	EDGAR SHARRATT ... 9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

The treble, 2nd, 4th, 8th and 9th ringers belong to Leek, and this was their first peal of Royal; remainder from Crewe. ~~Continued as the~~ Rung in honour of St. Edward's Day.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	JOHN THORPE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	HARRY NAYLOR ... 8
SYDNEY BRIGGS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 9
ALBERT H. WARD ... 5	HAYDN THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	RICHARD WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 8
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
*FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor, and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK PALMER Treble	JOHN KING 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	JAMES WARD 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to welcome the Rev. Percy Lidster to the living of Irlthlingborough. Also for the harvest festival.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
CHARLES CUTTING 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	JOHN J. YATES 5
WILLIAM GOULD 2	*THOMAS GRIMSHAW ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	JAMES ORME 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOS. LEATHERBARROW

* First peal in the method. Rung on the four hundredth anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HALEY'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER MALINS Treble	ARTHUR T. SMALLEY ... 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	WALTER WILLIAMS ... 6
JOHN W. CHANDLER 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	A. JOHN TIMSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

The ringer of 5th was made a life member of the Guild.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church, on October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Sutton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Austin 2, A. Baylham 3, R. Flew 4, J. Chesterman (conductor) 5, F. Wilson 6, J. Ballard 7, R. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 8.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HOWARD FORD Treble	JESSE GILLETT 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	JAMES F. PARKER 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	FREDERICK OAKBILL ... 7
†HORACE ROBINSON 4	*LEWIS ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

A. RICKETTS Treble	REGINALD MIDDLE ... 5
SIDNEY T. WITHEY 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
LEONARD T. POLLIN 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
HERBERT SABER 4	JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 qr.

HARRY BADGER Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
MISS NORAH WILLIAMS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	FREDERICK G. COLE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Miss N. Williams and H. Badger; also a birthday peal for D. C. Williams.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT F. DALE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*EDWARD AYLETT 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	*JAMES L. D. EVANS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal and first attempt. This composition contains the 120 4-6's, 6-7's, and 7-4's at backstroke.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON ... Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*AMOS SMART 6
*GEORGE EITE 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 7
JAMES M. NICKERSON 4	GEORGE BASFORD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw).

A CLAIM WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the footnote to the peal of Minor rung at Great Addington on September 8th, re the first 720 of London Surprise rung in a peal in the county. Mr. R. Richardson informs me that the first 720 was rung in a peal at Gillington on November 1st, 1919.—Yours faithfully,

W. PERKINS.

22, Queen Street, Irlthlingborough.

WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HARDWICKE... ..Treble	†JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
HERBERT HAIGH 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 7
†HAROLD MARCON 4	†C. ALAN HEWITT ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... ..Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
MISS PHYLLIS MOSS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHAS. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

It is 36 years ago that the first peal of London Surprise in the diocese of Oxford was rung on these bells, conducted by John Evans.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD H. WRIGHT ...Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 5
JOHN T. BROWN... .. 2	*PERCY D. BALDOCK 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	CHARLES S. H. STILES 7
RICHARD SMITH... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. B. G. Nicholas) as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ...Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

E. P. Duffield was elected a member of the association previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, on October 6th, in connection with the 400th anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... ..Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
*WILLIAM A. STOTE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. E. SYKES

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. This composition is Mr. Johnson's peal on the 1st and 5th's plan, with the 6th in 5th's and 6th's place only. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Bond, October 9th, Mr. R. Matthews, October 10th, and Mr. Bacon, sen., October 11th.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB... ..Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the tenor ringer and the conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING ... ..Treble	†FRANK BENNETT 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	CECIL NICE... .. 6
*P.C. WALTER CLAYDON 3	†ALFRED J. BULL... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † 1,100th peal. ‡ 150th peal.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... ..Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
WILLIAM HOWE 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	ALFRED G. BETTS 7
TOM G. BARTLETT 4	JOHN HARRIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

WEST DIDSBUURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

GEORGE WHITELEGG ... ..Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
ALFRED FROST 2	THOMAS JONES 6
DONALD BROWN 3	FRANK STONELEY... .. 7
HAROLD JONES 4	ROBERT DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 1½ cwt.

*REGINALD H. ADDIS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM HEATH... .. 5
GEORGE LARGE 2	ERNEST COOMBS 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	BERT WEAVER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

BARNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Thursday, September 27th, in 26 mins., at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Stebbings 1, T. C. Ringrose (conductor) 2, H. Stebbings, jun., 3, W. Gridley 4, S. Bigmore 5, H. Barker 6. This is the first 720 by the entire local band at this church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

-On Monday, September 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST PULLEN Treble	HORACE V. ROWLEY 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

A birthday compliment to the father of the 2nd ringer.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK KIRK Treble	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of Grandsire, ten different callings, 12 six-scores of Old Doubles, each called differently, and 16 different six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM MUSH 3
ALPHERUS J. BERRY 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. L. Ashby), who was inducted on the previous evening.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED MOULD Treble	GEORGE FREEBREV 4
ERNEST J. RILEY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
FREDERICK BROWN 3	HENRY FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREV.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hunt for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
HARRY HILL 2	HORACE V. ROWLEY 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung to honour the harvest festival and the birthday of Alfred E. Bacon.

LOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BOCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, with different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS C. WALTERS ... Treble	*CHARLES W. ALDERMAN ... 4
JAMES E. WHITLOCK 2	†HENRY JORDAN 5
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and 20 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY G. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM DAVIS 4
WILLIAM EVANS 2	JAMES P. HVETT 5
GEORGE W. BARKER 3	*ROBERT G. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

* First peal. Rung for the harvest festival service.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

EX. SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 4
JOHN AUSTIN 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
THOMAS HART 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the eve of the 56th anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

FRANK ROLLINGS ... Treble	*PETER LAW 3
FRANK HOLLOWELL 2	ALFRED J. RICHARDSON ... 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS LAW.

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

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN P. BARKER ... Treble	WILFRED BOLTON 4
NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY ... 2	*THOMAS METCALFE 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, Milton, York, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Wells. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	FRANK TRINER 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

It is believed that the two first-named methods, which are legitimate Double Surprise, are now rung for the first time as part of a peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK A. TURNER 1-2	WILFRED JARVIS 5
LEONARD PRYKE 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
REGINALD DENT 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Major by Messrs. Jarvis, Dent and Pryke.

DEDICATION OF CRICH BELLS.

DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE'S ENCHANTING PEAL.

Saturday last was indeed a 'red letter' day in the history of the old Derbyshire village of Crich, when the population was more than doubled by the influx of visitors to attend the dedication of the peal of eight bells.

It would be difficult to visualise a more ideal place in which to place a peal of bells than Crich Church, for it stands on the top of a hill 'neath the shadow of the famous war memorial stand, known to thousands who have visited the Peak District.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Derby assisted by the Vicar of Crich (the Rev. R. O. Wilson), many other clergy also being present from neighbouring parishes. The quaint old village was the 'Mecca' of nearly a hundred ringers, such old stalwarts of the Exercise turning up as Messrs. John Flint, Tom Bettison, John Holman, Alf. Wright, Jos. Lord, James Paget, S. Dawson, Jesse Moss, H. Robins, Ed. Gobey, John Brothwell, James Hutchby and 'Jack' Tarlton, and many others from within a radius of fifty miles, including Messrs. John Oldham, Colin Harrison, John Fidler, David Collins and several other employees of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the scheme of restoration.

The original proposal was to recast the old peal of six bells, with the exception of the treble, which was added in 1910 by the Loughborough Foundry. The old five bells dated back to 1616, and were of exceedingly poor tonal quality, but even then some of the parishioners were loath to part with them, and efforts were made, through the medium of the local press, to retain them from an archaeological point of view. The correspondence on this matter brought an article from a North Wingfield reader, who suggested that not only should the bells be recast and made worthy of the church, but that they should be augmented to a peal of eight. This letter caught the eye of Mrs. F. E. S. May, of Chesterfield, who, with a relative, spontaneously offered to defray the cost of the proposed two new treble bells. The scheme, which few believed would ever mature, is now an accomplished fact, and even those who objected to the recasting of the old bells must surely realise what a glorious peal they have in place of the old 'pots.'

The peal is tuned on Taylor's 'true harmonic' system, with an even balance of tone from treble to tenor, and the effect, as one stands and listens to them in the valley below, is truly enchanting.

The opening touch was rung by Messrs. W. Piggin, S. Greenhalgh, G. Ashman, W. E. Drake, A. Allwood, H. Allwood, F. Roberts and E. Ashman, after which ringing was arranged by bands in order that everyone present could have a chance of a pull.

Tea was arranged in the village schools, two sittings being necessary.

The Vicar spoke in eulogistic terms of the way in which subscriptions, both large and small, had been raised, Mrs. May being specially thanked for her generosity. He also referred to the fine way in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out their work, and the splendid spirit in which they had met them over various matters. —Mr. Oldham responded on behalf of Mrs. May, who was too modest to reply herself, and on behalf of the Loughborough firm.

That the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired, may be judged from the fact that practically all the touches attempted were brought round, the touches ranging from the standard methods to Superlative Surprise. As the evening drew on, ringers made their way to the Black Swan Hotel, where a convivial hour was spent with handbells and friendly talk among old friends, who had come specially to hear the transformed effect which they knew could be expected from the 'treatment' the old bells would receive from the famous firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Rettendon on October 13th, when about thirty ringers were present, including three ladies. The bells were set going at 2.30. The Rector (the Rev. Norman) conducted service and gave an excellent address, which everybody appreciated. Dr. Spencer Phillips read the lesson. After the service the ringers, with the Rector and organist, assembled at the Parish Hall for the tea, the ladies of the parish having put on a nice spread. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Geo. Green (District Master) presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Baddow on November 17th. This will be the annual district meeting for the South-Eastern District. —Dr. Spencer Phillips proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, and hoped that meeting would set the ringers going, as they had been somewhat at a standstill since the death of Mr. Jay, the Master. Dr. Phillips also thanked the organist for his services, and the ladies for providing such a nice tea. —The Rector, in responding, said he was very pleased to meet the association there, and felt sure the meeting would set his ringers off again.

A few touches 'double handed' on the handbells were rung, which the ladies appreciated very much. Then, again adjourning to the tower, touches of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Double Court were rung. Ringers were present from Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Bromfield, Springfield, Galleywood, Maldon, Goldhanger, Prittlewell and Writtle.

A FATAL WALK.

SAD DEATH OF VETERAN KENT RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Edwards, of Westwell Leacon, who died last week at the age of 73 years. On Sunday evening, October 7th, he attended the harvest festival and the dedication of the new treble bell at Hothfield Church. After the service he stayed to ring for a while on the peal of six bells, and missed the bus home. Rather than wait for the next, he and his grandson started to walk. They had only proceeded a few hundred yards when a motor-cycle ran into the deceased from the rear. He was knocked down, and died a few hours later from a fractured skull.

Ringers from Hothfield and Charing attended the funeral on Friday last, and during the evening Charing bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor half open. On Sunday, October 14th, the bells at Hothfield and Charing were rung fully muffled for morning and evening services.

Joseph Edwards shared his ringing activities between Hothfield and Charing for about 50 years. So far as is known he rang only two full peals, both being Grandsire Doubles, rung at Charing. He will be greatly missed by all in the district.

GREAT BARDFIELD BELLS.

A RINGERS' OPENING.

About eighty ringers and friends, representing sixteen Essex parishes, were present at the formal opening of Great Bardfield bells on Saturday. The report of the dedication appeared in our last issue. Visitors began to arrive about three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Cartwright). Afterwards, all were entertained to an excellent tea provided by Miss Chapman (who gave the two new bells) in the Village Hall.

After the tea, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, thanked Miss Chapman for her kindness, and gave a short history of Bardfield bells. He referred to the dedication of the new treble added to the five in 1887, at which he was present.

The Vicar, on behalf of Miss Chapman, said how pleased he was to welcome so many ringers to Bardfield, and hoped that now they had a peal of eight to offer them they would often have the pleasure of welcoming visiting ringers.

Afterwards courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and several songs sung, thus making a very pleasant social evening. Some of the ringers then found their way back to the tower, and kept the bells going until nine o'clock in methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise. This concluded a most enjoyable afternoon and evening for all present.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Tottenham on Saturday last, and some excellent practice in many methods was obtained. Upwards of 30 ringers put in an appearance, and all had opportunities of ringing whatever methods they most fancied, from humble Grandsire Triples up to London and Bristol Surprise. It was a pleasure to see two veterans, Messrs. J. Wagnorn and H. Barnett, once again ringing together, as they had so often done in this same tower upwards of 30 years ago.

An inspection of the ancient building now used as a Vicarage was much enjoyed, a beautifully decorated ceiling, over 300 years old, being greatly admired.

A short service was held at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Denton Jones).

After a very enjoyable tea, the usual business meeting took place, and two new members were elected. A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Robert Holloway, of Acton, was passed, coupled with an expression of sympathy with the South and West District of the association at the loss of so efficient an officer.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Canon Coleridge on his recovery from his recent serious illness following upon an operation.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements made, was proposed by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth) and carried unanimously.

Another visit was paid to the tower and ringing indulged in until nearly nine o'clock, whilst a few members paid a visit to Hornsey.

CARDIFF'S LADY PEAL RINGER.

Miss Dolly Richards, a Cardiff lady, rang her first peal on Thursday, October 4th, as recorded in another column. She is the first lady to ring a peal of Caters for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild, of which she was proposed a member before starting. She was congratulated by all the band upon the way she rang throughout the peal.

The ringer of the 2nd, Mr. Frederick Harrington, scored his first peal on ten bells 'inside,' and he, too, was congratulated upon the splendid way in which he rang, as he had the misfortune a few years ago to lose his right arm.

NEW BELLS AT HIGHCLERE, ~~=====~~ HANTS. NEW TREBLES ADDED TO MAKE AN OCTAVE.

Hampshire has gained another octave by the augmentation which has been carried out at Highclere. The original peal of six bells was cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., in the year 1871. These bells have now been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, and two new trebles have been presented by the Vicar and his wife, Rev. G. and Mrs. Dunlop. The result is a beautiful octave with a tenor of 10½ cwt., of which the people of Highclere may be justly proud.

The bells were reopened and the new trebles dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, October 6th, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church, and included a large number of clergy.

Members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were present in force, and included Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing the founders), Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. F. S. Bayley, Mr. Curtis, Miss N. Williams (Bath), and ringers from Bramley, Beedon, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Highclere, King's Somborne, Newbury, North Stoneham, Oakley, Portsmouth, St. Mary Bourne, Stockbridge, Woolton Hill and Winchester.

The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in their usual excellent style, and gave every satisfaction. On Mr. Fidler's recommendation, a double floor has been fitted below the bells, and this adds greatly to the comfort in the ringing chamber.

By the generosity of Rev. G. and Mrs. Dunlop, a splendid tea was enjoyed in the schoolroom, at which there were two christening cakes (one each for the new bells), bearing the following words in icing: (1) 'A very hearty welcome to Hampshire belringers, October 6th, 1928, from Highclere'; (2) 'Ring in the love of truth and right, ring in the common love of good.' These cakes were cut by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Pullinger respectively.

Touces in various methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung following the dedication and during the evening. The bells at Woolton Hill were also available, and a party made good use of them.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Bagland, Glam., after service on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) was rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Furse, who was one of the old band of ringers at this tower: B. John 1, Miss L. Thomas 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, A. Thomas 4, E. Stutch 5, A. E. Pitman 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, October 6th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., those present being welcomed by the churchwarden, Mr. E. D. Aust.

The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, in consequence of preparations being made for the harvest festival in the other parts of the church, the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O., officiating.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, took place in the Parish Room.

The Chairman, Mr. C. D. Hegginkbotham, congratulated the members of the branch, Mr. S. J. Hector and others, who had been on a tour, and had succeeded in ringing peals in the advanced methods. He also congratulated Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, on his first peal of Double Norwich, and the Holt ringers on their first quarter-peal by a local band, after a course of instruction by Mr. C. J. Andrews, of Trowbridge. The Chairman also referred to the death of Mr. W. C. Mead, of Potterne, a member of the Guild, and those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

The members also heard with regret that Mr. S. Hillier, the respected Ringing Master, had met with an accident and injured his shoulder. All wished him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Keevil, if permission could be obtained, on October 20th. Warminster was selected for the November meeting, and Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity) for December.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist, and this concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Melksham, Holt, Rowde, Warminster, Bratton and Stratton.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major, also Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

'MOULTING' TENORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—According to the 1910 Annual Report of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, Keele tenor was then 10 cwt., so that she, too, like the Mancetter tenor, must have 'moulted,' but before instead of after 'Samiwell' called to ring her.—Your truly,

A. ALLMAN.

Barthomley, Crewe.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had in hand at the end of September no fewer than 54 bell contracts, representing 560 bells weighing approximately 200 tons. They included ten ringing peals of eight, nine of six, three of five, and one of three, nine carillons and six ebimes, and 16 miscellaneous contracts!

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his one thousandth peal that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

There was one noteworthy peal of which mention was omitted in the review of Mr. George's career in our last issue, and that was the peal of 11,008 Double Norwich Major at Eriih on February 26th, 1927, in 6 hrs. 36 mins., in which he rang the fourth.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist Church, Eltham, have presented a set of carvers to Mr. F. J. Hurrell as a wedding gift.

The bells at All Saints' Parish Church, Loughborough, are now in going order again, having been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They have been silent since the occasion when a pinnacle of the tower was blown down by a gale. The restoration to the fabric, carried out as a result of this, has cost the church £2,500.

On this day in the year 1766, a peal of 6,000 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths. It was one of the first incidents in the long rivalry for the Treble Bob Royal record between the two old London societies which ended in the 12,000 at the same church in 1784.

A true peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, consisting of 8,448 changes, being the most ever accomplished without parting the tenors, was rung at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 21st, 1790. It is believed that this was a peal by John Reeves, which was rung in the Kent Variation, as recorded by Shipway, at Whitechapel about three years before.

The Oldham Society rang a peal of 15,120 Bob Major in 8 hrs. 46 mins. on October 24th, 1807. If the company, after this great effort, thought they had set up a new record, they would have been grievously disappointed if they learned that the same length had been rung 80 years before at West Ham, and a still longer peal (15,360) at Aston in 1793. But perhaps they never knew. There was no 'Ringing World' in those days.

The first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731, and there was a great dispute between this and a rival Norwich company as to whether or not the peal had been properly rung.

A Wellwisher, having disposed of his volumes of 'Church Bells,' has very kindly forwarded half the proceeds (£1 15s.) for the benefit of 'Ireneus Pistor,' and this sum has been sent to Mr. A. T. Baker, who gratefully acknowledges the gift.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Monday, November 12th, the present Archbishop of Canterbury will celebrate his golden wedding. Such an event is probably without parallel in the history of this country. As is well known, only one or two of his predecessors from Augustine downwards have held the primatial office so long as Dr. Davidson, and all those before the Reformation would naturally have been unmarried.

May I suggest that ringers throughout the country, and especially in the southern province, should celebrate the occasion by ringing touches or peals on that day in his honour? By the part that he took at Croydon in March, the Archbishop has associated himself very closely with the Exercise, and it will be a graceful compliment on the part of ringers to pay him such a tribute at the close of his long and eventful tenure of office.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

DIOCESAN GRANTS—A CONTRAST.

By a curious coincidence the Salisbury Diocesan Gazette just issued contains—in contrast with the Lincoln decision—the following paragraph under the heading, 'Board of Finance': 'It was resolved that the Church Building Committees be informed that the maximum grant towards the cost of works of equipment, such as heating apparatus, bell repairs, etc., might be increased from £5 to £10 in any one case.'

DERSINGHAM BELLS.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to your readers for help? Our tower has a ring of six bells, which have been inspected by a leading firm of bell hangers and declared unsafe for ringing. I had begun to teach change ringing to a very promising young band. They are keeping together, using handbells, but we are very anxious to raise the £230 necessary to allow the tower bells to be used again. So many towers have bells and no ringers; we have ringers and no bells. Any gifts will be gratefully acknowledged by me, and should be addressed to the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Dersingham Vicarage, King's Lynn, Norfolk.—Yours, etc.,

R. L. B. OLIVER.

SIMPLIFICATION.

BY REV. H. DRAKE.

There is a great deal too much mystery made of the scientific part of change ringing, and it was for more simplification that I was asking in what I wrote on classification. 'Samiwell' and your leading article have sensed this, but Mr. Trollope can merely see criticism, and criticism to his mind means only finding fault. Indeed he says the article professes to be a criticism of a report. If he will read it again, he will see that it is not a criticism but a plea for a more scientific classification, and that it does not refer to a report so much as to a list put forward by the authors of the report.

I pointed out some obvious mistakes, and also some that were not clearly wrong, and on this Mr. Trollope comments: 'Now, is not that silly?' The list is published so that people can point out mistakes, if there are any. That is the only reason why the list was published, and more to that effect. I will leave it to your readers to whom the objectionable epithet applies.

I also pointed out two mistakes at Hereford, in the names 'Bogedone' and 'Cunecastre,' and was told that they would be corrected. And it was because of this pledge, to which all the members of the committee gave their tacit assent, that we passed their report, and ordered it to be printed. Yet Mr. Trollope says, 'If Mr. Drake objects to the name, he had his opportunity to alter it at Hereford.' There can be no doubt about this, as I was interrupted by remarks about my attempted pronunciation of the names. Moreover, after the meeting I had a private talk with Mr. Trollope, and to my surprise he said he had no idea what the words meant, but that he would find out who had given these names to methods, and get them to agree to something sensible. If these names have not, as I said at Hereford and in the article you lately published, been invented as a joke, they must be a mistake in copying.

Actually, all this was a mere postscript to the subject of my article. Mr. Trollope seems to be always thinking that I want to attack himself or the other members of the committee personally. Nothing is further from my intention. I have the very greatest respect for their abilities in the advanced stages of the art. But it has been my lot to spend my life teaching beginners, and it is on behalf of beginners that I enter my plea. We do not want the Council to be responsible for publications which will choke off beginners; rather, we want them to ensure that everything they publish will be attractive.

The first thing that attracts the attention of anyone studying a book is a list, such as this published list of names. Unless this is clearly and intelligently arranged he will throw the book down. Some may say, with not too much wisdom, 'So much the better; we only want earnest students.' Well, what is more likely to put off an earnest student than an uneasy feeling that there are probable mistakes? Therefore, to draw attention to anything which would encourage such a suspicion is anything but silly. It is the most necessary piece of prudence.

In short, this list, quite apart from anything that the Central Council could do, has to be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. It is probable that it may be a greater source of help, or of hindrance, to the Exercise than anything so far published. That is why some of us are so keen on its being the best possible production, which now it nearly is. All it needs is the translation of two ridiculous words into the English language, and an intelligent and attractive classification, which the members of the committee are the very men to give.

No doubt the advanced members of the Exercise will point out that I am not the only ringer who teaches beginners, and that they also have had ripe experience in this matter. Not only do I not deny this, but I happen to know how good they are at it; indeed, one of the members of this committee taught me when I was a beginner, and no one could have done it better. But it is one thing to teach when the pupil is present, and can ask for explanations, and quite another to write down your teaching on paper, when everything must be so simple that no explanations are needed, for they cannot be asked for.

If a teacher uses an involved term like 'shunt,' when nothing is 'shunned' or 'shunted,' and merely a 'move' is meant, he will probably be able to convey the simple meaning by his accompanying explanation, and his personality will prevent his pupil being worried by the confused metaphor. But when the unexplained word is read by a student, he is not likely to want to read much more of that book.

Similarly, 'hunting backwards' is a complicated idea, the more so when it appears that it is not really 'backwards,' and that the movement does not seem necessarily to be hunting. As far as I can see, the words 'odd motion,' which convey a simple and easily grasped idea, would satisfy all requirements.

The fact that I have to speak in this hesitating manner, although I have read all that has been published on the subject, shows how useless such terms are for their purpose. If we who are able to get a good deal of contemporary help are not able to understand these complicated terms, how can we expect those who come after us to do so? It would not be so difficult, if we used the word 'stunt' for 'shunt,' as it would then be clear that we were using slang (besides conveying as much meaning).

(Continued in next column.)

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The shortcomings and anomalies of the Methods Committee's catalogue of Minor Methods, as published in your issue of September 7th, have been sufficiently exposed by the Rev. H. Drake's article; he has, however, no more than touched on the question of the awkward and ugly names, which ought to be further considered before the Collection is reprinted.

Mr. Trollope appears to labour under the delusion that names once given must remain for all time, unalterable. But to take the case of one of them, 'Bogedone,' it has just been shown by Mr. Wolstencroft that a change has already occurred in the name of the place itself; it has become Bowdon. Our nomenclature should follow suit. The name could be printed in the new Collection as 'Bowdon,' with the sub-title, 'formerly Bogedone.' The Methods Committee will say they have no authority to do this. But cannot the Standing Committee of the Council step in here, and spare the Exercise a further infiction of the old name 'Bogedone,' the Council itself not having had time to consider such detail has neither pronounced for nor against this name (and others) individually.

Might I plead for a similar treatment of such names as 'Trinity Sunday' (which could be 'Trinity'), 'Francis Genius' (which would be better simply as 'Francis'), 'Duke of Norfolk' ('Norfolk' would be preferable); such emendations should not do violence to the most conservative of feelings on this knotty problem.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Beccleswood, Old Catton, Norwich.

A PLEA FOR BETTER BINDING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the new book of Minor methods is on the verge of publication, may I respectfully refer to a very important item, viz., the binding of these books. I believe, hitherto, there has only been one kind, namely, 'paper.' Now, considering the enormous amount of handling a method book is subject to, I consider that this kind of binding is very inadequate for its purpose. When a ringer is on his way to either a practice, association meeting, or for a peal attempt, he naturally runs over in his mind certain methods which he thinks or knows will be rung, and sometimes he may get stuck. Then his hand instinctively flies to one of his inside jacket pockets for his method book to polish himself up a bit. I venture to say, if that book with the paper binding has had only a moderate amount of usage, it will emerge from his pocket more like a rag than a book. I know well enough that a lot of ringers learn their methods by writing them out in a pocket book, but there are others who use the figures themselves, which is far better, because by this means you get the actual work in front of you. Nothing is further from my mind than to assume a dictatorial attitude in regard to what sort of a jacket these books should wear, but may I suggest that the C.C. have a certain number of them bound in a good cloth, which would add considerably to the life of them, and I feel sure they would be found acceptable to the Exercise, who would gladly pay the extra cost entailed. The contents of this book, which is invaluable to any ringer who is worth his salt, certainly warrants a fairly decent outer cover.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

PEAL CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal rung at Lavenham on Friday, October 5th, 1928, is printed in last week's 'Ringing World' showing all four ringers as ringing double-handed. This is wrong. The ringers were as follow: Stedman H. Symonds 1-2, Wilfred Jarvis 3, Arthur Symonds 4-5, Leonard Pryke 6.

(Continued from previous column.)

Another point in favour of 'Odd Motion' is its quaint sound, which would tickle the imagination. Similar terms are 'wrong' and 'home'; when once one sees what they mean (and this is not difficult) one never forgets it. Moreover, simple ideas conveyed by words like these and by 'move' help to keep one's thoughts to the subject being studied, while the more confused or intricate ideas conveyed by such words as 'shunt' or 'hunting backwards,' tend to break up concentration and hinder serious study.

In everything technical that we write, the simpler we can make our terms the wider will be our appeal, and the more useful and permanent our work.

Note.—Since the above was written, it appears 'from information received' that Bogedon is the old name for Bowdon, Cheshire. The joke which has been played on the Exercise seems then to have come from Cheshire, and the mistake in spelling to be the addition of a puzzling final 'e.' If it is thought that our good old English 'Bowdon' is not suitable (perhaps because the silent 'w' might cause confusion in pronouncing it), or if it is wanted for another method, the following course might be adopted. In addition to omitting the redundant 'e' at the end, the 'go' in the middle could be left out, and an apostrophe substituted. Both forms could, if desired, be printed, one being in parentheses. Probably something similar could be done with Cunecastre, if we can find out its English equivalent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWERS WHERE A BELL HANGER IS WANTED.

On Saturday, October 6th, members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild representing Poole, Wimborne, Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, Corfe Mullen, Wyke Regis, Swanage and Ringwood, had the pleasure of ringing on rings of three, four, five, six and eight bells, on the occasion of their monthly meeting.

They met at St. Michael's, Gurrage, where hangs a good ring of six. On reaching the belfry, members thought they had reached the Black Hole of Calcutta, for the place which is used as the ringing chamber boasts of one window about six inches by ten. This is assisted in its vain effort to give enough light by two oil lamps standing on the floor, which in their turn do their best to stifle everyone present. It may be mentioned that the room above, which is really the ringing chamber, is well lighted, but the local men informed the visitors that it made too short a draught, as the sallies then went round the wheels and broke the ropes. However, some good ringing was obtained, the methods being Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The bells go anti-clockwise, and of the tenor—well, the less said the better.

From Gurrage the procession, comprising a four-seater car, a large motor coach, and a motor-cycle, passed through delightful country to Tollard Royal, where hangs a ring of five, but the ringers left them after a short stay, as they came to the conclusion that the bells were far safer hanging than ringing, the frame and fittings being in a very bad condition. A plain course of Doubles was attempted, but never achieved, as the treble absolutely refused to leave the lead. The ropes, of the clock variety, with big, rough sallies, and huge knots in the ends, made things more complicated. The party came away from here very crestfallen, as the bells had scored a victory over them. The attention of the bell hanger is badly needed here.

On arriving at Sixpenny Handley for the next item on the programme, they discovered they had three bells to play with, so they put away their standard methods and were going to pass on, when a friend from Wyke said to the writer, 'Shall we have them up and try them, Billy?' So they started the ball rolling, and a good few members had their first pull on a ring of three bells, the plain hunting course being the method.

The next place was Pentridge, which was found after a while. Here there are four bells in good tune, if they had a tenor behind them to make a ring of five. These also could be improved somewhat if the frame and fittings were seen to. On pulling the tenor, which would take as much as one liked to give it, one had visions of a square wheel by the corners which the rope seemed to be passing over. After ringing one or two courses of Bob Singles, the party went over the downs to Cranborne, where tea and a ring of eight bells were awaiting them. Having done justice to the former, touches in the four standard methods were indulged in on the latter.

In this way about 18 towers have been visited by the Guild during the past year.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th, thirty members attending from Battle, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Crawley, Heane, Heathfield, Lewes, St. Leonards, Hastings (All Saints'), together with members of the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and good practice was had in different methods during the afternoon and evening. The ringers were heartily welcomed at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Fowler), who gave an excellent address, which was listened to with great interest. Tea was provided at the Railway Hotel, and was presided over by the Vicar, who, owing to a prior engagement, was unfortunately obliged to leave early. Before his departure, however, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells and his address at the service.—In responding, he assured the members how pleased he had been to welcome them.

Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed, at which the following new members were elected: Mr. Charles Lewis, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, and Mr. Thos. Weaver, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

A short discussion took place with regard to venue for the next meeting, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hon. secretary's hands.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

NOT A YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the peal of Minor rung at Sutton-in-Holderness on Thursday, April 12th, 1928, can not be credited to the Yorkshire Association, as, at the time the peal was rung, the conductor, who should have brains enough to know better, but hasn't, was, according to rule, not a member, neither was he proposed for re-election before the peal was rung. Therefore, according to rule, as honest ringers, this peal cannot be a bona-fide Y.C.A. peal, neither can it be unpublished, unringed, or made into a Y.C.A. peal by electing the conductor a member after the bells had ceased.

THE CONDUCTOR.

WHEN THE LIGHT WENT OUT.

On Saturday week the local band of St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey, decided to give their new Rector (Canon the Rev. Edwin Maurice Girling, M.A.), who was inducted on the previous Sunday, a welcome to his new home by a peal on the bells at the Parish Church.

At 5.30 p.m. the Rector met the ringers in the belfry and was introduced to them individually. He expressed his pleasure at meeting them, and, after prayers, wished them success in their venture. At 5.45, 'Go, Bob Major,' was called, and everything went merrily until the 10th course, when 'the light grew dim.' However, no notice was taken of this, and the ringing still went on until the 12th course, when 'the light went out,' and the ringing chamber was plunged into semi-darkness. 'Keep going,' said the tenor man, and the ringers kept going, but on reaching the middle of the 13th course the 3rd and 4th men could not be seen by the other ringers, so the conductor missed the bob 'home' and let the bells run round, saying 'This is all.' Two whole pulls in rounds were rung, and 'Stand' was called, and thereupon immediately the light came on again. It was, however, too late to make another start, so enquiries were made as to the reason of the failure of the light, as it was thought some person might have been 'having a game' with the switchboard below, but it was found that the fault was at the power station, and all the users of electric light in the town had had the same experience.

The thirteen courses rung consisted of 1,456 changes, and the ringers were: H. Prior 1, F. Kemp 2, J. Read 3, C. Welis 4, H. Kemp 5, G. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1 and 3.

Another attempt is to be made for the peal by the same band in the near future, when it is hoped better success will attend them.

Canon Girling, before coming to Surrey some years ago, was Vicar of Leiston, made famous in ringing history by the Bailey brothers.

POTTERNE RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The death has taken place under very sad circumstances of Mr. William C. Mead, of Potterne, Wilts, a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, September 29th, his wife had undergone an operation in Devizes Cottage Hospital, and Mr. Mead had been to see her for a short time in the evening. On the Sunday morning he was on his way to the hospital to see her again, and was taken ill in the street. He received prompt medical attention, and was taken to hospital by his doctor. He revived for a short time, but had a relapse and passed away from heart failure.

Mr. Mead was a familiar figure in the Potterne district, where he was respected by all who knew him. He took an active part in friendly society work, was a member of the Parish Council, and had been chairman of Devizes Liberal Club. He was always cheery and ever ready to do anyone a good turn. He will be much missed, not only in the village, but throughout the district, and sincere sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Mead and her five children.

The funeral took place at Potterne on Thursday, October 4th. A wreath was sent from the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and two members from Devizes attended to represent the branch.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Luton on Saturday, October 6th, about 25 ringers attending. A variety of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, December 1st, at St. Peter's in the afternoon, and the Cathedral in the evening.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded for the use of the bells and to those of the local band who assisted with the arrangements of the meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Alton District was held at Blackmoor on September 22nd, when about thirty members and friends attended from Blackmoor, Bramshott, Binsted, Selborne, Winchester, North Stonham, Fareham and Portsmouth, with Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in various methods were rung both at Blackmoor and Selborne churches.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the Church Room, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by Rev. F. G. Eyres, supported by Rev. B. C. Taylor (district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers and others.

It was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley, on November 11th, and the annual district meeting at Alton on February 9th, 1929.

The Selborne band applied for an instructor, and Mr. Reed very kindly offered to do what he could, with the Blackmoor ringers to help him.

It was decided to invite Lord Wolmer to become a life member of the Guild.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ASHFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, October 6th, by kind permission of the Rev. H. W. Blackburne. Ringing commenced at 2.15, and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the general secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore). The Vicar gave a short address, in the course of which he welcomed the association to Ashford, and said how much he valued the work of the bellringers.

Tea was partaken in the Parish Room, kindly arranged by Miss Parkes and her lady helpers, and was presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided. The Rev. A. S. Cooper was elected an hon. member, and Mr. W. Nicholls a practising member.

The district officers were all re-elected. It was proposed to hold meetings in 1929 as follows: Ruckinge and Warchorne in February, Frittenden in May, Brabourne in June, Hythe for annual meeting in September.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and the organist (Rev. A. S. Cooper) brought the meeting to a close. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

THE MEETING AT COWDEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Ringing World' you published an account of a meeting held at Cowden, Kent, on September 29th. I would like to point out to your correspondent that, had the usual notice been given, no doubt more members of the district would have been there, but ringers cannot be expected to cancel other engagements to attend a meeting when only a week's notice is given.—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

Lamborhurst.

UNFAIR TO SIX-BELL MEN.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the Kent County Association's meeting at Cowden, which your correspondent described as a complete failure.

Why, I wonder, was the meeting only allowed one clear week's notice? Other districts allow their members often a month's notice. Why cannot the Tonbridge District do so also? Perhaps they are studying economy.

Moreover, I know there were several men who did not want this meeting to be held at Cowden, and showed themselves up by trying to put it off. This, I think, is very unfair to the six-bell men in this district, as we do not get much attention at the best of times.—Yours truly,

MINORITE.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letters of Mr. T. Laver and Mr. E. W. Marsh, I note the former, in his letter, wishes me to state who sent the peal to you—falsely-worded report, as he styles it. If it had not been for the hard thinking of one of the members of the South-West Committee it would have been a non-association peal. As regards his other point, he says the regulation has been in force since May 12th, 1913. Why, then, is it not published in the Guild Report of Rules? What is the good of having rules if they are omitted, which seems to be the case by his letter? It seems to me they make rules to suit themselves. Why is it the figures are wanted for this peal, when more have been rung earlier in the year and were not asked for?

I note by Mr. E. W. Marsh's remark, that this rule is well known to my father. I may state it is not. It has got to be published in the Guild Rules before anybody can know there is a rule to that effect. As to saying that my father was requested by letter for an answer, if Mr. Marsh thinks for a moment he will know why his letters were not answered. The peal at Stonchouse was quite a different composition to Burton's (116). I myself have compared the two, and the course-ends are quite different. Perhaps Mr. Laver will compare J. R. Pritchard's (115) and Tucker's. If he had anything to say about the composition, why did he not write to my father at the time, instead of splashing pen and ink now, after nearly two years? I might state the peal belongs to my father, and he is claiming it, having rung the composition years ago.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. LILLEY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Chippenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday. The meeting was fairly well attended, ringers coming from Bath, Burnham-on-Sea, Devizes, Melksham, and Swindon, with a good number from St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Chippenham. Some very useful touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—For harvest thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss W. Linn 1, Miss M. French 2, Miss D. French 3, P. Green 4, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 5, G. Green (conductor) 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Linn 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, G. Green 4, P. Green 5, A. Richell 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, October 14th, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: T. A. Meredith 1, E. Roberts 2, F. Oliver 3, F. Richardson 4, W. Lunn 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith 7, E. G. Lewis (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 5th, also longest length in the method on the bells by local ringers.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday morning, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clarke 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—For harvest festival evening service, on October 14th at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: N. Harrison 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, J. Berridge 3, B. Shaw 4, C. Bates 5, G. Smith 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, T. E. Lee 8. After service 224 Bob Major.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, sen., 8.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Friday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Cuby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): A. M. Thomas 1, J. Sedgley 2, H. Bennett 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Southard 5, F. G. Viles (conductor) 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, F. M. Roberts 8. This was rung on the occasion of the thanksgiving for the harvest at the Mission Church at Idless in the parish of Kenwyn.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, October 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: U. Cross (first quarter) 1, G. Palmer 2, J. Lovett 3, W. Page 4, G. Wines 5, H. Davies 6, H. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday evening, October 7th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: Miss Mills 1, E. Richards 2, S. C. Maye 3, E. Allaway 4, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 5, J. Gilbert 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. H. Peters 8.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Barnett 1, W. Massey 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, W. Thorne 5, A. R. Pink 6, W. T. Heeson 7, C. J. Berry 8.

LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bedminster, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5. Short service will be held in church at 4.30. All members please make special effort to attend, advising G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m. in the Cathedral vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam. Dinner at 2 p.m. in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle; 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. John and St. George, Newcastle, and St. Mary, Gateshead, are available. Please meet at the Cathedral to make up bands for the different towers.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Full particulars next week.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's, for evening service, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Mance 1, *F. Howson 2, C. E. Mitchell 3, H. H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, H. Mance 6, W. Essery (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as conductor) 7, *J. E. Charman (Warnham) 8. * First quarter of Stedman Triples.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on October 14th, for evening service, 1,280 changes of Bob Major: H. Page 1, H. Ellis 2, W. H. Hollier 3, B. Roberts 4, A. Waddington 5, H. Belcher 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. A. Folkard 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes from Sottenstall), at St. Peter's Church: W. Lee 1, L. Allington 2, G. W. Dixon 3, T. Chinery 4, C. W. F. Clarke 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6, A. Scott 7, T. E. Slater 8. After evensong the same band rang a short touch of Bob Major.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. F. Sperring 1, R. Sperring (conductor) 2, R. G. Jones 3, John Jagger (Oldbury) 4, E. Harrison 5, G. R. Jones 6, G. Mellon 7, Harry Pye 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Hounslow Jagger and Miss Edith Parsonage, who were married at Chester on the 5th inst. Mr. C. H. Jagger is the 3rd son of Mr. J. Jagger, of Oldbury.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's, on Sunday, September 30th, on the back eight, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: J. W. Griffiths 1, C. Lee 2, R. R. Pole 3, G. Scarratt 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. E. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, Jno. Evans 8.—Also for morning service, 360 Stedman Triples and 180 Grandsire Caters, with F. Bills, D. James and J. Pugh participating. The quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. C. R. Lilley, a former conductor of the band, who was on a visit from Plymouth.

COLCHESTER.—On September 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 of Bob Minor: T. Sadler (first 720) 1, G. Lindoff, jun. 2, W. Green 3, H. Finch 4, P. Grimsey 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for evening service: P. Warren 1, H. Kew 2, H. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, A. Bull (conductor) 5, S. Woodman 6.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter which appeared in your column recently, I beg to withdraw my remarks, having now learned that I was quite mistaken. I would tender my sincere apologies to you and to your readers for having wasted valuable space, and particularly to Mr. J. W. Parker for any annoyance he may have felt through my calling into question a statement made by him.

I would add that it was by the detailed information kindly sent to me by Messrs. C. Severn and J. W. Wheeldon that I was shown my mistake, and that I am sincerely grateful to them both.—Yours faithfully,

Belvedere, Kent.

A. G. DRIVER.

**LADIES' GUILD,
NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, a good number attending. With the valuable help of the gentlemen present, some very good ringing was enjoyed, methods ranging from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob. Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting followed, the Vicar's wife (Mrs. Baker) very kindly presiding. Three new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Worksop early in January, when it is hoped all members will do their utmost to attend.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Baker for taking the chair at a moment's notice, and also to those responsible for providing such an excellent tea.

Further ringing was indulged in during the evening, and the day closed on a very successful meeting.

CIRENCESTER RINGERS AT LONG NEWNTON.

On Thursday afternoon, October 11th, six ringers from Cirencester paid a visit to Long Newnton and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, F. Edwards 5, H. S. Parsons 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. The ringers were then kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin), formerly of Green's Norton, Northants, whose kindness was greatly appreciated.

It was intended to ring at Tetbury, but owing to illness this had to be abandoned, so another visit was paid to Long Newnton halfry, and with the assistance of one of the local ringers, Mr. P. Wilkins, several more six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The success of this pleasant outing is due to Mr. F. Edwards, who kindly conveyed the Cirencester ringers in his car.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 25th. Both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head). Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at Wilford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. The annual whist drive and dance will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, October 20th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service at 3.30. Tower open 2.30.—G. A. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. —Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbrick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Oct. 20th at Warwick. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, at Dale's Temperance Hotel, near church.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Methods for practice: Superlative and Bob Major.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by the local ringers, and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me before first post on Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tidenham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers who require tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th. Cathedral bells (10) available from 3 to 4 and after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4; address by the Ven. R. T. Talbot, D.D., Dean of Rochester. Tea in the Carlton Cafe at 5. Business meeting to follow. The Dean, who was inducted last month, has expressed a wish to welcome the ringers in the belfry, so it is hoped all who intend being present will attend before 4; also notify me before the 24th inst., so that arrangements can be made for tea, which is provided for members by the association. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Manchester Cathedral. Bells ready 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 23rd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Wickham (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify me by Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, in the Church Room. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Fordham (near Ely) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea notify by 24th inst.?—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Next monthly meeting at Spondon on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Invitation from Sir H. Fowler. Tea at the Hall for all who send names to G. Thompson, 10, Locks Road, Spondon, Derby, by Thursday, 25th. Please don't neglect. All welcome.—Charles Draper.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready early. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Tea will be provided if sufficient number notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present let me know by Tuesday, the 23rd?—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Saturday, Oct. 27th. By kind permission of the Vicar of King's Lynn, the ring of 10 at St. Margaret's will be available at 11.30 a.m. to 12.45, and the ring of 8 at St. Nicholas' in the afternoon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' at 2.30 p.m. The announcement for further ringing at St. Margaret's will be made after the meeting. All ringers are kindly invited to this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, October 27th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 27th at 6.30.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m.—C. Knights, Dis. Sec.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—The new ring of eight bells (late Rev. C. E. Matthews' Memorial) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Milford House Hotel. All welcome. An early reply is requested from those intending to be present to Mr. C. E. S. Hardman, Edgeworth, Milford-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available

from 2.30. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. — A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON. — Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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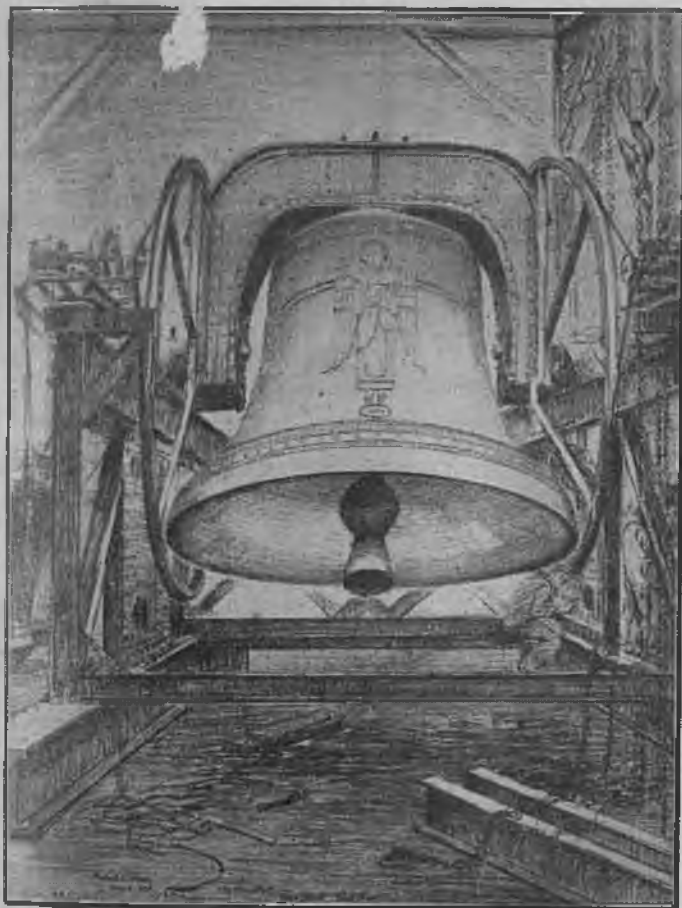
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The nucleus of this register already exists in the 'Collection of Peals,' compiled by the Central Council and large sections of which have been published; in the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods,' and in the Treble Bob peals, which is now in the Council's Library in bound typewritten form. The existing arrangement of the compositions is not, however, such as would lend itself to ready search for comparative purposes; and the figures need to be filed on some carefully thought out plan which will facilitate easy reference. When this has been done, con-

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*EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	*ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
WILLIAM B. MANNING 3	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. 8
WILLIAM PYE 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
JOHN H. WILKINS 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wilkins, R. Maynard, jun., and F. C. Maynard, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. E. E. Holman.

HERTFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	GEORGE GRAY 7
REGINALD DORE 3	ERNEST BREIT 8
GEORGE N. PRICE 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 9
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	JAMES BOLLOCK Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	MISS FREDA E. ORR 6
GEORGE MCKILBY 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
GEORGE H. CROSS 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington Bickford. First peal in the method by the society. The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member previous to commencing the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD C. MERRITT Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN DEARLOVE 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3	FREDERICK CRIPPS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* ERNEST C. RICHARDS Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
† JAMES BILBY 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Messrs. E. C. Richards and N. V. Andrews were elected members of the association before starting.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
EDWARD W. BRAY 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	* FREDERICK W. DALLAWAY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to George W. Stokes.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
WILLIE AARON 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	SYDNEY BROWN 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and as conductor. First peal in the method for all but ringers of 3rd and tenor. All the above are service ringers at the above church. The conductor's 100th peal for the above association. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ingham.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED HACKETT Treble	WILLIAM COLEY 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Matthew Hackett and Mr. W. H. Webb, two of the local ringers. These bells have just been rehung with ball bearings by the local firm of W. Somers and Co., who have made a very creditable job of them.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb.

* MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
* FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	WILLIAM CHALK 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM DENT 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by W. L. MASON.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Messrs. Chalk and Dent hail from Colchester, and Chinery from Long Melford.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	GEORGE COOKE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
PERCY JONES 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
* G. H. MARTIN 4	ALBAN E. SLATTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* RAYMOND JOHNSON Treble	HERBERT GREENHALGH 5
HAROLD JONES 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
* FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	* HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	PETER LAPLIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINCOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOHN THORPE 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BRADLEY Treble	* NORMAN HEMMINGHAM 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	ALFRED BARRATT 6
* SAM PINDER 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
W. H. JOHNSON 4	ALBERT ADAMSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Quietest peal on the bells.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	† ALBERT WOODVINE 6
G. LEONARD HEWITT 3	WALTER LAGO 7
* ARTHUR PRITCHARD 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. B. Wood (towerkeeper) and Miss M. Wood. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	* BERTRAM LUCK 6
HARRY BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	ALBERT REIFE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal. The band wish to thank Mr. C. Belsey for having everything ready for them.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
JOHN PRICE 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
MISS AMY JOHNSON 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary to the above Guild.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK CARDWELL Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 5
* MISS MARJORIE HOLMES 2	OLIVER DIXON 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal. Arranged for Miss Holmes, who is 15 years of age.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Thursday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): W. R. J. Poulson 1, S. H. Symonds (composer and conductor) 2, F. A. Turner 3, L. Poulson 4, A. Symonds 5, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 6, W. Fairst 7, F. A. Poulson 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR BAILEY Treble	ROBERT WARMAN 5
* ERNEST BAILEY 2	CHARLES BAILEY 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
† STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford with an inside bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. POYSER Treble	HERBERT G. FRETWELL 3
† WILLIAM SMITH 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 4

JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT G. FRETWELL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Double Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY GOLDING Treble	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4
JACK STOPP 2	* HERBERT GATES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

* CHARLES W. TUCKER Treble	† GEORGE PRESTON 4
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2	† FRANK HOOD 5
† GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal for 37 years. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. C. W. Tucker's wedding. This was the quarterly peal for the Christchurch District.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

* CHARLES RICHARDS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 4
WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	WILLIAM A. BEDDARD 5
JOHN BASS 3	HENRY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. J. Bass has now rung Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROWLAND SMITH Treble	WILLIAM BLAND 4
WALTER WHITLOCK 2	RICHARD SHIMNARS 5
HARRY SMITH 3	*GEORGE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

* First peal, and was made a member previous to starting.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

GEORGE ADLEY Treble	HARRY BARBER 4
WILKINS MASSEY 2	JOHN GILL 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by W. T. BEESON.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
FRANK CLARKE 2	†ARTHUR LREDER 5
*ERIC BENNETT 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WM. STEGGALL.

* First peal inside. † First peal of Minor.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ALPHEDS J. BERRY 4
BERTIE CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
JAMES BETTS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation two years ago.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 changes of Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED SHURBON Treble	ARTHUR J. GINN 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	HENRY SHARP 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	*GEORGE FEW Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sharp kindly entertained the band after the peal. Treble and 5th ringers are local, tenor from Sutton, 2nd from Long Stanton, 3rd and 4th from Over.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOSEPH WREN 4
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	ERNEST J. LADD 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. The first bell was hung in 1392, and others added at various dates to comprise a peal of five in 1791. The sixth (now the treble) was added in 1911 to commemorate the reign of King Edward VII. First peal on six bells by Messrs. Wren, Ladd and Lambert. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Camfield for having all in readiness.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
†JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	CHARLES W. CLINCH 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal and first attempt.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at North Stoneham on Saturday, October 13th. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the Guild form of service being conducted by the Rector of Dibden (Rev. G. Triton), who also gave a short address. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Tea and a short business meeting were held at the Parish Hall, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair, supported by the Rector of North Stoneham (Rev. T. Salmon), Rev. T. Jones, curate, and Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), the Rev. Thomas (curate of Romsey).—Miss D. Snell, Miss R. Cecil Williams, and Mr. F. Pitman (St. Mary's, Southampton), were elected members of the Guild.—It was decided to hold a combined practice at Netley on Saturday, November 3rd.

The towers represented were Dibden, Eling, Curdridge, Fareham, Hursley, Portsea, Netley, King's Somborne, Romsey, Shedfield and North Stoneham.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, Mrs. G. Williams taking part as 1-2, and was followed by a course of Stedman Triples.

Thanks were passed to the Rector of North Stoneham for the use of the bells, and the welcome he gave to the members.

Further ringing took place on the tower bells, which included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Selling on Saturday last. In spite of the inclement weather twenty members were present from Canterbury, Wingham, Littlebourne, Faversham, Ospringe, Wickham and Boughton. A service was conducted by the Vicar of Selling (the Rev. S. Williams), who later presided over the tea, which was held at the White Lion Inn.

After a delightfully humorous speech, in which he welcomed the ringers to Selling, the Vicar explained that he would be unable to take the chair at the meeting owing to another pressing engagement. He left the meeting amid a round of hearty applause.

Mr. F. Brett was voted to the chair, and it was decided to hold two further bye-meetings, one at Goodnestone (five bells), to be held in November, and the other at Teynham, to be held in January.

Half fares were paid to members who attended this meeting.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ACTIVITY.**

At the meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Peter's, Staines, by permission of the Rev. W. H. Flecker, D.L. (Vicar), over fifty attended, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Ringing before service as usual, the Vicar conducted the service, after which he and Mrs. Flecker entertained the company to tea in the Church Hall, served by Miss Riggs, one of the local band.

The Vicar, on behalf of himself and his wife, welcomed the association to St. Peter's, this being their first opportunity of meeting such a large gathering of ringers. He hoped they would again have the pleasure of welcoming the association in the near future.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their kind hospitality, which was greatly appreciated, to the hostess, Mr. Walmsley, and Mr. Parker, and all those who so kindly assisted.

The sum of £1 11s. 6d. was sent to St. Mary's, Staines, Bell Fund as the result of an appeal by the hon. secretary.

It was unanimously agreed to hold a joint meeting with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at St. John's, Hillingdon, in April, 1929, and at Beaconsfield in the summer.

At Heston on Saturday last, by permission of the Rev. George Craggs, another enjoyable meeting was held. Ringing started shortly after 2 p.m., and methods were rung to suit all comers from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. Here again the company numbered nearly fifty, and everyone had the satisfaction of having a happy time.

The Vicar was voted to the chair for the tea and the business meeting that followed. His election proved a great success. He was supported by Mrs. Craggs, the vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. A. Trollope), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Hollier), Messrs. F. Goodfellow, J. R. Mackman, and Tom Beadle. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, C. Edwards, F. Corke, H. C. Chandler, E. Gladman and other well-known members.

Much sympathy was expressed to Mrs. R. Holloway and family in their sad bereavement, and sympathetic mention was made of the loss sustained by the district by the sudden death of the late Ringing Master.—The company rose and remained for a short time in silence with bowed heads as a tribute of respect.

The hon. secretary, having previously sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the association to the widow and family, his action was confirmed.

Mr. F. Goodfellow was unanimously elected Ringing Master (pro tem.) for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher and family, assisted by Mr. A. Fulwell, rendered some fine selections on handbells, and were heartily applauded.

The company was reminded of the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd, with ringing at St. Peter's, Staines, in the evening. The secretary expressed the hope of meeting as many as were there that evening, to make it a success.

St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was selected for the December meeting, probably on the 1st. Mr. Perceval Noston, an old member, who met with an accident in June, received a cordial welcome on again being able to attend a meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Craggs, who remained to the close, and who both responded. They expressed the hope that the association would pay them a visit in the summer, so that they could have tea in the gardens.—The secretary, on behalf of the district, accepted the kind invitation.

Thanks were accorded to the hostess, Mrs. Packman, and assistants, to Mr. C. S. Bird, and especially to Mr. W. Lewis, who so kindly undertook the arrangements of the meeting, to Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family, and Mr. A. Fulwell, whose presence was greatly appreciated, also to the handbell ringers, who rang several touches of Grandsire Caters and several other methods.

MAIDENHEAD RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, a very pretty wedding took place, when Mr. Eric George Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hobbs (and grandson of the late Mr. George Hobbs, a well-known Berkshire farmer), was married to Miss Edith Clara Martin, daughter of Mr. T. Martin (builder), and niece of the well-known ringers, Messrs. Arthur and George Martin. To give the happy couple a good send-off, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by A. Martin 1, E. Eldridge 2, W. E. Taylor 3, C. Smith 4, J. Eldridge 5, John T. Fowler (first quarter in the method) 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

FOUR RINGING BROTHERS.

At Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, October 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: R. D. Rowley (first 720) 1, L. Woodburn 2, W. Martin 3, F. H. Rowley 4, H. V. Rowley (first 720 as conductor) 5, A. E. Rowley 6. The ringers of 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th are brothers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Halstead on October 20th, when about twenty ringers were present, representing eleven parishes. The bells were set going at three o'clock, touches in various methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise being rung. The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Curling) conducted the service, and gave an excellent address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson. Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Andrew's Hall, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. A. A. Saunders (District Master) presided.

Ten new members, all of Bocking, were elected as probationers, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be the annual district meeting, at Sible Hedingham on November 24th.

Mr. C. H. Howard thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address, and hoped that this meeting would help to create more enthusiasm on the part of the Halstead ringers.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Handbells were then produced, and several touches were rung. During the evening most of the visitors proceeded to Colne Engaine. Here the peal of six, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, and have a splendid 'go,' were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Royston on Saturday, September 29th, and was well attended. Members were present from Baldock, Barley, Barkway, Bishop's Stortford, Fulbourn, Letchworth, Melbourn, Offley, Royston and Sawton. The bells were raised about 3.15 p.m. and kept going in most of the standard methods until five o'clock, when a short and interesting service was conducted by the Rev. F. F. Grieg (Vicar of Royston), who showed great interest in the ringers' visit, and took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea.

Votes of thanks were moved to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. R. G. King for making preparations in the tower, etc.

An interesting feature of the ringing was the performance of Master Howard, of Barley, aged 10½ years, who succeeded in taking the treble through two courses of Grandsire Triples.

Hitchin was chosen for the next meeting, and all are looking forward to meeting Hitchin's ringing Vicar.

MEMORIAL TO THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The new bells erected by the members of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, in memory of their vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday.

The ring has been augmented to eight, and two of them are the gift of ringers, who desire to place on record their acknowledgment of the services rendered over a long period of years by the late vice-president. It is hoped to make the contribution of the Guild up to £100, and intending subscribers should send their contributions at once to Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

The following subscriptions have been received: Wickham band 11s. 6d., Bournemouth band (St. Peter's) 12s., Oakley band 5s. 6d., Milford band 25s., Havant band 15s., Guildford band (Cathedral) 5s., Portsea band 12s. 6d., Hursley band 25s. 6d., Sopley band 15s., Swanmore band 24s. 6d., Fareham band 16s., Newport band 10s., Blackmoor band 9s., Farham band 10s., Sherfield band 9s., Bramley band 5s., Christchurch band 33s. 6d., Lyndhurst band 5s., Bishop's Waltham band 6s. 6d., Carisbrooke band 10s., Portsmouth band 12s., Ryde band 11s., Brockenhurst band 54s., Yateley band 23s., Basingstoke band 35s., Stockbridge band 10s., Mr. Burling 5s., Mr. Gridley 6s., Mr. T. W. Fairey 5s., Col. Farquar 5s., Rev. Taylor 5s., Mr. Barton 2s. 6d., Mr. Fussell 2s. 6d., Mr. Bull 2s. 6d., Mr. Knapp 2s. 6d., Mr. G. Smith 5s., Rev. F. L. Edwards 2s. 6d., Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., 10s. 6d., Rev. Stokes 2s. 6d., Rev. Sir J. Herschel 5s., Mr. F. E. Collins 3s. 6d., Fawley band 8s. 6d., Alverstoke band 11s. 6d., Aldershot band 5s., Dibden band 38s., Chertsey band 6s., Winchester band 47s., N. Stoneham band 4s. 6d., Guildford band (S. Nicolas') 10s. 6d., Romsey band 7s. 6d., Bagshot band 5s., Rev. R. Medlicott £1, Canon Braithwaite £1 1s., Canon Coleridge £1 1s., Mr. E. A. Young £1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin 10s., Bishop of Winchester £1, Bishop of Portsmouth £1 1s., Bishop of Southampton £1 1s., Rev. C. D. P. Davies 10s., Mr. G. Pullinger £1, Miss Walton £1 12s. 6d., Mr. R. Brown 1s. 6d., Major F. H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Dr. Beale £2 12s., Rev. Phillips £1, Mr. J. H. Shepherd 10s., Mr. J. J. Jones 5s., Miss Fisher 2s., Overton band 8s. 6d., Woolton Hill band 10s., Cranleigh band 5s., Southampton band (St. Mary's) 10s. 6d., Ringwood band 10s., Bishop's Sutton band 2s. 6d., Winchester Guild £33 19s. 2d. Total £283 16s. 8d.

A FAMILY COMPLIMENT.

At St. Mary's Church, Mistley, Essex, on October 18th, 120 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Honeywood 1, A. Honeywood 2, F. Honeywood 3, C. Honeywood 4, W. Honeywood (conductor) 5. Ring as a family compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S MEETING AT BEDDINGTON.

A successful meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, October 13th, at Beddington. It was a typical autumn afternoon, and, there being an abundance of trees in the neighbourhood, the scene around, with the varying tints of the foliage, backed by the mellow red brick of the orphanage and the grey stone and red tiles of the old church, made a very pleasing picture. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and up to service time the bells were kept going in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Royal. By five o'clock a good company had assembled, and descended to the church below, where a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Bond), who gave an address. The hymns were well rendered, and were accompanied on the small organ by Mr. J. Charman, whose family is not unknown in the Warnham neighbourhood.

Tea had been arranged at the Harvest Home, at which 34 members and friends sat down under the District Master (Mr. H. Mance). Business afterwards did not take very long, and was mostly of a routine nature. The notification was made of the death of a respected member (Mr. Robert Holloway, of Acton), the company standing in silent sympathy. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the deceased's family.

A letter was also ordered to be written to Mr. James George, congratulating him upon having rung 1,000 peals.

During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making all arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, also to Mr. J. Charman for his organ accompaniment.

Further ringing was then indulged in, finishing with a course of Yorkshire Surprise, by 'the poshest band ever.' A return was made to the Harvest Home, where the remainder of the evening was given over to harmony and fellowship. Handbells were rung to Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Cinques by the experts. Mr. C. H. Kippin obliged with selections from the classics on his parlour carillon, and was vociferously applauded by an appreciative audience. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Frank Darby, Messrs. W. Smith and J. Herbert, and pianoforte selections by Mr. J. Charman. Mr. Frank Darby very ably accompanied the vocal items. There comes an end to every 'do,' so home the visitors had to go round the corner to the station, 'some corner,' which took half an hour to get round apparently, but all were satisfied that it had been a great meeting.

NEW BELLS AT HIGHER WALTON.

ANOTHER OCTAVE IN LANCASHIRE.

The Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association has had another welcome addition to its eight-bell towers by the increase to a full octave of the peal of six at All Saints' Church, Higher Walton. The old six were cast in 1872. These have been retuned and rehung, with two new trebles, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The new bells have been presented in memory of F. A., A. A., and V. H. Gatty, directors of Bannister Hall Works, Higher Walton.

The bells were dedicated on October 4th by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn, and were formally opened prior to the morning services on October 14th by the local ringers. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by ringers from Blackburn, Chorley, Hoghton, and Higher Walton, while ringers from Preston rang them after evening service. Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bell founders, was also present during the day.

All present were well pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells; in fact, the local men could hardly believe that bells could be made to go so easily. The whole of the work has been done in the efficient manner generally associated with the Loughborough firm.

A READER WONDERS!

To the Editor.

Sir,—One wonders what Mr. Drake is driving at in his article, 'Simplification.' He says, 'There is a great deal too much mystery made of the scientific part of change ringing, and it was for more simplification that I was asking, etc.' In the same paragraph he says, '... but a plea for more scientific classification, etc.' Does he wish to add to that mystery of which he says there is too much?

One also wonders if Guilds have the rule that one should be elected a member before ringing a peal for any association. Surely that makes small odds as long as the subscription is paid. How many peal ringers are there who are in arrears with their subscriptions, and really out of an association, who get peals under the heading of their association? Doubtless there are many.

Another point one hears is that if a ringer who is a member of an association for five years moves out of the county or district of the association he becomes by virtue of his having paid five yearly subscriptions a life member of the association, but if, after a period of time, he returns and resides in the county or district of that association he again becomes an ordinary ringing member and pays his subscription again every year. Is that correct?—Yours truly,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The article, 'Great carillons at Loughborough,' which appeared in our issue dated June 29th, has now been reproduced in brochure form, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be pleased to send a copy, post free, to anyone who will send their name and address to them.

We are very pleased to be able to say Miss H. F. Mills, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who met with a serious motor accident in Ireland, is now out of hospital and staying with her brother in Londonderry. She is hoping to be able to undertake the journey to her home in London by December. She would like to acknowledge the many letters received, but they have been too numerous, and so wishes to thank all for their letters and kind enquiries.

A quarterly meeting of the Shropshire Association will be held tomorrow at Oswestry. Earlier intimation was not given in our columns because the notice miscarried.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at All Saints', Wakefield, on October 26th, 1822. It was rung by nine Wakefield ringers, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, and is recorded as being 'the first peal ever attempted in the above difficult method by any set of men in the kingdom, which will be a standing laurel for the society for ages to come.'

The composer and conductor was William Woodhead, and the figures of the composition are preserved, which makes the record all the more valuable.

Thomas Tolladay conducted a peal of 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on December 26th, 1837.

This was two days before the celebrated composer, Henry Dains, was born at Tibenham, Norfolk.

Henry Hubbard, a leading authority on ringing in his day, rang his first peal on October 28th, 1827. It was a peal of 6,680 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Alburgh, conducted by Samuel Thurston, of Norwich fame.

The first double-handed handbell peal was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811—a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Fifty years ago next Thursday, namely, on November 1st, 1878, the noble ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral was opened. In our next issue, Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was present and who knew the ringers, will retell the story.

The first peal of Stedman Triples by a local band at Kidderminster was rung on October 30th, 1889. One of the band, Mr. Tom Saller, still rings for the Sunday services.

CHEW MAGNA BELLS AUGMENTED.

TWO TREBLES ADDED TO A SOMERSET RING.

The bells of Chew Magna, Somerset, have been augmented from six to eight, and last Sunday were heard for the first time after a lapse of five years. The old bells, which had a tenor of 23½ cwt., were cast by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, and the octave has been made possible by the generosity of General Ommamney, patron of the living, whose father was Vicar for 37 years. A restoration of the tower has also been necessary, and about a thousand pounds have been spent altogether, while more is required to complete the scheme. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have carried out the contract for the new bells, and have very successfully completed the work.

The dedication took place on Sunday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The Rev. Keer Thompson, R.D., acted as chaplain to the Bishop, and other clergy present were the Rev. C. Browne, Vicar; the Rev. C. Grant Lone, curate assistant; the Rev. H. Treen, of Bishop Sutton and Stowey; and the Rev. F. Tracey. The churchwardens, Mr. J. Thatcher and Mr. H. J. Babb (who has been closely connected with the work) took part in the ceremony, and General and Mrs. Ommamney and other members of the family attended the service.

In the course of his address the Bishop spoke of the value of corporate worship and of the part bells played as remembrancers in individual, church and national life.

The opening touch was rung by Messrs. G. Yeo and P. Yeo (Long Ashton), T. Wyatt (Clapton), H. Knight (Clifton), J. Nesbitt and R. Williams (Portishead), and J. Bishop and H. Windsor (Wrexall). Others present included Mr. J. T. Dyke, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. U. W. Braven (Bristol); and Mr. H. Gregory, Clifton Parish Church. Among the bands represented were Winford, Chew Stoke, Ubley, and Compton Dando.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS & THEIR BISHOP.

Coincident with the Bishop of Wakefield performing his last public act at Lupset the bellringers of the Cathedral rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Ward 1, A. Scott 2, W. Penker 3, W. Preston 4, G. Hinsley 5, J. Moorhouse (conductor) 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Hammond 8.

Throughout his 31 years as head of the diocese the Bishop has always been keenly interested in the achievements and accomplishments of church bellringers. The members of the band expressed the wish that the Bishop would speedily recover from his indisposition and lead a most happy and richly-earned retirement.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

MR. TROLLOPE EXPLAINS WHY NO FURTHER ALTERATIONS WILL BE MADE.

The committee have decided to deal with the Plain Minor methods in the same way as the Plain eight-bell methods are dealt with in the Major Collection. That is to say, they will be given and numbered as one group, the sub-titles 'Bob' and 'Court' being added to the names where appropriate. Imperial as a sub-title has proved to be of no value, and will be dropped. A full explanation of the meaning of these terms will be given.

Mr. Burton wants us to change some of the names. He suggests that we have no power to do so, but might call in the Standing Committee of the Council. I do not think the Standing Committee have anything to do with the matter. They have large and undefined powers to act for the Council in any emergency, but this, surely, is not included. The whole question was before the Council at Hereford, and the Council could have acted for itself if it had thought necessary. We have ample powers to alter these names if we think it needful, but we do not intend to do so. I will explain why.

There are two ways in which these six-bell methods could have been named. We could have begun at the beginning and named the lot according to a general plan. That is what I believe Mr. Burton wants. We had the opportunity when we first issued the book, but we decided not to do so but to adopt the other plan, which was to leave the naming to the six-bell ringers themselves. As a result the great majority were named by the bands which first rang them. There is a lot to be said for both plans. We adopted one for the Minor methods and the other for the Major methods. I am not prepared to maintain that either is absolutely the best, but I do think that on the whole we adopted the best plan for each case. The result was that the names of the Minor methods reflect the opinions and tastes of a great many different people in many different places and of many times. There is much diversity and some inequality. But on the whole the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Let me insist that these names are not the names of any committee; they are the names given by the Exercise, or, at any rate, by that part of the Exercise which matters—the six-bell ringers. When we asked for and got powers of revision, it was not to alter names in accordance with our ideas, but for editorial purposes. If any name was obviously unsuitable we should not have hesitated to replace it. We did so in the case of 'Immanuel,' which was condemned by the general feeling of the Council, although no formal vote was passed.

'Bogedone' was the name given to the method by the band which rang it. Was there any reason why we should overrule them and give it another? What objection is there to the name? I know of one only. It is not easy to see how to pronounce it from the spelling. That is an objection; but it is shared by other names in the list—Belvoir, for instance, and Alnwick, and even Norwich. Mr. Burton says it is awkward and ugly, but that is, apparently, because he did not know how it is pronounced. I don't blame him, for I was in the same case myself, but it does take away the point of his objection.

But we are told again that I gave a pledge at Hereford that these names should be changed. I can only repeat that I have no recollection of anything of the sort. I have asked my colleagues, and they agree with me that nothing like it was said. The thing ought to be settled easily. There were more than fifty people present, including a reporter. I should be very much interested if anybody can say definitely that he heard me give any pledge about changing these names or even express any opinion about them. I can only suggest that Mr. Drake's memory has played him a trick, and I am confirmed in this by several curious things he says in his article. For instance he says that it was 'because of this pledge that we (presumably the Council) passed the report and ordered it to be printed.' There was no report presented, no report passed and nothing ordered to be printed. Mr. Drake did keep talking about a report, and I imagine he thought, and still thinks, that we are going in some way or other to print the list of names published in this paper a short time ago. I suppose that is why he keeps criticising the way it was arranged, and so on. But, of course, that list was published for a particular reason, and it has served its ends. I need not refer to what Mr. Drake says about the private conversation he had with me, beyond denying emphatically that I ever thought any of the names given by the various six-bell ringers were not 'sensible'; or that I had any intention of asking anyone to change Bogedone or Cuncastre; or that I gave him any sort of pledge. To have done so would not have been fair either to my colleagues, or to the Council, or to myself. I respect Mr. Drake's energy in teaching beginners, but what it has got to do with all this I fail to see. He drags in again my use of the term 'shunt.' That is a technical word which is only used in the more abstruse part of the science of method construction. What on earth has that, or the proper pronunciation of Bogedone or Cuncastre, or a list of names published for the temporary convenience of members of the Central Council, got to do with teaching beginners?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE POSITION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Burton's letter in your last issue on the subject of names of Minor methods, I should be glad if you would kindly allow me to say a word—not about the names in question, which I leave to others who know more about them, but as to a remark which he makes to the effect that certain points in the question might be remitted to the Standing Committee. It is not—at least it certainly was not when I was hon. sec. of the Central Council—any part of the duty of the Standing Committee to express any official opinion, still less to overhaul or amend in any way the findings of the other committees. Its duties lie in another direction, and are related to the work of the Council as a whole, and not to any of its committees. Personally, I should be sorry to see its status altered, and should extremely regret if it were ever brought into the whirl of controversy. And, certainly, I should strongly dislike its interference in or alteration of any work of another committee on which I had been engaged.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

KENT ASSOCIATION'S SIX-BELL MEETINGS.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SECRETARY REPLIES TO CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Relfe's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' I should like to state that it was impossible for various reasons to give a longer notice, but if it was sufficient for members outside the county, it ought to have been so for members of the district, if they intended to attend. The report was applicable not only to this meeting but to other six-bell tower meetings that have been held, when longer notice has been given with the same results.

With regard to the letter from your correspondent signed 'Minorite,' although I do not care to reply to correspondents who make statements but have not the courage to sign their name, I feel I must refute those statements. I have never heard a word from anyone against the meeting being held at Cowden. If I had it would not have made any difference. I should have arranged the meeting in accordance with the decision of the members at the annual district meeting held at Sevenoaks last February.

His statement that six-bell members do not get much attention in the district is absolutely false. Six-bell members are as much appreciated as any others, but if they deliberately absent themselves from meetings, whether held at six or eight-bell towers, what more can be done?

I should like to add that I am all in favour of one meeting each year being held at a six-bell tower, although most of those that have been held have been very disappointing in the numbers attending.—Yours faithfully,

W. LATTER,

Hon. District Secretary.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NAVENBY CHURCH BELLS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN BOARD'S DISCLAIMER.

Wide publicity was recently given through the Press to a statement that the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance had refused a grant towards the restoration of Navenby Church bells on the ground that church bells were a 'luxury.' We commented in a leading article upon this attitude, but it now appears that the report circulated in the press, and which originated with 'The Lincolnshire Echo,' was inaccurate, and the following disclaimer has been sent by the Board to 'The Lincolnshire Echo,' under date of October 19th:—

Dear Sir,—On the 19th ultimo, in an article headed 'Are church bells a luxury?' and again in your issue of last night, you commented on a reply supposed to have been given by the Diocesan Board of Finance to an application for a grant from the Navenby Parochial Church Council towards the restoration of the bells of Navenby Church. I have to inform you that no such application has been made to the Diocesan Board of Finance, and, therefore, no such reply referred to has been given. Further, had the Diocesan Board had occasion to answer such an application, the term 'luxury' would certainly not have been used with reference to church bells.

What actually happened was that in 1925 the Diocesan Building Committee replied as follows to an application from Navenby:—

'This committee does not make grants towards repair of bells, but it would consider a grant towards repair of your tower, if the fabric needs it. I enclose a form which should be returned to me by October 20th; it needs signing by your Vicar and also your Rural Dean.'

This letter was misconstrued by the Navenby Council, and the form in question has not been returned to the Committee. The incumbent and the officials of the Council have now expressed their regret that the Diocesan Board should have been accused unjustly in the matter.

As your article has been given wide publicity in the 'Times,' 'Observer,' and other papers, I trust you will kindly publish this disclaimer.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. G. CROLL,

Organising Secretary.

A SUSSEX PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.

THE 'STRUGGLES' OF 50 YEARS AGO.

Recently we recorded the death of an old Sussex ringer, Mr. James Searle, who died at Eastbourne, and was buried at Steyning, where over half a century ago he began his ringing career. Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, one of the oldest surviving members of the Sussex County Association, contributes the following notes on the late Mr. Searle's connection with ringing, which was begun at a time when change ringing was little practised in the county:—

James Searle was one of the band of ringers at Steyning, Sussex, who a little over fifty years ago were anxious to bring about a reform in the belfry, and also to get to know something of change ringing.

It was about that time that Mr. George Gatland came to Steyning, from Chailley, where he had learnt a little ringing, and proved to be a great help in the matter of reform. Some of the parishioners also became interested, so much so that Mr. Henry Burstow, of Horsham, was engaged to give as much information and instruction as it was possible for him to give, and it was not long before the company could manage Grandsire Doubles, and also Mr. Burstow's favourite method, Oxford Bob.

Jim Searle's employment as joinery machinist then made it necessary for him to move to Brighton, where he soon got busy at S. Nicholas' Church, and with Mr. John Jay, who had come from Streatham, with a little knowledge of conducting touches of Grandsire Triples, they got things going. The present Dean of Chichester, who was then Vicar of S. Nicholas', to encourage the band to ring the bells for the Sunday morning service, used to make them a present of ten guineas at Christmas.

Jim soon began to want an opportunity to ring a peal, but could not get enough members to see the method of change ringing for this purpose, so he ventured to invite a little help from outside. Several well-known ringers used to visit Brighton. I well remember Messrs. H. Haley, J. Nash, J. Pettit, G. Shade, with his sons Harry and 'Ike' (who always seemed to have got four handbells each about them, and to hear their tune playing was a treat), Murray Hayes, and others.

I was just 'fixed up' in Brighton then, and Jim sort of 'fathered' me a bit, and helped me further into the art. He was very anxious to get me elected a member of S. Nicholas' tower (to become a member you could only be elected at certain meetings, and you were expected to be able to ring the treble to a 500, or a working bell to a plain course). So, with three of the visitors to help, they got me through my first 500 on the treble on February 1st, 1881, but I did not feel very confident about it. I have an idea I should have made a mess of it if Mr. Haley, who rang the 2nd, hadn't prompted me a bit. However, they considered it good enough for me to be elected a member that night.

Jim now turned his attention to a peal attempt, and got in touch with Mr. Shade, and this enabled him and two others to ring their first peal at Hurstpierpoint on July 23rd, 1881, as a Waterloo Society (London) peal. He then set to work to help a few of us to gain this peal-ringing instinct, and on the peal of eight being placed in St. Peter's Church, and a band of ringers formed, several of them used to come to S. Nicholas' for practice, but only Mr. George Aitree, who afterwards founded the Sussex County Association, seemed to be able to see the method of change ringing. I am afraid we used to try Jim's patience sometimes, but he always looked upon our failings in a kindly way, and never seemed to despair. Mr. Jay could call the 'bobs,' and knew Holt's 10-part from A to Z, but did not seem able to give the necessary information to help others to do so, and it seemed to me that it was owing to Jim's efforts that we made the progress we did.

A picked band of College Youths had been engaged for the ringing at the dedication of St. Peter's bells, which included an attempt for a peal, but this came to grief a little over half-way. The same band was expected to make another attempt at a later date, but Mr. Aitree, then being in control of St. Peter's, gave us further encouragement, by deciding that the first peal should be rung by a Brighton band, and after a few failures the S. Nicholas' ringers, with Mr. Aitree, were successful on December 2nd, 1882, and this was the first peal rung in Brighton since 1833.

The next peal attempt took us to Southover, Lewes, which proved a success, after which we looked in where ringers sometimes do after a peal, and our visit there was the means of giving Jim a chance to show that it was possible for a ringer to ring and conduct Holt's Original as his first peal as conductor. The conversation turned to a peal of Grandsire that had been rung at Southover in 1869, and recorded on a peal board as 'Holt's Original.' Mr. John Goldsmith (father of the editor of 'The Ringing World'), who was present, considered it was the 'Original' that had been rung, but Mr. Jay, to put it mildly, got very angry, and said he was sure it was impossible for the conductor of the peal to manage the Original. But Jim would not agree with him, and fixed his mind on making it his first peal to conduct. He had not, however, got the figures of the peal. We knew Mr. Jay had got an old ringing book with the peal in, but he was so angry on the matter he would not allow Jim, or anyone else, to have a look at it, and I understood that Searle eventually got the

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13th, the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their fourth meeting at Bentley, which is over the Hampshire border. Although the attendance was poor, this nice ring of six was kept going with very little loss of time from three o'clock until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler) conducted the Guild's service, and welcomed the Guild to Bentley. He expressed the hope that the visit would do some good to his ringers.

Owing to other engagements, the Rector was unable to stay to tea, but was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, on the proposition of the district secretary (Mr. B. Clark).

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. Upshall presided at the very short business meeting, which did not last more than ten minutes. Afterwards, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing of a high quality was kept up.

The local band were present, and with a little help some were able to struggle through Grandsire Doubles, and all expressed a desire to take up method ringing in place of 'stony,' and also to join the Guild.

Twenty-four ringers attended from Farnham, Aldershot, S. Nicolas', Guildford, and the local band, and ringing went on until 8.30, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A prolonged correspondence re the peal at Emmanuel Church (Compton Gifford), Plymouth, on August 4th, is unnecessary. The question raised is that Mr. C. R. Lilley claims that the peal was his composition, but he refuses to give publicity to the figures for the benefit of the Exercise.

We will leave it there and accept the judgment of the Exercise generally as to whether they agree that such an action is considered honourable from one who claims to have rung over 600 peals.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH.

13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

AN UNWRITTEN RULE.

Dear Sir,—I know nothing of the origin of the dispute between Mr. C. R. Lilley and the Devon Guild apart from what has appeared in your columns, but I certainly do consider that common courtesy demands that, when conductors are written to on the subject of peal performances by the officials of the association for which the peal was rung, they should reply promptly and truthfully. It is not Tom, Dick, or Harry writing: it is the hon. secretary (or some other official) of the association writing in his official capacity, and we, the ordinary members, should do what we can to lighten their labours, and not make them heavier and more disagreeable.

It is well known to all the older members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that it was founded upon the same rules and principles as the older Devon Guild of Ringers.

Right from the very start of its existence it has published every composition as rung, or (in a very few cases) given a reference to its source. When the composition is subsequently used it is referred to as 'Composition No. —.' Thus the composition of every peal rung by our association can be definitely traced. Yet (and this is the point I wish to draw my friend Lilley's attention to) there is no rule to the effect that conductors must supply the figures.—Yours, etc.

W. A. CAVE.

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peal from old Mr. Shade. Making the 2nd the observation, he succeeded in conducting it on December 4th, 1883, and this was the first peal rung by S. Nicholas' ringers since 1833. But Jim's effort never seemed to convince Mr. Jay that it was the Original that was rung at Southover.

We continued to grind out Grandsire, and Jim thought it was time to try something else, but he could only get a few of the S. Nicholas' band to practise other than this method. Some of the St. Peter's band, however, began to be interested, as a few of us used to help them, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman were taken up. But it was not until October, 1887, that we were successful in scoring a peal of Kent, and this was the first in Brighton. Stedman seemed to give us a good bit of trouble, but Jim said if enough would make an effort and stick to it he would try and master the conducting, and eventually succeeded in getting us through 'Thurstans' on December 24th, 1887, which was the first in the county.

In 1889 he moved to Burgess Hill, and for reasons not necessary to mention now became an independent member of the association, and took part in several peals down to 1895. He ceased to be a member in 1920, and only took part in a few touches after this.

Besides being a member of the Waterloo Society and the Sussex County Association, he was made a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 1884. The peals which he rang were as follows: Seven Minor methods, 3; Grandsire Triples, 34, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 13, conducted 6; Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; total, 69, conducted 12.

HELMINGHAM BELLS REDEDICATED.

On Sunday, October 14th, the bells of St. Mary's, Helmingham, were rededicated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, after being rehung in new bearings, and 7th and tenor quarter turned. A new headstock has been provided for the treble, and a set of new ropes installed. The work has been carried out by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

Before the evening service, the local ringers and all the church workers, at the invitation of the Rev. J. R. Garrett, met the Bishop in the Parish Room at tea. The rededication took place after the second lesson, and as the clergy and churchwardens left the ringing chamber a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, following which the Bishop preached a most inspiring sermon.

After the service the bells were kept going until nine o'clock. With the help of a few friends, touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung. Everyone present expressed satisfaction at the excellent 'go' of the bells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Penistone on Saturday, October 20th, when members were present from Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Barnsley, Felkirk, Sheffield Cathedral, Darfield, Wath and Huddersfield. In the course of two hours' ringing in the afternoon the younger generation got a good grounding in different methods. Tea was provided in the schools and much enjoyed. The ringers were joined by the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton), who at the business meeting which followed was voted to the chair. He gave the association a very hearty welcome to Penistone, and hoped that it would not be long before they paid another visit. The Vicar is an honorary member of the association, and was surprised that there was no subscription due from him. He was so pleased with the 'let off' that he paid the whole cost of the tea.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. H. Chant and A. Cole, of Felkirk, and F. Broadbent, of Ecclesfield.—An invitation to hold the next meeting at Rawmarsh was accepted, the date being fixed for December 15th.

It was decided to fill the vacant place on the committee at the annual meeting in March.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome and generosity was carried and acknowledged, and this brought the meeting to a close.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, October 13th, by courtesy of the Rev. Canon Foord, M.A. The ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.) have recently been rehung and fitted with ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Various touches were rung by the visitors, and the 'go' of the bells was pronounced excellent.

A full choral service was held, with a short but instructive address delivered by the Rev. R. P. Paiton, M.A., which was much appreciated.

An excellent repast was afterwards served in the Wheatsheaf Hotel to twenty-two members, representing towers at Beverley, Cottingham, Goole, Hull, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby and Sutton.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. P. Paiton presiding in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), through illness.—Two new members were elected, Messrs. C. Brown and W. R. Tate, of All Saints', Pontefract. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Thorne in December.

On the motion of Mr. A. Sellars (Beverley) a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and service, to the Rev. R. P. Paiton for the address and for presiding at the meeting, to the choir for their attendance, and to Mr. A. H. Fox, in his dual capacity as organist and head ringer, for the very competent arrangements.

The absence of the genial Rector, who has been indisposed for some considerable time, was a keen disappointment, and hopes were entertained for his speedy recovery.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Thursday, Sept. 27th, for festal evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: *E. Chappell 1, B. Calcott 2, C. Rollings 3, G. W. Harris 4, G. Heley 5, G. H. Sentance 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. * Longest length in any method.—On Sunday, September 30th, for continuation services for matins, touches of Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman; for evensong a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, G. Sentance 2, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. Matthews 7, C. T. King 8.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Saturday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: W. Gammon 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. H. Kippin 3, R. H. Dove (first quarter of Caters) 4, F. Larby 5, W. Bulpitt 6, A. W. Clark 7, E. Deulham 8, W. Groves 9, D. Cooper 10.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME.**

The 60th quarterly meeting was held at Warwick on Saturday, October 20th. The attendance was small, only 20 members turning up. The ten fine bells of St. Mary's Church were open for ringing, and some good practice was put in. Tea at the Dale Hotel was followed by the general meeting, at which, in the absence of the president, Mr. James George took the chair.

One item in the minutes raised a discussion, viz., the proposal to change the name of the Guild, and Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed that the matter be put on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Bulkington was selected for the December meeting and Chilvers Coton for January.—Five new members were made, these having been proposed at peal attempts previously.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. G. Baker, of Exhall, who passed away suddenly.

Ringing during the day included touches in most of the standard methods, and also an attempt for Cambridge Royal.

The secretary was asked to convey a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a pleasant meeting was brought to an end at train time.

LONDONERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Sunday, October 14th, eleven ringers connected with St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, took advantage of the cheap half-day excursion to Loughborough, leaving St. Pancras at 11.20 and arriving at Loughborough at 1.40. Motor-cars were awaiting their arrival, and took the party quickly to the Church of All Saints, where the beautiful peal of ten were soon going to Cambridge Royal, an excellent course being rung, followed by a touch of Stedman Caters for the afternoon service. From there, the visitors went on to the foundry, which seemed full of bells of various sizes up to ten tons. Special permission having been granted for a short trial on the light peal of ten, Stedman Caters was the order on this musical little peal. Tea was generously provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which, needless to say, the ringers were quite prepared for. After tea, a little handbell ringing took place, and then the party went by bus on to Leicester, where St. Margaret's Church was visited, and, with the assistance of Mr. Dexter, a course of Cambridge Maximus brought round, followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques for the evening service. London was reached again at 10.30 p.m., everyone having had a most enjoyable time. Opportunity is taken of thanking all who helped to make arrangements for the visit, and to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their kind hospitality.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, October 21st, for the 11 a.m. harvest festival service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Hudson 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, G. Olliver 3, O. Sippetts 4, B. Wells 5, C. Nice 6, N. Elliott (conductor) 7, G. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, October 21st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Taylor 1, Miss M. Stephenson 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, E. Thompson 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, W. Swallow 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, T. Tindale 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, for the evening service at the fish harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hales 1, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. Richards 3, S. C. Moye 4, F. Allday 5, W. Rogers 6, J. R. Gammon 7, W. Grainger 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. E. Geare 1, *A. Howkins 2, H. Ellis 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, *H. Howe 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8. * First quarter-peal inside.

MAIDS MORETON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Jones 1, C. Everett 2, H. Jones, sen., 3, W. Jones 4, J. Stopp (conductor) 5, F. Hazel 6.

BLUNSDEN, WILTS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ockwell 1, W. Trueman 2, A. Aubrey (first in the method) 3, J. Vincent 4, Theo. Portlock 5, E. Portlock 6.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, October 14th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Birdsey 1, T. Read 2, F. Case 3, R. Foddy 4, L. Smith 5, T. Read 6, J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Green 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, October 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Bennett 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, J. Lawrence 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, A. Wright 8. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sunday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: S. Cockell 1, G. H. Arebard 2, W. S. Burbridge 3, R. H. Legg 4, A. J. West 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. C. West (conductor) 7, W. G. Waters 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, G. J. Winter 5, J. Hope 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8. —For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, G. J. Winter 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. King 5, H. R. Aeock 6, J. Smith 7, E. F. Cooper 8.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Church of St. Mary, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. H. Pulford (longest length in any method) 1, G. E. Woosman 2, J. H. Dodd 3, F. Woosman 4, D. Hughes 5, J. Breese 6, T. Winstanley 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in any method on an inside bell for ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

BRANTREE.—On Sunday, October 7th, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 42 mins.: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, A. Wiffen 6, F. Ely 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

FOURTH END.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, H. T. Pye 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, A. Saunders 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. T. Pye 1, W. J. Nevard 2, H. Warne 3, A. Saunders 4, W. Arnold 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Rung for the harvest festival service at 11 a.m. by invitation of the Rector.

At Aldermaston, Berks, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Nash 1, S. Quintin 2, W. Clark 3, J. Frankum 4, R. Frankum 5, H. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, L. C. Ford 8. Ringers of 2nd and 7th are from Newbury, 6th from Thatcham, remainder are local ringers. First quarter-peal for ringer of tenor.

On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, for harvest festival, and in honour of W. Mason's silver wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): A. Griffith 1, F. Rowsell 2, *D. G. Cift 3, J. Hullen 4, F. Greedy 5, K. Knowles 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, F. Crabb 8, W. Phippells 9, W. Mason 10. * First quarter of Caters, and hails from Usk.

At St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on September 30th, 1,115 Grandsire Caters: S. S. Radford (longest length) 1, S. Radford, sen., 2, E. Raddon 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tompsett 7, G. Gibbs 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10. Longest length by the treble ringer.

On Thursday, September 27th, at All Saints', Leicester, for harvest festival, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins.: E. Cattell 1, C. Cattell 2, Ernest Morris (conductor) 3, E. R. Whitehead 4, A. Cattell 5.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LINSLADE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,315 changes): H. Grey 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Buttrum 4, J. Arnold (conductor) 5, T. Dixon 6, R. Oliver 7, W. Insley 8. Rung for the dedication festival service. W. J. Jeffs stood out to allow the quarter-peal to be rung.

BALCOMBE.—For evening service, on Sunday, October 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Balcombe, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. Coote 2, A. Steele 3, E. T. Exeter 4, A. C. V. Gasson 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. Rung on the 41st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Holman.

ISLEWORTH.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, Mrs. R. Fardon 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Biggs 5, E. A. Passam 6, R. Fardon (conductor) 7, H. Theard 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 43 mins.: *H. F. Dale 1, *E. Aylett 2, J. J. Allen 3, P. Parslow 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, W. Seeley 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, F. A. Smith (conductor) 8. All members of local band. * First quarter-peal of Major.

ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service and on the occasion of the treble man attaining his majority, 576 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 4, W. Hibbert, sen., 5, E. T. Sneller 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, H. Brown 8. Everyone was very proud of this performance, and 'Old Tom' is delighted at the progress his nephew is making.

CADOXTON.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins.: J. L. Bloxham (first quarter) 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, C. Lake 4, G. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, A. Pyner 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 1,008 of Bob Major: K. Brown (longest length) 1, S. Barrett 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Hardwick 4, A. Smith 5, A. C. Walsh 6, L. Waite 7, F. W. Dixon (conductor) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On September 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. R. Walker (conductor) 1, T. S. Collings 2, F. T. Gover 3, G. L. Hewitt 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnoll 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8. Arranged for Mr. Hewitt, who hails from Coalbrookdale, Salop.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 23rd, at St. John-the-Baptist's, for evensong, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 48 mins.: A. Twinn 1, F. Baldwin (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss P. M. Moss 3, R. Warrnett 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8, H. A. Folkard 9, W. Honor 10.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Parr 1, W. Aaron 2, J. Woods 3, A. Brown 4, A. Ingham 5, J. Ingham 6, S. Brown 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by the local band.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, B. Warman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. W. Cook 6, A. J. Ginn 7, G. E. Crisp 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Dobson 1, J. Gill 2, J. Loveridge 3, H. Batty 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. R. Pink 6, W. T. Besson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8. Also 168, and for morning service 504 in the same method by the same band.

LATE NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holmer on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage Room 5.45 p.m., free. Please notify me not later than October 31st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Weedon, on Saturday, November 3rd, is unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting, Daventry, Dec. 15th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunsdon Road, Daventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at at Woodchurch, on Nov. 3rd, Tower open 3 o'clock. All six bell ringers specially invited.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6 Scurges Road, Ashford.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Methods for practice: Superlative and Bob Major.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by the local ringers, and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th. Cathedral bells (10) available from 3 to 4 and after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4; address by the Ven. R. T. Talbot, D.D., Dean of Rochester. Tea in the Carlton Cafe at 5. Business meeting to follow. The Dean, who was inducted last month, has expressed a wish to welcome the ringers in the belfry, so it is hoped all who intend being present will attend before 4. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Manchester Cathedral. Bells ready 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Wickham (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, in the Church Room. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Fordham (near Ely) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Next monthly meeting at Spondon on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Invitation from Sir H. Fowler. Tea at the Hall. Please don't neglect. All welcome.—Charles Draper.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m. in the Cathedral vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam. Dinner at 2 p.m. in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle; 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. John and St. George, Newcastle, and St. Mary, Gateshead, are available. Please meet at the Cathedral to make up bands for the different towers.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Saturday, Oct. 27th. By kind permission of the Vicar of King's Lynn, the ring of 10 at St. Margaret's will be available at 11.30 a.m. to 12.45, and the ring of 8 at St. Nicholas' in the afternoon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' at 2.30 p.m. The announcement for further ringing at St. Margaret's will be made after the meeting. All ringers are kindly invited to this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, October 27th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 27th at 6.30.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. — A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oswestry on October 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Castle Cafe. Meeting after.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Next Sunday, October 28th, being the anniversary of the dedication of the new bell frame, a special commemoration will be held at evensong, 6 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock. Visitors welcomed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The new peal of bells at the church of All Saints, Milford-on-Sea, which has been augmented from five to eight in memory of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, late vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, are to be dedicated at 3 p.m. on

Tuesday, October 30th. Also a special meeting will be held there on the following Saturday, November 3rd, to give ringers interested an opportunity to ring. Bells available from 2 p.m. All those intending to be present and will require tea, kindly let me know not later than first post Thursday, November 1st. Buses passing the church leave Brockenhurst at 1, 2.10, and 3.10 p.m.; Lymington, 1.45, 2, 3 and 3.45 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3 Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 30th (nomination night), Southwark Cathedral on November 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 11th, at 5.30 for evensong, and on the 13th (election night), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—The new ring of eight bells (late Rev. C. E. Matthews' Memorial) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Milford House Hotel. All welcome. An early reply is requested from those intending to be present to Mr. C. E. S. Hardman, Edgeworth, Milford-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6). Important: those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, November 3rd.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteigne on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 30th.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea at the Church Room, 1s. each, 5.30. Bells of St. Peter's Church, Staines, will also be open from 7 to 8.15 p.m. All members of both associations are cordially invited to come and help make this meeting a success. Advise the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 30th, in order that adequate arrangements may be made for tea.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on November 3rd. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh. It is hoped a good number will be present.—R. Harrison, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service and meeting (special business on hand) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. As this is the first association meeting to be held at Croft, it is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers invited. F. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on November 3rd. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. E. Gater, 26, Durham Street, Hanley, before October 31st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, November 3rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec. and Treas.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available from 2.30. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton (8 bells) on Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Church Road, 5.15. As it is essential the exact number requiring tea should be known, will those intending to be present notify the undersigned by Monday, November 5th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9. Tea, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, will be provided to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 18, Wainman Street, Shipley.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec. J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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Sometimes, of course, unavoidable circumstances combine to make a small and disappointing attendance, but it is when ringers who should support a meeting put other ringing engagements in the way, or when ringers absent themselves because they imagine the ringing will not be up to their particular standard—and both these things do happen—that secretaries have most reason to feel aggrieved. Only the most important demands in connection with other ringing should keep a ringer away from his district meeting—even peals can be postponed—and it is of the first importance that the ablest ringers should be present to help their less capable brethren. Indeed, it is one of the primary advantages that associations have to offer to beginners in the art, that they can get practical help at district meetings because more advanced ringers will be there and ready to assist them.

In the great majority of cases, of course, district meetings are supported in a most satisfactory way and fully serve the purpose for which they are arranged, but occasionally there occur instances, such as those to which we have referred, which, by contrast, are conspicuously disappointing, and, if a secretary feels that he has been 'let down' by those on whom he imagined he could rely, he would be less than human if he did not 'kick' a bit. It is not always the secretary's fault if the notice is short. He has to deal with other people besides his members in making arrangements, and he is dependent upon the promptitude of church officials in meeting his requests if

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he is to have his details fixed up in good time. Unfortunately these officials sometimes fail him, and the members seldom know the trouble to which a secretary may have been put in endeavouring to give effect to their wishes. Again, it is not always possible for a secretary to adhere to a given date. Here, too, he is dependent upon local circumstances, and members ought to realise that it is not always the secretary who is to blame. But all ringers do not think about these matters. They, who perhaps have done little or nothing, are ready to grumble if things are not quite to their liking; they must give their officials, who may have done quite a lot, the same privilege. Anyhow, a little plain speaking now and again can do no harm, especially if it is in the right spirit, and in the long run it often does a great deal of good.

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CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK... .. Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	*GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 100th peal.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE MARRINER Treble	JOHN BEAMS... .. 5
*MISS IRENE HASTIE ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ... 6
†MISS ETHEL COLLARD ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
FRED BOWDEN 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT A. HARDING ... Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISETT... .. 5
EVERED J. WALSON ... 2	ARTHUR H. FULWELL... .. 6
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
A. MARK STACEY ... 4	HORACE J. HUNNISETT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The composition, which was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1926, is in eighteen equal parts, contains 168 bobs and 102 singles, and is now rung for the first time.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED KING Treble	*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* 100th peal for the Warwickshire Guild. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe, M.A., who is leaving St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, to become Vicar of Condover, Shropshire.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE ... Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 6
HARRY BOYCE ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
WALTER J. NURTON ... 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

This peal was arranged and rung at a farewell to Mr. W. Williams, an old ringer, and verger for the last 19 years at this church. Mr. Williams came to the belfry at the end of the peal and thanked the band for ringing the peal, the company wishing him and Mrs. Williams many happy years in their retirement. The thanks of the band are given to Mr. G. I. Lewis, who kindly came from Cadoxton at a few hours' notice to take the place of one who was ill.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK G. NORDON ... Treble	WALTER ROSE... .. 5
GEORGE H. WALTERS... .. 2	ALEC RUCK 6
ARTHUR CAUDLE 3	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 7
HAROLD HALFORD 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. G. NORDON.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. First peal of Major as conductor.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE... .. Treble	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
PERCY PAGE... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN... 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Messrs. Page and Franklin were made members of the Sussex County Association.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS... Treble	HAROLD MARCON... .. 5
MISS KATE BURCHNALL ... 2	JOSEPH DIXON 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	TOM CLARK 7
HERBERT HAIGH 4	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HORAN Treble	FRANK FIELDEN 5
THOMAS JONES 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... 6
JOHN NASH 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*WALTER STAFF 4	THOMAS K. DRIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*GEORGE BATTLE ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2	HERBERT LDDKIN ... 6
†JOHN H. DODD ... 3	JOHN BRESE ... 7
JAMES F. SMITH... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell. All the above band, with the exception of the ringer of the 6th, are under 21 years of age, and the ringer of the treble is only 12 years old.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
MISS FRED A. ORR 2	RONALD BULLEN 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method as conductor and first peal in the method in the City of London.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, 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 23 cwt.

ARTHUR REED Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
* TOM HAYCRAFT 2	GEORGE SIBLEY 6
CHARLES GUMMER 3	PERCY MERSON 7
VICTOR CRABBE 4	GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN HAYES 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
* GEOFFREY MILTON 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
† WALTER LYCETT 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. W. Lycett belongs to Stanton, near Shrewsbury, and was made a life member of the Guild.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Stockport & Bowdon Branch.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* RALPH TAYLOR Treble	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5
MISS ETHEL GRIMSHAW 2	* ERNEST GARSIDE 6
EDWIN JOHNSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
JAMES CLAYTON 4	* JOHN SINGLETON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire rung in Mossley.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in D.

* HENRY B. WHITNEY Treble	ALBERT E. BUTCHER 5
† RALPH E. BUTCHER 2	† ALBERT FLEET 6
* FREDERICK J. PLUMMER 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	EDMUND J. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for the treble ringer. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are members of the local band.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for the harvest festival morning service, 720 Plain Bob: P. Starling 1, F. White 2, F. Shyn 3, S. Rushen 4. A. South (conductor) 5, P. Sayer 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	* FRANK E. DARBY 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6
DANIEL COOPER 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method by the Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
* ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
* FRANK L. FISHER 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 6
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM STBGALL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

The conductor's 200th peal for the Norfolk Guild.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE GURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	* JOHN WHEADON 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
GEORGE BURT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF WELLS SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR 4
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Joseph H. W. White on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, 720 of Kent, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob: W. Pater-noster (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Knight, jun., 2, H. Tidy 3, W. Ash-down 4, G. Tooth 5, L. Tily (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday evening, October 5th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: B. W. R. Picton 1, *E. P. Palmer 2, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 3, *H. G. Milton 4, R. G. Bell 5, H. Long 6, F. Edwards 7, W. E. Oakley 8. * First quarter inside.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Stamford and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's mother's birthday, on October 28th.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE F. HONEYWOOD Treble	CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 4
†HARRY MEADOWS 2	GEORGE W. MOSS 5
‡STANLEY G. MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

*CYRIL WALLIS Treble	*JAMES HUMPHREY 4
JOSEPH WALLIS 2	HARRY K. HOOPER 5
HUGH R. THORPE 3	*WILLIAM BATCHELOR .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY K. HOOPER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
*WILLIAM EDWARDS 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	PERCY O. LAFLIN... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Hughes, of Whitechapel, London, and Joseph H. W. White. P. O. Laflin has now rung each pair of handbells to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

LYONSHALL.—On October 5th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire, in 43 mins.: H. C. Woodward 1, W. Evans 2, A. Gooding (conductor) 3, G. W. Barker 4, W. Richards 5, S. Jones 6. Rung for the harvest festival service.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: T. Dennis (first quarter) 1, W. A. Cooke 2, W. Rayner 3, A. Manketlow 4, W. Seaker 5, W. Walker (conductor) 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Howland 8.

THE ABSENTEES.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Fordham on Saturday, October 27th. Members were present from Cambridge, Long Stanton, Mildenhall, Over and Trumpington. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Prior), who gave a much appreciated address from the 100th Psalm. Miss R. Webb ably presided at the organ.

After tea, the business meeting was held, the Vicar being in the chair.

Trumpington was voted the place of next meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, for use of bells, and for presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Mr. E. G. Hibbins wrote stating he was unable to get to the meeting on account of a business appointment, but, asks our correspondent, where were the other great men? Surely, these meetings should be to help to make progress, but progress must start somewhere, even if it be Plain Bob. Surprise ringing is good by bands that can ring. Plain Bob for learners is policy. Ely Association members are asked to help when these meetings are arranged.

BUSY RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of the few of the Tonbridge District who are 'always advocating meetings at six-bell towers,' I would like to express my opinion that our worthy secretary was rather hasty in his pointed remarks. He knows that some of us, at least, attend his meetings whenever possible, but I am sorry to say that that particular Saturday happened to be an impossible day for all of us. But we are only the few; where were the many, as Cowden was unanimously chosen at the annual meeting?

Further, if the object of the meeting was achieved, namely, the inclusion of the local band with the association, where does the failure come in?

In conclusion, we also advocate that the dates of meetings should be fixed (and kept), as some of us are busy ringers, but we can spare a few dates to help a local band if they require it.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR H. SMITH.

FIXED DATES DESIRED.

Sir,—Mr. Latter, in his letter, says that it was impossible to give longer notice of the Cowden meeting, and remarks at the same time 'that if it was sufficient for members outside the county, it ought to have been so for members of the district.' Perhaps those members outside the county had no other arrangements for that day. Surely we could have fixed dates, to be agreed on at the annual meeting. Then we could keep those dates open.

Again, he remarks that he must refute my statement that some did not want the Cowden meeting at all, but does he remember what he himself said at the Branchley meeting? I do, and so do several more. Later, he remarks that he is in favour of one six-bell meeting a year. But why on earth only one? This letter closes my correspondence on the subject, but I will sign myself as before.—Yours truly,

MINORITE.

'WHAT' AND 'WHY'?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Latter says the report was applicable to other six-bell meetings as well as that at Cowden. May I ask him when have those who are interested in six-bell towers been absent from a quarterly meeting before, no matter what number of bells the tower contained?

I will admit the notice was long enough for those who had no other engagements made for that day, but his statement that he is in favour of one meeting each year being held at a six-bell tower does not correspond very well with what he said at Branchley about the Cowden meeting.

His question, 'What more can be done, if the six-bell ringers deliberately absent themselves from meetings?' will be answered if he will answer this one, 'Why do they?'—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

OXFORD GUILD COMBINED PRACTICES.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the attendance at the monthly combined practices of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, may I, as a thirty years old member (my certificate is dated February 3rd, 1897), ask the members to give a little more support to them? The last two or three meetings could hardly be termed successful. At the Clewer meeting in September neither of the adjacent towers of Stoke Poges, Slough and Windsor was represented, and on Saturday the Wrensbury meeting comprised two visitors, five of the young local band, and three unattached members. Only Grandsire Doubles and a course of Triples were rung with difficulty. This, I think, is hardly worth the secretary's time and trouble in arranging, and the cost of advising the towers and the notice inserted in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Iver, Bucks.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE TOUR.

The following ten peals, in twelve attempts, were rung during the ringing tour in Leicestershire and Yorkshire:—

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROWLAND BARROW Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

C. FERGUSON HOWITT Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE 9
JAMES BENNETT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	EDWARD CAWSE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, October 27th, the marriage of Mr. Harold Huntley, of Chiddingstone, Kent, and Miss Payne, of Four Elms, was solemnised at the latter place. Mr. Huntley, being a member of the Chiddingstone band of ringers, the event was celebrated by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples during the wedding ceremony: A. Longley 1, F. Longley 2, J. Crude 3, C. Aylward 4, A. Aylward 5, G. Edwards (conductor) 6, E. Everest 7, L. Everest 8.

As Four Elms does not possess a peal of bells, the ringing had to be done at Chiddingstone, and if the happy pair were out of sight and sound of the bells, it did not mar the enthusiasm of the ringers, who, as the bells fell into rounds, wished them long life and happiness in their new venture.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE R. PYE 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The first Surprise peal rung in Pontefract.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	* JOHN W. HOBSON 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	† EDWIN WOOD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Stedman inside. † First peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TYLDESLEY RINGER MARRIED.

A pretty wedding took place at St. George's Church, Tyldesley, Lancs, on Saturday, October 20th, when Mr. R. Aldred was married to Miss Margaret Millicent Price, of Tyldesley. After the ceremony the usual salute was rung on the bells by his brother-ringers. During the evening a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in three hours.

After the peal a hearty welcome was given to the ringers at the home of the bridegroom, the happy event having also coincided with Mr. H. Aldred's birthday. Handbell ringing, singing and great fun characterised the proceedings, and good wishes were expressed for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED OSMAN, OF WIMBORNE.

ONE OF THE 'GREATEST' OF RINGERS.

The band at Wimborne Minster has lost by death a conspicuous figure. Mr. Alfred Osman, the 22-stone tenor ringer, passed away on Sunday, October 21st, after only two days' illness. He was buried on Tuesday of last week. He it was who rang Sherborne Minster tenor to the first peal—it is said by sheer weight.

THE LATE MR. JAMES SEARLE.

MORE EARLY PEALS RECALLED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, upon his very interesting notes on our old friend, the late Mr. James Searle, who recently passed away.

With your permission I would like to add one or two items in connection with the few peals which he and I rang together in those now distant days during my first four or five years' residence in Brighton. These included Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples, Superlative (4), London (Treble) 1, Double Norwich 7, in addition to one of Double Norwich, which, unfortunately, proved afterwards to be false. This would slightly increase his total number given by Mr. Tyler.

It may be of interest to some of your readers that Jim Searle's first peals of Superlative and London were the first peals in these methods rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths, in each of which the late Henry Davis also rang his first peals in those methods. Jim also rang in the first peal of Superlative by the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

I think our total number of peals together reached 26. This was between October 17th, 1891, and April 20th, 1895. The last date seems to agree with Mr. Tyler as to his dropping out of peal ringing in that year, and, curious to record, this date, April 20th, 1895, was a peal of Stedman Caters on the old ten at St. Nicholas', in which our old friend, the late Isaac George Shade, took part, to whom and to others Mr. Tyler so humbly refers in his notes.

To show the infancy of change ringing at that time, it may be added that the majority of peals we rang together were the 'first in method, etc., on the bells,' including first peal Stedman Triples on the old 'Rudhall' eight at St. Nicholas', Brighton, October 29th, 1891, which was conducted by James Searle.—Yours truly,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLK RINGERS MEET AT BURES.

A united and pleasant gathering of Essex and Suffolk ringers took place at St. Mary's Church, Bures, on Saturday. But for the unsettled state of the weather, the gathering would have been much larger. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and good use was made of the fine old peal of six, with tenor about 21 cwt. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Each method rung was of a progressive nature for the various ringers present. Suffolk was represented by Messrs. J. King, Polstead, S. H. Symonds, L. and W. R. J. Poulson, Lavenham, the Essex contingent being Messrs. W. Chalk (West Bergholt), E. Leggett (Wormingford), S. Davey and R. Brinkley (Ardleigh), C. Bower and A. Ives (Bures Hamlet). The conducting was shared by S. H. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson. Refreshments and handbell tunes brought this happy and instructive gathering to a close.

AN ACROSTIC.

'OUR FRIEND—'A WELLWISHER.'"
8.7.8.7.

Old friends are best, they never stress
Upon their absent kinship;
Real friends are those, who in distress,
Find means of proving friendship.

Real thanks—'A Wellwisher'—to you
Is voiced by each and all ranks;
Each gift, like yours, they help anew:
Noble deeds deserve our thanks.

Deserving, too, a kinder fate:
Alf is ill from shattered nerves.
We still may help him, help is great;
Earnest help he well deserves.

Loving wife, and loving daughter,
Long have borne the stress and strain;
We can aid them, none may falter,
Instant aid will save them pain.

So, in that way, do our duty,
Helping one whose mind we see
Ever values Art and Beauty,
Reveals Truth to you and me.

OWEN KAY.

October 21st, 1928.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recast peal of twelve bells for St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, are to be dedicated on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m., and the event will doubtless draw a large gathering of ringers. On the following day the bells will be broadcast at 8 p.m.

Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., the hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who began his ringing career after he left the Navy, is, we regret to say, seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia at his residence, Homeleigh, Woking. The latest report is that there is a slight improvement in his condition, and all the many friends he has made in the new Guild by his geniality, urbanity and enthusiasm will wish him a speedy recovery.

Those who desire to attend the College Youths' dinner on Saturday week are reminded that applications for tickets should be made not later than the 7th inst.

Mr. William Pye, last Saturday, rang his 200th twelve-bell peal. The only other ringer who has reached this number is Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mr. Pye's total includes no less than 40 peals of Surprise Maximus.

The first peal on record in which the band were all of the same Christian name was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (long before there was a Trafalgar Square) on November 3rd, 1796. Eleven Williams, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was called by William Shipway.

A peal of 6,048 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Sheffield on November 5th, 1787, and was claimed to be 'the first peal of this method ever rung in the country.' A peal had previously been rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, by the College Youths in 1783, and it is probable that the expression 'in the country' did not mean 'in England,' but outside the Metropolis.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

Forty years ago next Thursday the celebrated Burton band rang 6,720 of London Surprise Major. There are still one or two survivors of that company.

CORNISH BELL HANGING 100 YEARS AGO.

The following is from the 'Royal Cornwall Gazette' of January 19th, 1828:—

'The church bells of St. Stephen's, near St. Austell, which have been newly hung by Robert House, jun., were tried by the ringers of St. Austell and Newlyn on Thursday, and several peals were rung in fine style, to the great satisfaction of all present. These bells had been hung three different times in about 35 years, but in so slovenly a manner that the stoutest and best ringers could not produce a steady peal. Mr. House's plan is highly approved of, as the bells can now be rung with ease.'

St. Stephen's now possesses a fine ring of eight, with tenor about 13 cwt., by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

DEATH OF MRS. RIDGWAY, LEEK.

AN APPRECIATION.

On Saturday, October 27th, the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ridgway, of Leek, Staffs, took place at the Leek Cemetery, prior to which there was a service in St. Edward's Church, where the bells were rung fully muffled, except that the tenor was open on one side. The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar, and the committal service at the cemetery by the Rev. E. Wheeldon, Vicar of Horton, in whose parish the deceased had of late years resided with her daughter, Mrs. D. Poole.

Mrs. Ridgway was the mother of Mr. E. A. Ridgway, the popular and enthusiastic leader of St. Edward's tower, Leek, and whose well-known skill in the art of change ringing is due in no small degree to the interest and encouragement he received from his mother. She was a great benefactress to the Leek ringers during the last fifty years. No matter what she was asked to do for the ringing fraternity she never failed to respond. The new year's supper, after ringing the old year out and the new year in, became quite an institution with her, and whenever the meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Leek she always provided the tea until her years became too advanced to cope with it. But the new year's supper she kept up until the time of her death at the ripe old age of 83. Many a good ringer has been lost to the Exercise through lack of sympathy in the home circle, but this was where Mrs. Ridgway was a shining light. She always kept an open house for any ringer who happened to call, and the writer has had many happy hours in her company, both at association meetings and on private visits, and so long as there are ladies possessing the same spirit as Mrs. Ridgway, the noble part of change ringing will never become defunct.

J. E. W.

TEN BELLS FOR HATFIELD.**BISHOP OF EXETER'S GIFT.**

Two trebles are to be added to the ring at Hatfield Parish Church, Herts, making them into a peal of ten.

The new bells are being given by the Bishop of Exeter (Lord W. Gascoyne Cecil) in memory of his three sons killed in the war.

On Tuesday, October 26th, in honour of the Marquis of Salisbury's 67th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, was rung at Hatfield: F. Cull 1, H. Austin 2, A. Shepherd 3, J. Shepherd 4, H. Nobbs 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, L. Shepherd 7, R. Richardson 8.

DEATH OF SURREY ASSOCIATION MASTER.

We much regret to announce the death, which took place suddenly on Saturday at his residence at Mitcham, of Mr. James D. Drewett, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association.

Mr. Drewett, who had reached an advanced age, took a very active interest in the affairs of the Surrey Association, and represented it upon the Central Council.

He was elected Master in 1914, in succession to the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT GWENNAP.**

A very enthusiastic welcome was extended by the Vicar of Gwennap (the Rev. A. H. Thorold) and the local ringers to those members of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild who attended the meeting on Saturday, October 27th, the eve of the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. There were approximately 40 ringers present from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, St. Mabe, Redruth, Illogan, and Perranar-worthal. Others who attended were the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson (St. Mabe), Mrs. W. H. Southeard (Truro), and Mrs. Oxland (Illogan).

A short choral service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Thorold. The Vicar, speaking from the chancel steps, spoke appreciatively of the ringers' services to the church. Touching on the subject of ringers and their attendance at the service for which they rang, it was his opinion, he said, that this was a case where a certain amount of latitude must be given, especially in country parishes, where there was always a great deal of work to be done on Sunday mornings. He thought this was a matter to be trusted entirely to the individual ringer's honour. Mr. Thorold also remarked how sorry he was he had been unable to follow up the mysteries of ringing to which he was introduced by being taught to handle a bell at Basingstoke many years ago by Mr. Henry White.

An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thorold and the local ringers, and was partaken of in the Sunday School.—On the motion of the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Oxland (Illogan), a hearty vote of thanks was passed by them for their hospitality.

It was decided that in future only two meetings a year be held, instead of four, as had been the custom during the previous two years, it being the general feeling that decreased attendances had resulted from the frequency of meetings.—This was proposed by Mr. T. Slee (Illogan), and seconded by Mr. Scymour (Redruth).

During the afternoon and evening the ring of six bells was kept going by the various bands, the only method ringing being Grandsire Doubles. However, it was encouraging to hear several 120's by members of the Redruth band, who have lately taken up method ringing under the instruction of Mr. J. Reed, late of Lifton, Devon. They have made excellent progress.

During the evening, whilst some were at the tower, which is detached from the church, and stands about fifteen yards on the north side, others enjoyed themselves in the schoolroom with handbells, cards, etc.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**VISIT TO A DEVON VILLAGE.**

Chardstock, a very pretty village in Devonshire, is yet included in the diocese of Salisbury. It has a very pretty church and a musical peal of six bells.

The band being affiliated to the Guild, it was thought only right and proper to pay it a visit, despite it being so far from another centre.

By the help of cars a representative party from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Chardstock, Hawkechurch, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Symondsbury met on Saturday last, and were welcomed by the Vicar (Bishop Jocelyn), who is also Archdeacon of Sherborne. Ringing took place from 3 till 5 p.m., when all sat down to tea—a real Devonshire spread—which, needless to say, was most thoroughly enjoyed.

A short business meeting preceded the Guild service, which was conducted by the Archdeacon, the Rev. C. C. Cox reading the lesson.

Ringing was then resumed until a late hour. While one party was at the ropes, two other parties were attentively listening to verbal instruction in change ringing, and then changing about. This was thoroughly appreciated by those who were anxious to have an insight into the mysteries of the art.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER'S WELCOME.**

What can only be termed as a highly successful gathering of the Rochester District was held at Rochester on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The meeting had fortunately been arranged for Rochester, and the opportunity was taken by the new Dean (the Very Rev. R. T. Talbot), who had been inducted the previous month, officially to welcome the ringers in that district. True to his promise he climbed to the belfry, and anyone who has visited this Cathedral knows that is no mean task. The Dean was met on his arrival by over fifty ringers in the tower, and he spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to welcome so many ringers to Rochester, and asked God's blessing on their work. He went up among the bells and saw them ringing, and seemed glad to come back away from the din. The bells at the Cathedral were going from three till four o'clock, and it was pleasing to notice the number of young ringers who put in an appearance. On one occasion the ten ringers were learners who had not had a previous opportunity of ringing on ten bells.

Choral evensong was attended at the Cathedral, and was much enjoyed by all, the anthem unaccompanied being perfectly rendered. Dean Talbot gave an inspiring address to the ringers, and on behalf of himself and the Chapter said how pleased they were to welcome the association to Rochester. He said he had been studying how many arts there were connected with the Cathedral, and he found that not the least among them was the art of bellringing. They practised that art in secret, away in the tower, yet their messages were received by thousands, and he urged all to try and become proficient in the art.

Tea was held at the Carlton Cafe, and presided over by the Dean, who was supported by the Vicars of Gillingham, St. Margaret's, Rochester, Frindsbury and Higham, the Rev. Buckingham, a practising member at Gillingham, the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the hon. district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). Altogether 75 sat down to tea, which was served in dainty style. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Dean.

'UNATTACHED' MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary presented the annual report, which showed an increase of one in the number of towers, making the total twenty, while the number of members showed a slight decrease, which he deplored, and urged all to do their best and try and get new members, so as to ensure that the bells at all towers would be rung for the Sunday services. He regretted to see the number who were joining the association as unattached members, and asked them, if any were there, to sink any difference—if such existed—and join with their local or nearest tower, and thus do their part. It was the poor secretary who came in for the punishment for accepting them as 'unattached,' for even secretaries are but human, and not anxious to deprive them of membership. The number of peals rung in the district was twenty, one worthy of special mention being the 'Frederick' peal at Rainham in September, in which their veteran hon. secretary, the Rev. Frederick J. O. Helmore, who, in spite of being over three score and ten years, rang his bell and the method equally as well as the youngest 'Fred.' He thanked them all for the loyal support, and heartily welcomed Dean Talbot to Rochester.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell was unanimously re-elected as hon. district secretary, and, on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Spice, was heartily thanked for his services.

Mr. Mitchell, in responding, said that in his re-election he was embarking on his tenth year of office as their hon. secretary, and assured them that it was a real pleasure to do the work, as he realised how thoroughly his efforts were appreciated, and he was pleased to see how harmoniously they all worked together.

Messrs. W. Haigh (Rochester) and W. Spice (Tunstall) were re-elected as district representatives.

Five towers were nominated for the place of the next meeting, Frindsbury being chosen by an overwhelming vote. The date was fixed for the last Saturday in January.

The Rev. C. E. Webb proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dean Talbot for being with them. He was sure they were all impressed by his eloquent address to them, and on their behalf he offered best thanks for the use of the bells, also for presiding over their meeting.

The Dean replied in a witty speech, and made humorous reference to his climb up to the belfry. He had been carefully led up the tower, and he hoped that his experience would be an incentive to them to try and lead one another in the right way.

The tower was again visited, and it must be a long time since so many crowded the belfry, but if the bells did not give of their best it was no fault of the bells. The ringing was certainly not up to standard, but a good object was attained in encouraging the young ringers. Sixteen towers in the district were represented, and ringers also attended from the Lewisham and Maidstone Districts, and Luton, Beds.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 1,280 of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. E. Pettit 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond 4, G. Wiffen 5, B. Redgewell 6, H. C. Reason 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

JUBILEE OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RETOLD BY F. E. DAWK.

Fifty years ago to-day! Yes, I well remember standing in St. Paul's Churchyard, at the corner of Ludgate Hill, on that Friday afternoon, All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878. I was then just learning to handle a bell, and it afterwards transpired that Mr. Challis F. Winney must at that moment have been very near me in the crowd. We were then almost unknown to each other, for we were both learning on the light ring of eight at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Wilton Road, Pimlico, the dedication of which had taken place a month before, viz., Wednesday, October 2nd, 1878.

But let me start at the beginning. The 16 bells (with their famous 15th century lettering) in the central tower of Worcester Cathedral were put up in 1869, and shortly afterwards—early in the seventies—a project was put forward for a ring of 10 or 12 for St. Paul's Cathedral. The then Sir Edmund Beckett (late E. B. Denison), who afterwards became Lord Grimthorpe, was chosen as chairman of the Bells Committee, and towards the end of 1877 this committee—or, at least, a portion of it which included Dr. John Stainer, the Cathedral organist—met at the King's Head, Winchester Street, Southwark, to confer at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths with a select few of the most prominent members of that society.

Sir Edmund Beckett was always opposed to rings of twelve, but greatly in favour of ten, as he considered the two trebles a mistake, and openly declared that all peals sounded better without them. He further maintained that the 'lower ten' at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat) were the grandest ringing peal in England.

It was at this meeting that Canon Cattley, who was present from Worcester Cathedral, asked the question: 'If we give you a ring of twelve, with a tenor bell of three tons, will you guarantee the men to ring them?' This was instantly answered in the affirmative by Messrs. Matthew A. Wood, George A. Muskett (the then secretary), and others, and Sir Edmund, as chairman, caused the order to be given to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, for the present ring of twelve, with a three-ton tenor in D flat! Mr. Taylor, sen., told me personally five years afterwards that although the firm let Sir Edmund have his own way with the Burton-on-Trent bells and those at other places, and knowing full well the bells would be much too heavy for that key, he (Mr. Taylor) purposely 'made a mistake' and altered it to B flat! Sir Edmund was very wroth about it, and announced something to the effect that 'the bells were not according to contract, and would be thrown back on the founder's hands!' However, science, reason, and common sense prevailed, and they were accepted. I am indebted to Mr. Taylor, sen., and his late son, Mr. John W. Taylor, for this information, and many other particulars as to cost, etc.

THE COST.

The bells were erected in the north-west tower of the Cathedral during the year 1878, at a cost of a little over £2,300—very cheap, indeed, compared with present-day prices! In addition, there was a large amount spent in preparing the tower to receive the bells. According to a paper called the 'Builder,' this amounted to exactly £1,000. The ringing chamber and additional staircase, together with the flooring in the apartment beneath, probably amounted to another £300 or £400.

Each bell was the gift of a different city company, together with the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who joined in the donation, the tenor bell of 82 cwt. in B flat being given by the Corporation. Each bell bears the name of the master of the company who gave it at the time of vote. The Ellacombe chiming hammers were also installed.

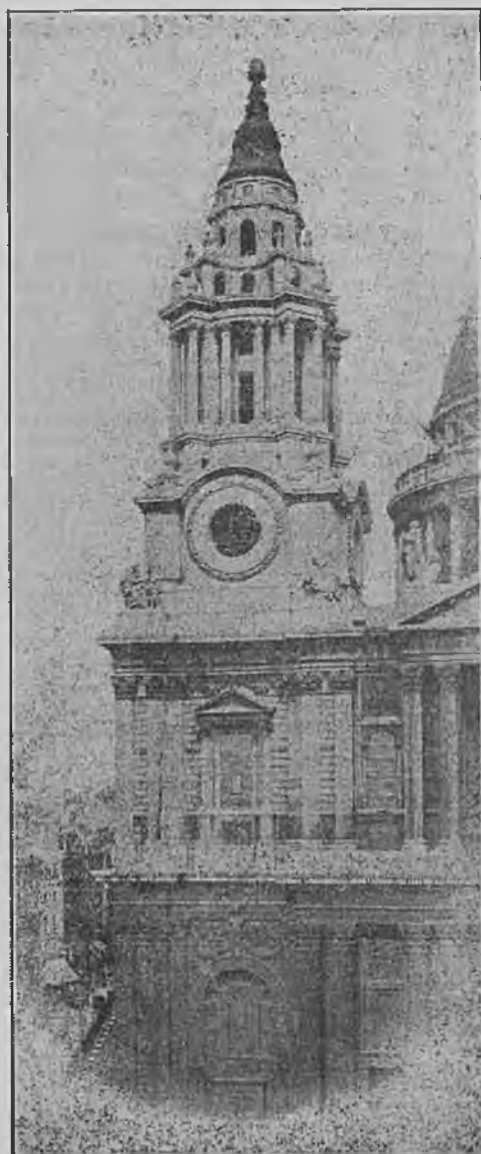
In September of that year one or two short 'touches' of Stedman Cinques were brought round on the bells before the clappers were put in, so as to see if everything was correct, and then one evening in October, without any notification to the outer world, a few 'rounds' were rung after the clappers were fixed, and as a further test the same evening Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen. (that is, the grandfather of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor—I knew him well) turned all the clappers over on the wrong side in order to note the effect! Finally, the bells were officially opened on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1st, 1878, by a picked band of 13 men of the College Youths, with two 'reserves,' of whom the ringer of the 9th and the 'strapper' for the tenor (S. Reeves) were the last survivors of that band to go over to the great majority, Edwin Horrex (9th man) actually being the last to depart from us some three years ago.

Drawings were made in the ringing chamber and other parts of the Cathedral at the moment of dedication by skilled special artists of the 'Illustrated London News,' the 'Graphic,' and other well-known picture papers, and of these I still have copies in my possession—the striking figure of George Muskett being well in the foreground! Flash lamps had not been invented in those days! Of course, the daily and weekly newspapers were full of such an historic event, but I think the 'Times' and the 'Guardian' gave the best reports. The latter had a graphic account of the scheme, somewhat as follows:—

The November air was cold and chill, yet anyone approaching St. Paul's on All Saints' afternoon would have been struck with the un-

wonted stir in the open space around the Cathedral, and on entering the church itself, not only the vast area under the dome, but almost the whole length of the nave, was seen to be closely packed with people. It was evident that the dedication of the bells had interest not only for Londoners, but very many had travelled up from long distances to hear the bells ring out for the first time from the Cathedral of the Metropolis.

In his sermon upon the first verse of the last of the Psalms, the Rev. J. Povah mentioned the influence bells had upon the architecture of churches, the omission for 200 years to realise Wren's design of placing a ring in one of the western towers, and the consequent



[Photo: F. E. Dawk.]

THE BELL TOWER
OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

inability of the Cathedral authorities, even when the news came of Nelson's victory and death at Trafalgar, to give voice to the nation's joy or sorrow except by the tolling of a single great bell. Considering the thousands in sight who could not hear a word of the sermon, it might, perhaps, have been 'taken as read,' but that did not seem to occur to the preacher, though an occasional note from the belfry, where the bells were being pulled up with the clappers lashed, and set at hockstroke ready for the opening peal, might have reminded him. The thought occurred that the bells might have spoken with fine and solemn effect during the service itself had it been so ordered, and the immense congregation might thus have been made participators in their solemn dedication.

But a less ceremonial was decided on. Evensong concluded, the choir, the Cathedral clergy, and the Bishop of London made their way in procession through the dense mass of people to the south-western corner of the building, Dr. Stainer, the organist, leading the way, and Mr. Hodge playing the 'War March of the Priests' in Mendelssohn's music to 'Athalie.' The procession passed through the door and wended their way up what is known as the geometrical staircase, and thence across to the north-west tower, there to be lost to sight or hearing of all but a few privileged persons, who followed the choir and clergy, not, indeed, to the ringing chamber, where the dedication took place, but to an ante-chamber immediately below, and separated from it by a wooden floor, through which the prayers and hymns were audible.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

The Bishop of London, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher (Vicar of Fulham, a well-known ringer) as his chaplain, Dean Church, Bishop Piers Claughton (Archdeacon of London), and eight other Reverend Canons, with organist and choristers threaded their way in surplices up the narrow winding staircase, and, forming a group in the centre of the ringing chamber, took their appointed part in a form of service which had been printed and circulated. This was much in the usual form now used on such occasions.

Many bellringers were present from great distances, and amongst them were Mr. Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devon; the Rev. H. A. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon; the Rev. Canon Cattley, of Worcester Cathedral; the Rev. Augustus Sutton and Sir Edmund Beckett; also the Rev. H. E. Haweis, LL.D., a great advocate for the continental system of carillons, and notorious for writing letters to papers that admitted of no controversy!

A hymn was then sung, 'When morning gilds the skies.' There is an allusion to 'the sweet church bell' in its second stanza, and its tune, if not actually bell-like, has an exceptionally constant motion of the parts which might bear distant comparison to the rhythm of chimes. The Collect for St. Paul's Day having been read, the Bishop of London gave the usual Blessing to the little kneeling congregation, above which rose the stalwart forms of the ringers leaning on their ropes.

There was a moment's pause, then the Bishop of London gave the word 'Go!' to the circle of ringers; thirteen pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert, and down came a shower of music, bright, soft, and mellow. The bells had spoken. In and around the ringing chamber, to which the few persons invited were now admitted, men's tongues were loosened in delight, as the twelve bells, swinging this way and that, again and again ran down the gamut, not as yet disporting in changes, but trying their voices in a plain round peal. The ringers were thirteen men of the College Youths, two to the tenor bell; stalwart fellows all, many well advanced in years, and visibly possessed of that power of concentrated attention to work in hand, without which a man cannot be a good bellringer, and by means of which alone great or pleasing results can be achieved by a plurality of workers. Each man, stripped to his shirt, stood on a small square platform with his foot in a leathern strap; to the tenor there was a branched rope, and one of its ringers stood on the platform, and the other on the floor of the chamber. Up rushed the ropes through the ceiling for the back-strokes; and down again danced the coloured 'sallies' for the hand-strokes, each rope having a red cushion on the floor for it to fall upon. In a few minutes the head ringer gave a word of command, and the ringing came to a first period. 'Well stopped!' exclaimed Dr. Stainer with delight; but it was a premature congratulation, for the tenor hesitated in the hands of his two ringers, and instead of leaning to rest on his stay, as a good bell should, came swinging round again, and spoke twice alone, breaking the neatness of the first performance, but giving the thousands of listeners an opportunity of hearing his voice clear of competition. He is a rich, sonorous fellow, filling the air with his big B flat, and fit in every way to play the part of a perpetual pedal to the ever-varying melodies of his lighter companions in ringing, or to be 'turned in' for a 'touch' of a more advanced character.

After the first stop a consultation between Dr. Stainer and the chief ringer resulted in fixing the programme of 'changes.' Then followed in the report the usual explanation to the public as to change ringing, which finished by saying that from the great mental application required it is always sure to lead to steady and quiet behaviour, and that one mistake generally brings the whole thing to grief, it being almost impossible for the conductor to put a careless ringer in his place again.

THE FIRST RINGERS.

The ringing went on for over an hour. The air was clear, and the night fine; hundreds stood in St. Paul's Churchyard listening.

The names of the first ringers of St. Paul's, who stood in the following order, were: H. W. Haley, sen., 1. H. C. Haley, jun., 2. W. Cooter 3. J. Pettit 4. G. Mash 5. J. R. Haworth 6. G. Ferris 7. J. Dwight 8. E. Horrex 9. G. A. Musket 10. M. A. Wood 11. J. M. Huxes with S. Reeves 12. G. Dorrington and W. Jones were the reserves. I personally knew and respected every one of these splendid old fellows, and my old friend, C. F. Winney, shares the same pleasure and privilege.

On that occasion a splendid clock, striking the half-hours, and still a valuable asset to the ringing chamber, was given by the Rev. Robert R. Green, the then Dean's verger.

The last touch of that historic evening was about 1,000 changes of Stedman Cinques, and it was during this that an amusing thing happened. An excellent 'spread' had been provided for the ringers, but, tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ascalon, the choir found their way thither, and fondly imagined that it was for them! When the ringers came down it was 'all gone'—another example of how we used to be 'pushed out' in days gone by.

One interesting fact remains on record, that when the bells were 'fired' on that important occasion, the striking was 'true as a hair,' and not the careless and ragged exhibition to which we are so often treated at various places nowadays. The 'opening' into rounds again was most accurately done, and it was justly admitted by all the critics outside to be of 'the very best'! This shows how easily heavy bells can be handled by good and experienced ringers.

I well recollect the ropes used there during the first twelve months as being very bad, coarse, and unsuitable—certainly some of the worst I have ever seen or handled!

At first the bells were only rung on special occasions, and nearly two years elapsed before the Dean and Chapter entered into an arrangement with the College Youths to have them rung regularly for divine service twice every Sunday, as at present.

I have in my possession a grand piece of music, published in expensive form at the time, with illustration, entitled, 'The Bells of St. Paul's.'

It is also noteworthy that for months after the dedication, the usual mass of correspondence continued to appear in all the newspapers—glutted, in fact—about the 'new bells,' both 'for' and 'against,' mainly by that class of well-to-do 'know nothings' who usually wish to air and ventilate their opinion on matters they do not quite understand. Thank goodness, discussions on 'Simpson tuning' did not exist then. I well remember that at all our subsequent practice nights (once a month) Lord Tom Noddy was sure to be present in some shape or form!

During these 50 years, ten peals have been rung on the bells, viz., six of Stedman Cinques, three of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and one of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, this last having been called by Mr. Alfred Peck, who rang the tenor single-handed! The first was a 5,014 of Stedman Cinques on December 10th, 1881, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettit, and I have never heard better ringing than in this peal. They have all been recorded by the authorities in the ringing chamber in a manner never observed in the other 950 towers I have visited. The walls are prepared in 'panel' fashion, and the record painted thereon! Mention may also be made of my own ill-fated peal (which for some unknown reason has never been allowed to be completed), where, after 3 hrs. 55 mins., and only the last course to ring, the tenor dropped in amongst the others and caused disaster on April 13th, 1912.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO LEICESTER RINGER.

MR. E. R. WHITEHEAD IN A MOTOR COLLISION.

A well-known Leicester ringer, Mr. Edward R. Whitehead, who belongs to St. Margaret's band, has met with a serious motor-cycle accident, as a result of which he lay unconscious between four and five days in Nuneaton Hospital, but is now, we are pleased to say, progressing as favourably as can be expected.

He was motor-cycling towards Leicester rather late at night, and is believed to have come into collision with a motor-car at the junction of Watling Street and Long Shoot, near Nuneaton.

A Mr. Brandrick, who lives near the cross-roads, heard a crash just as he was retiring to bed about 11.20 p.m. He looked out and saw a stationary car in the Long Shoot. Someone walked into the front of the car's headlights and pulled a form on to the roadside. The figure then cranked up the car and moved off towards Nuneaton. He (Mr. Brandrick) went back into the house and roused his son, who was in bed, put on his shoes and coat, and went to the scene. Just as he got there a Mr. Bell and some friends, who reside nearby, came up. They found the motor-cyclist lying on his correct side of the road with his head on the grass verge, whilst the motor-cycle lay across the white lines in the centre of the road. Someone 'phoned for the police, and the injured man was assisted into Mr. Bell's house, and later he was taken to the Nuneaton Hospital by a passing motorist.

It was a dark, wet night, and up to the present the police, despite diligent inquiries, have been unable to trace the car concerned in the collision.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: C. Wells 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Also 672 Bob Major: H. Prior 1, F. Kemp 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—For evensong, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) in 46 mins., by the following Sunday service ringers: A. Markwell, jun. (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples) 1, L. Palmer (conductor) 2, A. E. Parsons 3, Sam Smedley 4, W. Palmer 5, J. Knott 6, F. Parsons, sen., 7, H. Stow 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Shedfield on Saturday last, when, despite the unsettled weather, members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham, and visitors from King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Highclere and Romsey. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. I. J. Best) the peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of.

At 4.30 a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and addressed the members. Tea was partaken of in the Shirrell Hut, and the business meeting followed. As the Vicar had unavoidably to leave at the outset, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) was voted to the chair.

The election of the Vicar as an honorary member was confirmed, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham on Saturday, January 26th, 1929, and that Titchfield be coupled with it.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and also addressing the members. The general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) appealed to those towers who had not yet contributed to the memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (a former Vicar of Titchfield and vice-president of the Guild), to do so at the earliest opportunity.

At the close of the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others went to Wickham to ring on the peal of six there. It is interesting to note that both the Vicar of Shedfield and the Rector of Wickham are ringers, and both took part in the ringing during the day, which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, October 20th, and was attended by a good number of members and friends. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and was kept going in various methods till 7.30, when the business meeting of the branch took place, the branch president, Mr. W. Wolstencroft, being in the chair. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and remarked that when a meeting was to be held at any tower the local members ought to be there, so that an early start could be made.

A discussion took place on the best way to keep young ringers interested in the art, so that they will not fall away after a time. Various opinions were expressed, but all agreed that it was a difficult question.

The branch secretary was requested to notify the members of the association that an appeal is being made on behalf of Mr. J. Lowe, of Pendleton, and it is hoped a generous response will result.

The next branch meeting was fixed for Pendleton on November 17th.

Votes of thanks to clergy and local ringers were passed, and this closed the meeting. The twelve bells were then kept going until a later hour.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WANDSWORTH.

A successful meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Wandsworth on Saturday, October 20th. The early arrivals were fortunate to have a pull on the fine new peal of eight at Holy Trinity, West Hill, which are only available on rare occasions owing to the proximity of the Home for Incurables. Upwards of an hour was spent here, followed by half an hour at the Parish Church of All Saints, where a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address which was much appreciated by the members. Tea followed at the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar and splendidly served by the ladies attached to the hall.

Mr. J. D. Drewett, the Master of the association, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality.

Mr. Amos Clark, the District Master, presided at the business meeting, when five new members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, and Vassall Road, Brixton, on November 24th, if it can be arranged.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Louis Attwater, formerly the respected Master at All Saints' tower, who had passed away since the last meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for holding the service, and to Mr. Gray, of All Saints', who had made arrangements at both towers, was proposed by E. A. Reeve and carried unanimously. A further visit was made to All Saints' belfry, where touches in most of the standard methods were enjoyed until 8.30.

APPLETON, BERKS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. E. Lock 1, H. Nevell 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. Dubber 4, F. Messenger 5, —, Tubbs 6, F. Taylor 7, R. White 8, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 9, F. White 10.

PROGRESS AT TISBURY.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Tisbury, Wilts, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. by: Bert Rock 1, Charles Deau 2, John Lesley 3, Percy Howell 4, Leonard Belsey (conductor) 5, Fred Woods 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th.

This is the longest length rung by the local band, and speaks well for their keenness. They took up change ringing only last December, and have had practically no outside help.

This quarter-peal was rung previous to the unveiling of the peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on May 12th, 1928, the first peal on the bells. The board was unveiled by the Vicar, Rev. G. T. Miller, in the presence of members of the Parochial Church Council and the local band.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR THE BISHOP OF LEWES.

The bells of St. Clement's, the borough church of Hastings, were rung with fully-muffled clappers (tenor half open) on the occasion of the funeral of the Bishop of Lewes on October 20th, by the following: H. Parkin 1, G. Martin 2, B. White 3, J. Plumbridge 4, J. Martin 5, A. Collins 6, R. Griffin 7, G. Stace 8; and again in the evening with half-muffled clappers by: G. Phillips 1, J. Plumbridge 2, R. White 3, G. Stace 4, J. Martin 5, A. Collins 6, R. Griffin 7, G. Martin 8.

The late Bishop was Rector at Holy Trinity (Hastings) for 15 years (1911-1928), and was interred in the family grave at Hollington Church-in-the-Wood, the funeral service having taken place earlier in the day at Holy Trinity.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for harvest festival, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Dean 1, H. W. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, C. Nicholls 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. Newman 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 bobs): S. Baker 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Buries 5, G. Morrad 6. Also 144 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, with F. Seabright.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On October 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, two 720's Plain Bob Minor, in which the following took part: W. Bidnell and W. Fright (Hythe), A. Castle (conductor) (Elham), W. Cheesman, L. Finn, S. Finn and P. Pierce, of the local band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—After evensong harvest festival, on Sunday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: S. Jones 1, W. Inwood 2, H. Long 3, C. Evans 4, S. Hoare 5, C. H. Horton (conductor) 6, E. Southey 7, W. Gilks 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 54 mins.: C. Holmes 1, J. Gluyas 2, W. Richards 3, A. W. Myers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, A. Mitchellmore 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. Hamlyn 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. Marshall 10.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—At the Parish Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), for Sunday morning harvest thanksgiving service: J. Revan 1, F. Maunder 2, H. Boyce 3, G. Evans (conductor) 4, T. Davies 5, M. Davies 6. First quarter-peal for the treble, 2nd and tenor.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Sunday morning, October 7th, for harvest festival service, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Parton 1, W. Saunders 2, R. Parton 3, C. Darby 4, E. Calcutt (conductor) 5, L. Darby 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, for harvest festival service, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. V. Selby 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, H. G. Miles (conductor) 3, J. A. Davi 4, C. F. Winney 5, A. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. Cutmore 8, G. C. Rice 9, W. E. Judd 10.

WICKHAMBREAU.—For harvest thanksgiving, on October 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 20 mins.: W. Maxted 1, E. Wood 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, H. Smith 5, S. White (conductor) 6; and on Sunday, October 7th, 720 Bob Minor in 20 mins.: W. Maytum 1, W. Maxted 2, S. Walter 3, H. Smith 4, J. Walter 5, S. White (conductor) 6.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, at All Saints' Church, 720 and 264 Kent Treble Bob: S. Warne 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, F. Webb 3, Chas. H. Howard (conductor) 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. C. Reason 6.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: G. Downis 1, W. Andrews (conductor) 2, G. Blake 3, T. Cole 4, J. Walker 5, A. E. Smith 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Reynolds 1, J. F. Simpson 2, A. Whatmore 3, H. Amphlett 4, A. L. Dunn 5, W. Smith 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. Lawton (first quarter-peal) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, Colledge Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 11th, at 5.30 for evensong, and on the 13th (election night), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holmer on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage Room 5.45 p.m., free. —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch, on Nov. 3rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. All six bell ringers specially invited. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6 Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6). —A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteigne on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on November 3rd. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh. It is hoped a good number will be present.—R. Harrison, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea to-morrow (Saturday). Bells available from 2 p.m. Buses passing the church leave Brockenhurst 1, 2.10 and 3.10 p.m.; Lymington 1.45, 2.3 and 3.45 p.m. —G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Six bells available at 2.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** AND **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea at the Church Room, 1s. each, 5.30. Bells of St. Peter's Church, Staines, will also be open from 7 to 8.15 p.m. All members of both associations are cordially invited to come and help make this meeting a success.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service and meeting (special business on hand) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. As this is the first association meeting to be held at Croft, it is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers invited. F. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, November 3rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec. and Treas.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available from 2.30.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 5th and 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 27th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Special practices in Minor methods will be held at 7.30 p.m. as follows: Clyst St. George, Nov. 7th; St. Petroe, Exeter, Nov. 15th; Exminster, Nov. 21st; and Newton St. Cyres, Nov. 29th. All Guild members welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton (8 bells) on Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Church Road, 5.15. As it is essential the exact number requiring tea should be known, will those intending to be present notify the undersigned by Monday, November 5th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9. Tea, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, will be provided to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 18, Wainman Street, Shipley.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea (6d. each) at 6 p.m. Those desiring tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, Stoneleigh Cottage, Woolton. Special methods: Stedman and Spliced Treble Bob.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Nov. 10th. The bells, which have recently been rehung, the tenor recast and two trebles added to make a peal of 8, will be ready early. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in the School Room, but only for those who send in to C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield, not later than Nov. 7th. Will ringers make a note of this, as it is most important. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, meeting, ringing and social hour. A welcome to all. Please notify your intention to be present to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Oxford. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Ser-

vice 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all members requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, by the Wednesday previous? A good attendance please. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. Stoke and Allesley bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec., J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Lydney, Dec. 26th. Bells open all day. Peals can be arranged at Lydney (8 bells), Tidenham (6 bells), St. Briavel's (8 bells), also Newnham (8 bells) in the morning. Those wishful to take part in peals kindly communicate with Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, G.W. Terrace, Lydney, Gloucestershire.

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Mr. John Baker Guy, the organist of St. Clement's, Hastings, for 47 years and churchwarden for the last three years, died on October 20th, at the age of 68 years. Although deceased was not a ringer, he was keenly interested in the Bellingers' Guild, and always attended the meetings.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 24th, the body having been brought into the church on the previous evening. A large number attended. The bells were rung with fully-muffled clappers before and after the funeral service as a last token of great respect for deceased by the following: Messrs. W. Bradfield, T. Baker, G. Crosbie-Hill, R. Franklin, R. Griffin, G. Martin, J. Plumbridge, G. Piper and R. White. At the funeral service the hymn, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' was sung to Mr. Guy's own musical setting.

Among the wreaths, which numbered about 100, were tributes from the bellringers, choir, and Church Council.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung with half-muffled bells in 54 mins. by: H. Parkin 1, R. Wise 2, G. Piper 3, G. Martin 4, T. Baker 5, R. Griffin (first quarter) 6, J. Downing (conductor) 7, J. Plumbridge (first quarter) 8.

Deceased, who was a gifted tenor, was offered a place in the D'Oyley Carte Opera Co., but refused. He also wrote a special 'Jubilee March' for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and received congratulations from the Queen.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, October 28th, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Guildford, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Chas. Walklate 1, Thos. Blow 2, J. G. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, W. Little 6, F. Beeson 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: H. Jeffs (first quarter) 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, W. Leggett 5, F. Everitt 6.

BLACKPOOL.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: A. Hague (conductor) 1, Mrs. A. Hague 2, W. Birks 3, W. Bovill 4, L. Green 5, C. Sharples 6, W. Wilde 7, H. C. Ingram 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the 4th, who attained his majority on the above date.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Sunday, October 28th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes) of Yorkshire Surprise Royal: C. W. Grimwood 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, A. Diserens 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, C. Roberts 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Bullen 8, G. Cross 9, R. Sanders 10. First quarter-peal of Yorkshire Royal by all the band and in London.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, F. E. Stone 2, G. W. Hollis 3, W. J. Nurton 4, E. Stith 5, C. Jones 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weatherby 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: T. Styles 1, R. Rose 2, E. Bedford 3, G. W. Taysom 4, H. Floyd 5, F. Appleton 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. W. Frankling 8. Arranged for C. Edwards and G. W. Taysom, of Hereford.

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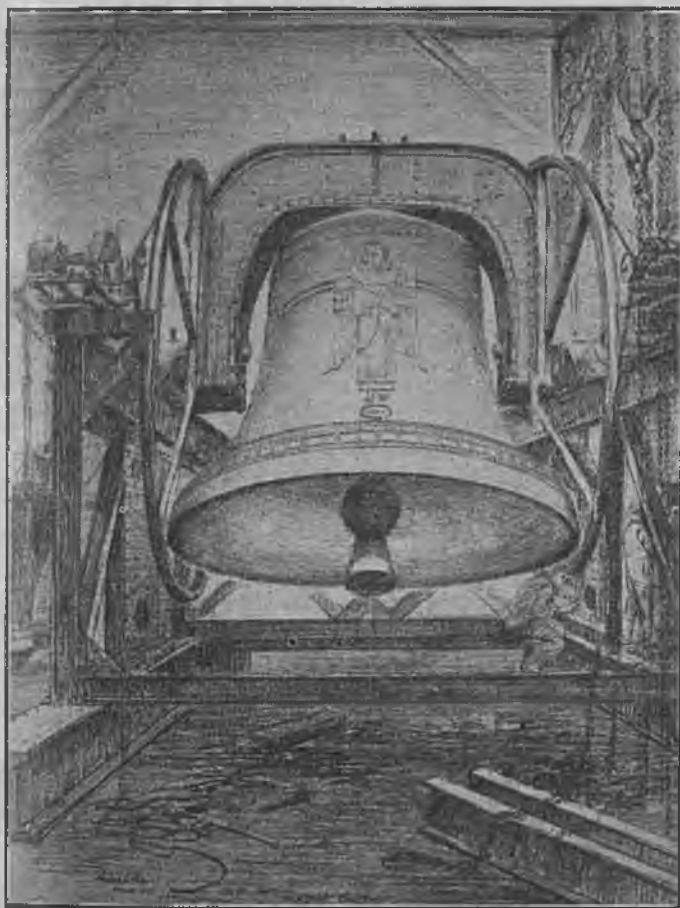
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But these outbursts of open hostility to the ringing of church bells on lawful and reasonable occasions cannot be altogether neglected. At the same meeting of the Bath Health Committee the Medical Officer of Health, who reported that the increased noises during the past few years were becoming intolerable and a menace to health, suggested propaganda and legislation. Those who feel that the noises which modern civilisation have forced upon us are intolerable have open to them both of the suggested courses if they can get sufficient people to listen to them, but it is as well that the Exercise should watch any of these activities carefully, so that, so far as church bells are concerned, the propaganda may be countered, and any legislation that may be attempted may not, directly or indirectly, bring church bells within the restraining clauses. Ringers can always be trusted to exercise reason in the use of bells, but not a few towers are closed to ringing because a handful of complaining parishioners have brought pressure to bear on the incumbent. This is where the chief immediate danger lies—in the influence which may be privately exerted upon clergy who are themselves indifferent to their bells and ringers.

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* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Thos. Maude, Joseph Broadley and Thos. Cotterell.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* JAMES PHILLIPS	Treble	FRED TICKLE	5
† JOHN HUTCHINSON	2	WM. H. COOK	6
† JOHN CASSON	3	GEORGE WM. TEMBEY	7
† ALF. EILBECK	4	WM. T. HOLMES	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. T. HOLMES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY A. C. WILLIAM	Treble	CHARLES GREEDY	5
SAMUEL JONES	2	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	6
ARTHUR SPARKES	3	DONALD G. CLIFT	7
TOM FORD	4	ALBERT THOMAS	Tenor

Conducted by D. G. CLIFT.

First peal of Triples as conductor, and hails from Usk. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor are from Newport. The rest belong to the local band.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

FRANK REYNOLDS	Treble	JOHN J. YATES	5
* WILLIAM GOULD	2	† THOMAS GRIMSHAW	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	3	† ERNEST LEATHERBARROW	7
* WILLIAM HAMPSON	4	* WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOS. LEATHERBARROW

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise inside. First peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of Surprise Major by the branch. All the above are regular service ringers at the Parish Church. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Right Hon. the Earl of Stamford on October 14th, in connection with the 400th anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH	Treble	HENRY HOBBLE	5
ALFRED ROWLEY	2	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, SEN.	6
RICHARD ROUND	3	WILLIAM GREEN	7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	4	* JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hackett, daughter of the 7th ringer; and Mr. Albert Prestidge, jun., a member of the local band. It is 40 years since Mr. W. Green rang his first and last peal in this method previous to this. Great credit is due to Mr. R. Round for the able manner in which he rang his bell throughout the peal. He has been a Sunday service ringer at the above church for 56 years.

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BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal contains all the 756's, 746's, Tittum's, Queen's, Wittington's, and the 6th its extent at home.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR Treble	JOSEPH GRAY 5
RICHARD DARBYSHIRE 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAM 6
THOMAS GROUNDS 3	JOHN BOOTH 7
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 4	ERNEST BIRCHALL Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for all except the ringers of 4th, 7th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sixth ringer. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	BENJAMIN J. BUDD 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole (nee Phyllis Hare) on the morning of this day.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	ARTHUR W. ANGELL 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ROBERT H. LEGG 4	WILFRED G. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	ROLAND LEWIS 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the association. All the ringers belong to the local band.

KNIGHTON, RADG.—On October 31st, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, W. J. Benjamins 5, T. F. Preeco 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, J. J. Price 8.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
BENJAMIN J. BUDD 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Arranged for Mr. B. J. Budd, of Grimsby. The ringers thank the Rector for permission and for taking part in the peal.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
*RONALD G. BECK 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge away from the treble. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new hospital by the Marquis of Bath, and also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. A. Lockyer, a member of the local band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
JAMES BETTS 2	THOMAS WM. LAST 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who was on holiday in the district. Leslie Brett has now twice completed 'the circle' in this tower.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*MISS C. MOSS Treble	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
DAVID WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
†HERBERT TOURLE 4	†JOHN LOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., C.C., Master of the Surrey Association, and for 60 years a ringer at this church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD JONES Treble	*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WALTER W. WOJSTENCROFT 6
TOM WILDE 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

* 50th peal. Rung to commemorate to third anniversary of the consecration of the new chancel and dedication of the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK WHITBY Treble	STANLEY CLARK 5
WILLIAM MORRIS 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
LEWIS A. CORDELL 3	HARRY SMALB 7
GEORGE DENT 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. DENT.

Rung to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the opening of these bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES FLOYD, SEN. Treble	REGINALD S. COOK 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
HERBERT GATES 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
JACK STOPP 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung in honour of All Saints' Day, and also to commemorate the 'coming of age' of All Saints', Piccotts End, an offshoot of the mother church.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. NORMAN GEARY Treble	†LEONARD E. TOWERS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	†RONALD RUSSELL 6
*J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE 4	THOMAS W. BARWELL Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ADAM DEAS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

A. Deas hails from Newcastle.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
THOMAS BLOW 2	WILLIAM LITTLE 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
*ALBAN KENDALL 4	*JOHN DRYDEN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Wednesday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. W. Drage 1, W. Smith 2, A. Clarke 3, W. H. Clemence 4, H. Wright 5, H. Webb 6, W. K. North (conductor) 7, W. Bardwell 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Pitt Bennet, M.A. First quarter in the method by a local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CORNWOOD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty six-scores, ten different callings, and eleven Pitman's 240's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALFRED BARKER Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT 5
FRANK PACKER 3	ALFRED WONNACOTT Tenor

Conducted by W. A. WONNACOTT.

* First peal.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

The first Surprise peal on the bells.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob (for ordinary and four Spliced 240's), thirty of Grandsire (ten ordinary and ten Spliced 240's), all differently called.

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

J. GEOFFREY GEARY Treble	ALBERT E. KITCHIN 4
JOSEPH NORTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	CLARENCE F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. The Vicar kindly provided refreshments after the peal.

RATTLEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

A. LANDYMORE Treble	J. STIFF 4
E. STURGEON 2	W. DURRANT 5
H. KING 3	H. W. FOULGER Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
WILLIAM PIKE 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 5
PERCY JONES 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty six-scores and six Pitman's 240's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 4
JAMES SHAW 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
JACK WM. TAYLOR 3	HOWARD BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

Rung on eve of festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 4
HARRY CARTER 2	*CHARLES CLAYDON 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM STOCK Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
JOSEPH SHARP 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,680 each of Grand sire, Plain Bob and Canterbury.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE DOLBY Treble	HARRY K. HOOPER 4
†KENNETH SNELLING 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
BERNARD WELLS 3	*HENRY H. PARSONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett. Rung after meeting short for Minor. Mr. H. Parsons kindly standing in at the last moment.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PERCY J. JOHNSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
*JOHN AMBLER 3-4	†LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8

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

* First peal on an inside pair. † First peal on handbells.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

THE LATE MR. JAMES SEARLE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would also like to congratulate Messrs. C. Tyler and G. Williams for their interesting remarks on the late Mr. James Searle. I find that the peals I rang with him were Superlative 5, Double Norwich 1, which were, as Mr. Williams says, the first peals of Superlative by the Royal Cumberland Youths and Winchester Diocesan Guild in which the late Henry Dains and Isaac George Shade rang their first peals of Superlative. The Double Norwich was also Mr. Shade's first peal in that method. You, Sir, will realise my feelings on being asked, as a boy, when Surprise ringing was in its childhood (1893), to stand in such peals that were going to make history.

I have also happy recollections of Mr. Searle's kind hospitality in journeying to those peals.—Yours faithfully,

Saffron Walden.

F. DENCH.

THE LATE MR. JAMES D. DREWETT.

CLOSE OF AN ACTIVE LIFE.

Amid many manifestations of sympathy and regret the mortal remains of Mr. James Douglas Drewett, Master of the Surrey Association, were laid to rest on Thursday week. As mentioned in our last issue, Mr. Drewett was found dead in his house on the previous Saturday morning, and Mitcham has sustained a great loss, for he had served his native town long and ably in many capacities. People of all classes filled the Parish Church on the occasion of the funeral, and hundreds more gathered in the churchyard to pay their last tribute of respect. Representatives of many public and semi-public bodies were present. Freemasons attended in large numbers, and every seat was filled. The cortege was met at the church door by the clergy and choir, who, as the procession moved up the aisle, sang the opening sentences of the burial service. In addition to Psalm xc., the hymn 'Abide with me' and the anthem 'I heard a voice from heaven' were also sung, and the Vicar, in a brief address, eloquently expressed the sense of loss felt in Mitcham by the death of one who had not spared himself in public service, and in whom everyone had a friend. Chopin's Funeral March was played before the coffin was carried from the church, and then, in the churchyard, the last rites were performed and the body of James Douglas Drewett committed to Mother Earth, the impressive service being followed by a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. H. Langdon, W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), and T. Groombridge, sen. Among other ringers present were Messrs. C. Dean (who with Mr. Drewett represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council), W. Joiner, J. Lott, H. Tourle, E. Broadbridge, A. Miller, G. Pidwell and C. H. Reading (Mitcham), D. Wright and Mrs. A. Clark (Croydon), Messrs. W. S. Smith, C. S. Burden, W. Langdon (College Youths), A. Dean (Leatherhead), and J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild). Before and after the service, the Parish Church bells were rung half muffled, and half-muffled ringing also took place at Beddington.

Mr. James Douglas Drewett was 74 years of age. For some years his health had given cause for his friends' anxiety, although he continued his very many activities to the end; in fact, he had business papers in his hand when he was found dead.

The grandson and son of bygone ringers at Mitcham Parish Church, Mr. Drewett commenced at an early age to ring the bells there, and it was only on rare occasions he would be absent from Sunday ringing. He was one of the earliest members of the Surrey Association, and had been its Ringing Master since the death in 1913 of Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter. He was one of the representatives of the association on the Central Council.

As Master of the Surrey Association, he had a wide conception of his duties, which he took very seriously. The report reaching him of the illness of a member of the association quickly took Mr. Drewett to the bedside to make a personal enquiry and offer sympathy. He was a painstaking ringer, and had rung numerous peals in many methods.

Mr. Drewett had retired from his business as a builder for many years, and had since devoted himself entirely to public affairs. He held His Majesty's Commission of the Peace for the County of Surrey, and was a regular attendant on the Croydon County Bench. He was for a time chairman of the Urban District Council for Mitcham, which was formed in 1915, prior to which he served as a member of the Croydon Rural District Council, while he was twice elected a member of the Surrey County Council for his native place. This latter position brought him the chairmanship of Netherne Hospital Committee, and a seat on the Assessment Committee for North Surrey. Mr. Drewett was also a member of the Surrey Joint Poor Law Committee, the Wandie Valley Joint Insurance and Hospital Boards, president since 1921 of the Singlegate Working Men's Club, and one of the managers of Mitcham School. He had served as an overseer and as churchwarden of Mitcham Parish Council. In all the undertook he was most conscientious, and consequently he was an extremely busy man.

Mr. Drewett had been a widower for a number of years, and leaves behind him three sons and one daughter.

As we have intimated above, Mr. Drewett's efforts were most strenuous on behalf of the general community, but we feel certain that in no sphere of activity will his absence be more felt than among the ringers with whom he associated, and especially those in the local tower which he loved so much.

At St. Bartholomew's, Burstow, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., several touches of Bob Doubles and Grand sire Doubles were rung with bells half muffled on Friday, November 2nd, by A. Bull (instructor), J. Birdfield, W. Slawter, H. Kew, H. Parsons, V. Cousins, P. Warren, J. Bradley and L. Penfold.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Thursday, September 27th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, 1,224 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wm. Bavin 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, Francis G. Gleaves 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Longest length in any method by treble ringer.

MEETINGS AT KENT SIX-BELL TOWERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As the members of this district will have the opportunity of discussing this matter at the annual district meeting which will be held at Edenbridge early next year, I do not think any good purpose can be obtained by continuing the discussion in 'The Ringing World,' and I therefore decline to answer the letters which appeared in last week's issue.

I should like to thank you for your excellent leading article, which, I think, admirably sums up the situation. Thanking you for the space you have kindly granted for the subject, yours faithfully,

W. LATTER,

Hon. District Secretary.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BENEFICIAL TO EIGHT-BELL RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—I see by your leader and by the way you have used the term as a heading, that my 'busy ringers' was rather misleading, but many of us country ringers are not fortunate to get every Saturday afternoon free; some of us have to work. I myself only get one in two free. But what time we do get, we like to make the most of, so that arrangements are often made for weeks ahead. That is why fixed dates are asked for, and as we are only asking for what is an accomplished and successful thing in some districts, we feel that it might be tried in our own. After all, would it not be better, even for the secretary, to have a fixed date to work on?

Fortunately, there are not many Deans of Gloucester, but, rather, the incumbents are pleased to welcome meetings at their towers and extend a welcome to 'come again.' I know that one was given at the annual meeting, but it was not taken. Was it because it came from a six-bell tower? After all, why should those eight-bell ringers fight shy of a six-bell tower? A little practice on six would be beneficial. Perhaps then they would get something more than Grandsire Doubles for their service ringing.

Finally, one word about the successful practices or meetings. Don't forget the beginners. Give them a fair chance, not put several in a touch together to struggle through as best they can. It is not very encouraging. I am a fairly young ringer myself, so I know, and that is why I have done little or nothing, even though I am apparently grumbling.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR H. SMITH.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable gathering of the Eastern District was held at Sawbridgeworth on October 27th, not the least of the pleasure derived being from the meeting of some old friends. A service was held, at which the Rev. E. V. Beverley gave the address. The hymns were heartily sung, the organist kindly giving his services. Tea was prepared in the Church Room, and the business meeting followed. The Vicar presided and joined the association as an honorary member. He heartily welcomed the association to his church. Miss G. Russell, of the Sawbridgeworth band, was elected a member, and will, it is hoped, be the means of giving a lead to one or two other ladies who are in the early stages of ringing to join the association and help to bring the Sawbridgeworth band back to its one-time strength.—Mr. W. Prior, of Stansted, was elected a life member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his helpful address, his kind welcome, and for his presence at the tea and meetings, also for adding his name to the honorary members' list.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Grassendale, on Oct. 13th. A splendid tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of, and was followed by a short business meeting. The Vicar presided, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the branch to Grassendale after an absence of two years.

The Branch Secretary submitted a list of monthly meetings for 1929, which was adopted.

Mr. G. R. Newton informed the meeting of an interesting event—the unveiling and dedicating of a peal board recording three peals, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Cambridge Surprise Royal, and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and the restoration of an old peal board recording two peals of Grandsire Caters and one of Grandsire Cinques, the first of which was rung in 1815, and was almost unreadable—to take place on Saturday, November 3rd. A further announcement of this will be found in another column.

It was resolved that Stedman Triples and Spliced Treble Bob Major be the methods for special attention at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting facilities for the meeting and for providing tea, to the towerkeeper (Mr. Allen) for having everything in readiness, and to the ladies for assisting at tea, brought a happy meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson on Monday will, we hope, be marked by the ringing of every peal of bells in the country. It should be at once a celebration and a farewell, for on that day the Archbishop retires from the high office which he has so long and so nobly filled.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild, who is the preacher to-morrow at the College Youths' annual service, is also preaching on Sunday evening at St. Clement Danes, where at 3.15 p.m. Rossini's 'Stabat Mater' is to be performed, and at 8.30 Brahms' 'Requiem.'

In addition to Messrs. A. Walker and W. Pye, Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, has also rung over 200 peals on twelve bells.

We are pleased to state that Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), who has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, is now making slow but satisfactory progress.

Mr. Harold Walker, who was for some time hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, but who, for the last four months, has been at Boston, has been promoted to the charge of the carriage and wagon department of the L.N.E.R. at Lincoln.

It was observed by many of those present at the annual meeting of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, held at Stationers' Hall, Ludgate Hill, on a recent evening, that while Sir Hugh Allen, Director of the Royal Academy of Music, was proposing the toast of the evening, the soft music of the bells from St. Paul's Cathedral seemed to form a most fitting background. It was a 'touch' of Cambridge Maximus, and when the Master of the company was responding, the middle six could be heard being lowered in peal. Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, is a Liveryman of the company.

The recent peal of Treble Bob Royal at Leek was not the first in the method for the North Staffs and District Association, as a peal was rung at Stafford on August 16th, 1924, conducted by J. E. Sykes.

A peal of 10,080 New Treble Bob Royal, which was the name by which the Kent Variation was first known, was rung at Huddersfield on November 13th, 1820.

The College Youths rang at Maidstone on November 15th, 1784, a peal of '5,040 Old Oxford Treble Bob Royal.'

A CALL FOR HELP.

APPEAL FOR WIDOW AND FAMILY OF A RINGER.

Ringers are ever ready with their practical sympathy when an appeal is made to them in a worthy cause. We, therefore, commend to the Exercise an appeal which is made for the widow and three young children of Mr. Edmund G. Bates, of Dartford, Kent, who, as recorded in our columns recently, was killed in a motor accident while driving a lorry on the Towcester-London road.

Mr. Bates had been a ringer since 1906, and since 1918 had been a member of the Holy Trinity band, Dartford. Illness and domestic troubles had sadly depleted the family finances, and when the tragic accident robbed the wife and three little children—one aged four and twins aged five months—of the breadwinner, they were left practically penniless. In course of time the widow will receive some assistance from compensation and other sources, but the inevitable legal delays leave her dependent upon the assistance of friends.

The present need for help is pressing. We are confident that the Exercise will respond with corresponding promptness and generosity. Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

WHERE THE TOWER FELL DOWN.

SUFFOLK GUILD MEETING AT ACTON.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at Acton on Saturday, when members were present from Polstead, Lavenham, Little Waldingfield, Long Melford, and the local band. The musical peal of five at All Saints' Church were rung during the afternoon to touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles. Tea was partaken of at the School Cottage, followed by a short business meeting, the Vicar (Rev. Harpur) being in the chair, supported by Mr. Edwards (churchwarden), and Mr. S. H. Symonds (district secretary).—Mr. Edwards was elected an honorary member, Mr. W. Andrews a performing member, and Mr. L. Pryke's previous election was confirmed.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, to Mr. Edwards for attending, and to the ladies for the splendid tea.—The Vicar, in responding, mentioned the fact that the old tower fell down as a result of the Colchester earthquake in 1885, and the present tower was built as a thank offering by a former resident of Acton, for the survival of his son in the Tokio earthquake a few years ago.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Little Waldingfield on Saturday, November 24th.—The meeting concluded with a course of Bob Major on the secretary's 'pocket' set of handbells.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

THE RECAST RING.

The new bells of St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, are to be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, December 8th. The recast ring are now all in being at the Whitechapel Foundry, where on Friday last the two tenors were cast in the presence of a number of interested visitors, chief among whom were the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers) and Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's). The old foundry, with more than 350 years of history and experience behind it, has witnessed the casting of thousands upon thousands of bells, so that the scenes on Friday did not disturb the tranquil smoothness with which the business in hand was dealt with. There was the furnace, with two little channels running from it to what appeared to be merely basin-like hollows made in the earth. The moulds of the great bells were not visible—they were buried in the sand and out of sight—but those to whom the operation was a novelty gazed almost entranced at the stream of molten metal which was released at the psychological moment from the furnace to disappear into an aperture and apparently lose itself in mother earth, but in reality to form what everyone hopes will prove one of the grandest tenors of its weight in the world. And then, when the mould had been filled, skilful hands diverted the flow of metal to the other channel, and the 'eleventh' for St. Martin's was cast. The whole process was carried out, under the direction of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the head of the firm, with so little fuss that one hardly realised that one had been witness of an event of more than passing interest.

Press photographers were busy during the proceedings, and after the large bells had been made, Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Walker each cast a small bell from metal from the same furnace, as a memento of the occasion.

The visitors saw the other ten bells of the peal in the foundry. Some of them were tapped round, and octaves struck, and greatly pleased the critics.

St. Martin's, Birmingham, first had a peal of ten bells in the year 1758, and it is indeed remarkable that the peal of twelve, which is to replace the survivors of that original ten, have been cast on the self-same spot—in the very pit—where their predecessors of a hundred and seventy years ago were brought into being.

The new tenor will be heavier than the old one. The 1758 bell was reputed to be 36 cwt., but it turned out to be somewhat less than this. The new bell will, it is expected, be nearly 37 cwt., and in the key of C. The bells will be hung in the old frame, which is to be strengthened, but in modern fittings, including ball bearings, with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's own device of clapper adjustment, which enables the most exact clappering to be obtained, and, when obtained, permanently secured.

On the new tenor bell will be the inscription:—

To the greater glory of God.

These twelve bells were recast and rehung at a cost of £1,025 by Mears and Stainbank, London, A.D. 1928, the cost being provided by the Bell Rope Croft Fund of the Parish Church, Birmingham. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector; J. J. Kendall, F. W. Blake, Churchwardens; E. G. Albert Walker, Ringing Master.

The Rev. Richd. Dovey, Rector; Carter Burton and Chrstr. Steadman, Ch. Wardens. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1758.

Possessed of deep sonorous tone, this Belfry King sits on his Throne, And when the merry bells go round, adds to and mellows ev'ry sound. So in a just and well-poised State, where all degrees possess due weight,

One greater power, one greater tone, is ceded to improve their own.

On the other bells the old inscriptions reappear, with the addition: 'Recast 1928, Mears and Stainbank, London.'

The Bell Rope Croft Fund, from which the recasting of the bells is to be defrayed, is a fund created by a legacy. Two hundred years or so ago a 'croft' of land was left by a testator for the provision of bell ropes for St. Martin's. That land is now part of the City of Birmingham, and its value, of course, has grown beyond the dreams of the generous individual who bequeathed it. The 'Rope Croft' not only now provides new ropes, but is providing new bells, and it has provided and will provide in the future many other things for Birmingham's Parish Church.

When the opening of the bells takes place there will be ringing after the service, and it is hoped that it may be possible to arrange a big social gathering in the evening.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

The peal at Harrold, Beds, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was arranged to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on November 5th, 1898. Mr. C. W. Clarke called the first peal, and again called this one by the special request of the band.

The bells were restored in 1898 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they are still in as first-class running order as on the day they were opened. During the whole of the time there has been nothing done to the bells or frame except a coat of paint to the latter.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

BIG GATHERING OF GUILDFORD AND MIDDLESEX RINGERS.

In the north-west corner of Surrey, the territories of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association are divided only by the River Thames, and last Saturday the two organisations met at a joint gathering at Egham. It was the first venture of the kind for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and so successful was it that it is hoped that gatherings of this nature may become an established feature in the programme of the Guild. Officially, the meeting was one in which the Chertsey District, which covers Thames-side and neighbouring towers, invited the South and West District of the Middlesex Association to join them; but the gathering resolved itself into something much more than this, for most of the Middlesex Association and Guildford Guild areas were represented, and, to add to the pleasure of the proceedings, there were many present from the neighbouring area of the Oxford Guild. Over sixty were present altogether, and the bells were going early in the afternoon. The local men had everything ready, and their cordial reception of the visitors was enhanced by the wholehearted welcome extended by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter). The Guildford Guild's special service was conducted by the Vicar, the hymns used being 'Unchanging God' and 'The sacred bells of England.' Mr. J. A. Dart kindly presided at the organ, and the 'blower' was also enlisted from the congregation.

The Vicar's address from the lectern was one of welcome to the two associations, and of appreciation of the work of the ringers. He raised a smile when he spoke of the complaints he was likely to receive as the result of the ringing that day, but added that as a rule those who complained about bells would grumble at anything. He expected they would even grumble when they got to heaven at the monotony of the colour of the angels' wings.

Tea in the Church Hall was a very happy affair, when eventually accommodation had been found for everyone, for, as usual, there were many more present than had notified their intention of coming. The Vicar presided, and was supported by Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (joint secretaries of the Middlesex Association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer of the South and West District), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (District Ringing Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District secretary), and Mr. W. T. Beeson (Chertsey District Ringing Master). Ringers were present from Christ Church and St. Mary's, Ealing, Southgate, Edmonton, St. John's, Hillingdon, St. Clement Danes, London, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Brixton, Guildford Cathedral, Chertsey, Bagshot, Walton, Yorktown, Egham, Thames Ditton, Ottershaw, Farnham, Putney, Kingston, Slough, Iwer, Maidenhead, Old Windsor, Cookham, etc.

There was no business transacted, but the meeting expressed its sense of regret at the death of Mr. J. D. Drewett (Master of the Surrey Association) by standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith expressed regret that the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), who, he knew, had been looking forward to that meeting, was unable to be present owing to serious illness, and the meeting passed a resolution of sympathy and of good wishes for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Goldsmith also apologised for the absence of the Master of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), who, he knew, had been looking went on to say how delighted the Guildford Guild was to welcome the members of the Middlesex Association and other visitors among them on that occasion. That meeting was an experiment so far as the Guildford Guild was concerned, but its success led to the hope that there would be many more such. The more they could rub shoulders the better they would be, both as ringers and men, and he hoped that when the Guildford Guild paid the return visit to the Middlesex Association at Sunbury next June the members would attend in equally large numbers.

Mr. W. H. Hollier acknowledged the welcome, and expressed the great pleasure which it gave the Middlesex members to visit their neighbours in this fraternal manner. When the suggestion for the joint meeting was made to him, he at once accepted, and they of the Middlesex Association were looking forward to the return visit next June. In the meantime the Middlesex Association was arranging for a similar fixture with their friends in the Oxford Guild.

Mr. C. T. Coles also acknowledged the reception given to the Middlesex members, and expressed his own pleasure at being present. In the North and East District of the Middlesex Association they had held similar joint meetings with members of the Herts and Essex Associations, and he was convinced that such gatherings did a great deal of good. It promoted friendship among ringers, and did away with that spirit of suspicion which sometimes crept in where associations came in contact with each other. They were not rivals, but all had the same objects in view. Mr. Coles concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and address, for his welcome and for presiding at the tea, and this the Rev. A. C. Tranter acknowledged. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Dart and Mr. Gilbert for their services at the organ.

Afterwards a little handbell ringing took place, and then the visitors returned to the tower, while others went back over the river to St. Peter's, Staines, where the bells had been placed at their disposal by the kindness of the Vicar, and where Messrs. G. Wainley and W. Parke had everything ready.

EXTENSION, NOMENCLATURE AND NONSENSE.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

If a body of ringers were asked to vote upon a question of extension, ninety-nine per cent. would say that they preferred to leave the experts to fight their own battles: in fact, this is the line taken by the Central Council when asked for a decision regarding the Superlative Maximus peal. If asked whom they considered to be the experts, they probably would refer to those gentlemen who have been endeavouring to explain exactly what extension means, viz., Messrs. Baker, Law James, and Trollope.

This attitude of the 'man in the belfry' is largely the result of apathetic indifference, but to some degree it is due to the hopeless mixture of essentials and non-essentials in the mass of argument that is placed before him. The fact that he will not unduly disturb himself in an endeavour to understand is hardly a matter for wonder.

Personally, I have assiduously followed what has been written, and have tried to assimilate the best in the hope of deciding for myself who is right, but must admit that I am confused as to the ultimate aim of some writers. It is not easy for an average ringer to follow what is written; or, at least, to understand why it is written. Some of the articles obviously are intended to enlighten the man who does not know, and yet they are couched in terms that enlighten only the man who already knows—to whom the articles are unnecessary!

Mr. G. Baker's writings are frankly not intended to be elementary. Mainly, they consist of figures and statements, in support of certain theories and facts dealing with scientific argument for and against particular things.

The Rev. H. Law James has written a series of short articles, apparently with the intention of leading us to a certain way of thinking; but they seriously are lacking in explanation, and the examples, in some instances, very badly set forth. Before me, as I write, I have one dated December 9th, 1927, on 'Plain Bob.' I am given the six rows on three bells with '4' covering. I am told to 'hunt the tenor down to lead . . . between each section . . . (write it out in full) . . . and that I shall get Reverse Bob Minimus.

Well I don't, that's all! I have tried, but it does not come; I can get Bob Minimus, but not the Reverse. My stupidity, I expect, but there it is. For myself, this article is spoilt by lack of adequate example.

Then, on April 13th, 1928, I read that Cambridge Minor is Double Oxford, Double Court (and what not?), with the bare statement that 'this method is derived from the Plain Hunting Course . . .'; and along comes 'A Plain Ringer,' who, in a similar way and with only a treble hunt, proves that Bob Minor is Treble Bob! Again Mr. James' article is spoilt by lack of explanation.

And to what end has Mr. James striven? To show that Superlative Major may be extended to Maximus in two ways, either of which (apparently) has a perfectly valid 'scientific' claim to be called 'Superlative.' His summary of the articles appears to indicate that the naming of a particular extension depends entirely upon priority, and he resorts to 'Cambridge-with-plain-hunts' to support his argument. No wonder that the 'plain ringer' complains that the 'theorist pulls wool over his eyes.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope has made the best attempt to lead us to a solution of the problem. His articles are a careful and painstaking appeal to the every-day ringer, and, in spite of his dissertation on cycles and other things, he places his finger on the pulse—the 'work' of the method; he emphasises this one essential fact, that all methods can be extended in alternative ways, valid or otherwise. Both Messrs. James and Trollope have been at pains to convince us of this, and (mark this well) that certain ways have no more claim to be called correct than others. Mr. Baker will, I know, strongly disagree with this, but I am not arguing the 'scientific' side. I am aiming at a commonsense, everyday point of view—that of the man in the belfry.

Messrs. James and Trollope have shown us that Grandsire Triples is Bob Minor plus a bell in the hunt. Please note that 'plus.' This is very true, and a most obvious fact. Mr. Baker, by his Round Blocks, proves that Grandsire Triples (Bob Minor plus a bell in the 'hunt') and Bob Triples (Bob Minor plus a bell in the 'work') are not the same method. Again, a very true and obvious fact. But where is all of this leading us? Nowhere! One day we may know enough of the subject to enable us to agree upon a general and definite line of extension from a 'scientific' point of view, but in the meantime we want guidance in the naming of certain 'extensions.' Get that emphasis on the 'naming,' please. And this guidance should come from our governing body—the Central Council.

During the past few years we have followed the nomenclature controversy. Both 'nomenclature' and 'extension' have widely been discussed, but they have been kept severely apart. I want to express the opinion that this is all wrong, and that they are irrevocably bound: that the question of 'extension' is merely a question of 'nomenclature' and that I strongly disagree with the Rev. H. Drake's expressed opinion of 'one method one name,' for a reason which I hope to make clear.

Quite apart from any question of classification, the primary object in naming a method is for the easy recall to mind of its peculiarities. This could be arranged by numbers, but a name is more impressive upon the memory. A man who knows his 'Minor Methods' well

may be unable to tell you the name of No. 39 Surprise, but he would very likely be able to quote the number of 'Cambridge.'

So, then, we name a method in order to be able easily to visualise it. And to visualise what? The rows, the false course ends, or the Round Blocks? No! The vast majority are interested solely in the 'work.' 'Go Cambridge' tells us immediately what to do. Then the first bearing of the name should be upon the diagram, and other considerations should come after.

Let us agree that a certain method can be extended in many ways. Believe me, it is quite true. It may become an entirely different method; in fact, it certainly will do so. Bob Minor becomes Bob Major on eight, but the two extra bells have caused it to be no longer the same method. No amount of Round Blocks, Secondary Cycles, Bells-in-the-hunt, etc., can alter the fact that Bob Major is not, and never will be, Bob Minor.

Why, then, do we name this particular Major method 'Plain Bob'? Simply and solely because it is the nearest approach to the Minor work that an eight-bell method will give. Simply because, given ropesight, a Minor man easily can adapt himself to the Major, a Major man to Royal, and so on. Or, if you prefer, because a Maximus man can, by similar rules or diagrams, ring the Royal, Major, and Minor of 'this method.'

I learned Kent Treble Bob Minor in a certain way; later, I found that by slightly modifying my rules I could ring the Major and Royal. Mark that 'slightly,' please. I have found that Cambridge Minor will carry me through the Major and Royal without a deal of trouble, and examination of the diagram (or work) of the Maximus tells me that it is fully entitled to be called 'Cambridge.' In this connection, I certainly believe that, given ropesight, two Cambridge Minor bands could ring the Maximus; but perhaps 'B. Sharp' will be appeased if I modify Mr. James' alleged statement, and say that six Cambridge Maximus men undoubtedly could ring Cambridge Minor.

But nothing will convince me that Lincolnshire Major could, by any stretch of imagination, lay claim to the name of 'Cambridge.' The emphasis is upon the 'name.' Lincolnshire may be, it probably is, a scientific and valid extension of Cambridge Minor of some sort; but thinking of my Cambridge Minor does not help me to ring much of the Lincolnshire Major, except (perhaps) the 5/6 place making.

For this reason, as a man in the belfry, I am content with 'Cambridge' for the name of that Major method with which it is coupled, and I shall remain so until an extension is produced which is nearer to the work of the Minor. 'Round Blocks' tell me that the Minor and Major disagree; Mr. W. Taylor tells me that Lincolnshire has more right to the name of Cambridge! but 'Round Blocks' and Mr. Taylor can go. The work is my guide when deciding between the two methods. Mr. Trollope calls it the 'inherited experience of the Exercise,' and it is the essential factor; point first to the 'work,' and let all other things follow. If Lincolnshire had come 100 years earlier as 'Cambridge,' then, I hope, upon the appearance of our well-tried friend a century later, that the 'Lincolnshire-Cambridge' would have been given another name. And to blazes with history!

It is absurd to bolster theories with continual references to 'historical facts.' If the latter are in direct opposition to present-day common sense the hoary mistakes must go. History has given us false peals and worthless methods, and they have gone. The Methods Committee itself, of which Mr. James is an illustrious member, has given us a Major method named 'Shipway's Court.' Is it as given by Shipway? I think not. In fact, an 'historical fact' has been modernised and has become 'Shipway's Court.' It is an historical fact that Nelson fought and won Trafalgar, but his wooden ships would have had a thin time at Jutland.

Why the Central Council cannot stand firm in the extension question, and say that it will lay down so-and-so, is beyond comprehension. It is quite capable of so doing in spite of a member's depreciatory remarks about the Superlative Maximus resolution. It has so done in the past. It has told us that we may use only Bob Major lead-ends, and has debarred 'irregular' methods; it has classified methods and defused peals. In accepting the 'Collection of Major Methods' it has forced upon us the 'two-hunt' extensions of Major to Caters, which (apparently) have the same names as the Major, in spite of the fact that the 'two-hunt' extension of Bob Major is called Grandsire Caters. And, right or wrong, its decisions generally are accepted.

We grouse about the doings of the Central Council, but this is mainly due to its procrastination, its desire, apparently, to be 'blinded' by science—in other words, to be led by its nose; but in spite of all that we say we are fairly loyal to its rules and decisions.

For better or worse the Central Council must tackle this 'Extension-Nomenclature' question, and it is a pity if the work of the Burton Committee goes for naught. Much good could come from this if only the Council would take the trouble to give it due consideration. To have scrapped it altogether was a wanton act and one well worthy of the Council's brightest efforts. The committee's suggestions could be modified and some of them used, as some sort of general control will have to come. Mr. James has bemoaned the confusion arising from the existing Superlative Royal and Maximus, but it is

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'SUCCESSFUL'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A week's indisposition has prevented me writing about the list of names, but I must get up enough energy to ask what makes a meeting successful?

Is it such a large attendance that many who come have no chance of getting into the belfry, let alone of ringing? Or is it so small an attendance that everyone who comes has a chance of ringing something he cannot get at home, and where each feels after the meeting that he is a better ringer than he was before? We have had both experiences this year, and it would be difficult to say that one was more 'successful' than the other.

Some would say it depends on the number of towers represented, or the wideness of the area so covered; while others would say it depends on the influence which it has on the local band.

Is it the number of methods rung, or their difficulty? The perfection of the striking, or the help given to beginners? The number of new members roped in, or the addition to the skill and satisfaction of the old members?

More logically, is it the amount of business got through in the shortest time, or is it the carefulness of the discussion and the number of people who have been got to speak on it?

I am not asking these questions because I do not agree with your article: I should like to endorse every word of it. At the present time ringing depends on our societies. A ringer who does not support, as far as he fairly can, first his own company and then his own association, is in the position of a 'scab' or a 'blackleg' to a trades union. Every ringer should keep his own company's practice night sacred to that practice, and every ringing company should try to send as many members as they can to their association meetings, peals and other arrangements being postponed when necessary.

But, when all is said and done, there can be quite as successful results from small meetings as from large ones; and every secretary should feel he has neglected something, if he has not only had a fair number of six and five-bell tower meetings, but also at least one small meeting, in the way of members present, each year.

HERBERT DRAKE.

BRISTOL GUILDS' CAMPAIGN.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Bristol United Ringing Guilds are campaigning among ringers who have left off ringing for some reason.

We have in the Bristol Guild's area a total list of over 160 ringers who would be extremely useful if they could be persuaded to return. These have been (or will be) invited to a reunion evening, November 30th, and I should be extremely grateful if association secretaries, who may know of any ringers having left their home towers to work in Bristol or vicinity, would let me know.

We also suggest this scheme of stimulus to other associations and Guilds.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,
Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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no question of isolated cases. The matter must be tackled in its entirety, and this is what the Burton Committee offered to do.

If the Central Council will appoint a committee to decide what factors shall govern the naming of methods, the extension controversy will die. The committee should be representative and well leavened with practical ringers, and I have no hesitation in saying that a decision could be given. I will court ridicule, and, incidentally, commit myself to heresy, in stating that the factors should be as follow:—

First (and foremost), the diagram (or work).

Secondly, the lead-end, coursing order, and matters practical.

Thirdly, false course-ends and composite considerations.

Lastly (very much so), 'scientific' reasons for or against, in some sort of classified order.

My reasons for this classification? I have already said that a name is a matter of convenience. It should, then, appeal first to the majority, and we have (1) dozens of ringers for every conductor, (2) dozens of conductors for every composer, and (3) dozens of composers for every 'scientist.'

And I am going to carry my nonsense to its logical conclusion. Recently, in a tower, a friend suggested that I should try a course of a method I had never seen, and, naturally, I refused. He then thrust a diagram upon me, and said, 'Study those places, observe the five-pull dodging, and then ring Double Norwich.' I shall always think of that method as 'Double Norwich Surprise Major,' but I am compelled to remember that it is named 'Norfolk'!

Congenital young idiot, you say? Yes, I know! (I did not read the 'first ever,' and I have not steered hundreds of colts through their first peals). Yet, in spite of what I have written, I have a deep respect for bearded experience and its 'natural extension'—historical fact. But when the one borders upon senility and the other becomes a barnacled monstrosity, my respect suffocates and dies. Slowly, perhaps, but surely!

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*A REVISED 'RULE BOOK.'*

Monday last was the 291st anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and, in accordance with custom, the members will celebrate the event with a dinner to-morrow at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, when a large muster of Metropolitan and provincial members and friends is expected.

Coincident with this event, a revised edition of the society's 'Rules' makes its appearance, and will assuredly be welcomed by the members, as it would be by others in the Exercise, if it were open to purchase. It is far more than a rule book. Produced in elegant style and in a manner befitting a society with such traditions, it contains admirable reproductions of the society's famous certificate, which was engraved by Bartolozzi, of the chased brass plate on the cover of the original Name Book of the society, and of the elegantly designed 'Invitation card' which was used in the eighteenth century. Only two copies of this card are known to exist, and these are now in the British Museum and the Guildhall Library. Had one lived in those days the invitation card would not easily have been mislaid, for it measured ten inches by eight inches! Another illustration is that of some of the most cherished property of the society, including the silver bell, the cups and the candlesticks which adorn the Master's table at the meetings of the society.

The booklet contains a concise history of the society, which was founded in 1637, its name being derived, according to Dr. Raven, from 'The College of the Holy Ghost and Hospital of God's House,' founded by the famous Dick Whittington in 1424. This college was situated upon the east side of College Hill, Upper Thames Street, in the City of London. The first Master was Lord Brereton, and the second Sir Cliffe Clifton, who were among those who founded the society.

A list of the Masters from 1637 to 1755, and from 1822 down to the present year, is given. Unfortunately, the custom of recording in the Name Book the Master for each year fell into abeyance, and there is consequently no record of those who occupied the office in the interval. The list contains some famous names, including Fabian Stedman, Benjamin Annable, and at least one Lord Mayor of London, Sir Henry Tulse, who was elected to the office in 1684. A list of notable performances is given, and following the actual rules themselves is an inventory of the society's property, which is varied and interesting, and among which the irreplaceable record books are the most cherished.

There should be a great demand for this little publication, and College Youths the world over will, we are sure, be anxious to possess a copy of it. It will be on sale to-morrow at the dinner, when the price at which it will be published will be announced. The work of revision has been admirably carried out by a committee consisting of the Master (Mr. J. S. Hawkins), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. A. Hughes), and Messrs. G. N. Price, W. Roughton and E. Alex. Young.

BELL LECTURE AT WINCHESTER COLLEGE

On Sunday evening, October 28th, Mr. Nolan Golden, of North-repps, Norfolk, a student at King Alfred College, Winchester, gave an interesting lecture on 'The history and manufacture of English church bells' to an audience of upwards of forty in the Science Lecture Room. Among those present were a number of the Cathedral ringers, including Mr. Wilfred Andrews, the captain, and several tutors and students of the college.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, provided lantern slides, and Mr. Golden wishes, through the medium of this paper, to thank them for their kindness. Mr. E. A. Young also supplied the lecturer with valuable information in an interesting correspondence.

Following a description of the introduction of bells into England, and of the gradual equipment of towers with rings, the lecturer went on to speak of inscriptions on old bells, gave an account of the history of bell tones, and explained in detail the object aimed at in 'Simpson tuning.'

The whole process of founding was next dealt with, and the evolution of a set of bells from the casting stage to the hanging in the tower was explained with the help of the slides.

The lecturer next explained the difference between a 'ring' of bells and a 'carillon,' pictures of several examples of each being shown. Some famous big bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., such as 'Great Peter' of York, 'Great Paul,' and 'Great George' at Bristol University, were also depicted, and the lecturer explained how they were used.

At the end of the talk Mr. Andrews invited any members of the college who were interested to visit the Cathedral on any Sunday afternoon in order to see the twelve bells there actually ringing.

There are four ringers now in residence at the college.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—For evensong, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 15 mins.: Aircraftman Godden (Grantham) 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss E. Hopkin 3, A. Bashford 4, Miss N. Cawthorne 5, J. Garth 6, F. Curdwell 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8. Arranged for first quarter-peal for the ringer of the 4th, and for the treble ringer, who was a member of the local company previous to joining the Air Force.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE.

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, which is held alternatively at the two Cathedral cities, was held in Newcastle on October 27th. After a committee meeting in the vestry the festival service was held in the choir of the Cathedral, the address being given by the Rector of Gateshead, Canon Stephenson, who described his strange experiences in a broadcasting studio, with only the announcer present, but talking to thousands of unseen listeners. He compared this to the ringer in the belfry, with only his fellow-ringers to be seen, but a vast congregation in the streets around having their thoughts thrown back to events in their lives connected with the sound of the bells.

The dinner and annual meeting were held at the Crown Hotel, about sixty members and friends being present, Mr. C. L. Routledge, president, being in the chair. The clergy present were Bishop G. J. Wood (Vicar of Jesmond), Canon Holmes (Tynemouth, curate of the Cathedral). After the loyal toast, Mr. William Story (Newcastle) proposed the health of 'The clergy of the two dioceses,' and made a strong appeal to the members not to neglect their duty as churchmen after they had done their duty in the belfry on Sundays. The Bishop responded in a delightfully humorous speech.



MR. E. E. FERRY, THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland) presented the financial statement, which showed a balance on the right side of £14 7s. 2d., which was considered very satisfactory in view of the fact that a full report had been published this year.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. E. Ferry, Newcastle), read the 51st annual report, and also referred to his work during the eight years of his secretaryship in building up the association again after the war. He reported that the first certificate for Sunday service ringing (8, 10 and 12-bell towers) had been won by Christ Church, North Shields, and the second by St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Newcastle Cathedral being third. Of the six-bell towers, Hurworth-on-Tees came first, and St. Oswald's, Durham, second. Forty-eight peals had been rung during the year, Mr. E. A. Hern breaking all records of the association by conducting 21 of them.

Mr. J. C. Pollard, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year, and the officers for the coming year were elected as follow: President, Mr. E. E. Ferry; secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Parker; editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge; and auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird.

In the course of a general discussion, Mr. C. Todd, Darlington, elicited the fact that owing to the expense the peal book had not been written up for some years, and the new secretary undertook to have this remedied as soon as possible.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 27th, 1928. During the afternoon the bells were made good use of in all the standard methods from Grandfire Triples to London Surprise.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Pickering), who gave a very interesting address. Tea, provided by the generosity of St. Mary's ringers, was efficiently served by their wives and friends. Some fifty members partook of the repast, but, despite their best efforts, failed to dispose of all the good things provided, a sufficient indication of the burden under which the tables groaned.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The secretary read a report on the work of the past year, and this was adopted.

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NORFOLK GUILD. THE PROPOSED REORGANISATION.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at King's Lynn on Saturday, October 27th, when, by the kind permission of the Rev. Jacob Blackbourne, C.M.G., M.A., Vicar of King's Lynn, the ring of ten bells at St. Margaret's and the ring of eight bells at St. Nicholas' were placed at the disposal of the members. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich), the Archdeacon of Lynn, the Rev. J. Blackbourne, and Mr. B. S. Thompson. The Rev. A. N. Garrett (curate of King's Lynn) was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president of the Guild. He was supported by the secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Messrs. W. J. Eldred, C. S. Tuthill and twenty-four members from the King's Lynn and Fakenham Districts.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry election of Mr. Frederick Dench, prior to peal on August 15th, 1928.—Mr. Coleman also moved, and Mr. J. H. Roper seconded, the election of the Rev. Robert Lewis Baillie Oliver, M.A., Vicar of Dersingham, as honorary ringing member of the Guild.

The Secretary announced the resignation of Mr. George Hawes, district secretary, King's Lynn, and moved that Mr. William J. Eldred be elected district secretary for King's Lynn, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary then gave a brief outline on the suggested reorganisation of the Guild into divisions coterminous with the three archdeaconries of the diocese of Norwich, in place of the eleven existing districts, and said that in the event of the divisions taking their titles from those of their respective archdeaconries, he thought it would be quite a logical course for the Guild to revert to its old diocesan title, viz., 'The Norwich Diocesan Association.' Mr. Coleman pointed out that there was a movement amongst some of the associations and Guilds bearing territorial titles to adopt diocesan titles where possible, and he thought such a movement to be in the right direction in consideration of the ringing Guilds and associations being so closely bound up with the work of the Church, and being purely diocesan in character, and, fortunately, no longer secular, as they once were. However, he would leave the matter there, and invite the members present to discuss the subject, for which the meeting was especially summoned.

Mr. W. J. Eldred said he thought that the only means of obtaining a real expression of opinion from the members on the matter of reorganisation was by a circular in the form of a questionnaire to all members, the attendances at the general meeting of the Guild being too small to take a vote upon such an important matter.—Mr. Eldred moved, and Mr. W. Curston seconded, that a circular be drawn up in the form of a questionnaire, and be sent to all members resident in Norfolk.—The motion was carried.

Mr. C. S. Tuthill said that he would be strongly against any change in the present title. He thought 'The Norfolk Guild' was the right one.

The Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Blackbourne for the use of the bells of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas' Churches, and for the use of the Chapter Court in St. Nicholas' Church for holding the meeting, and also to the Rev. A. N. Garrett for presiding.—The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver moved a vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), who responded gratefully to the kind remarks made.

The members then adjourned to the belfries of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas', where some good touches were rung in the standard methods of Triples, Caters, Major and Royal, and so ended a useful and successful meeting.

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The election of one member previous to a peal at Beckenham was confirmed.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-appointment of the retiring district secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) and two Central Committee representatives.

St. John's, Lewisham, was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting in January.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., notified the members that a member of Holy Trinity, Dartford, band of ringers, Mr. E. Bates, had met with a fatal accident while at work, and had left his widow in straitened circumstances, with three children to support. Mr. Bates had been a member of the association for a great number of years.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved, Mr. W. Smith seconded, and it was decided, that an application for aid be sent to the association's Benevolent Committee on behalf of Mrs. Bates.—The secretary was instructed to convey the meeting's sympathy to Mrs. Bates.

Mr. F. W. Thornton moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for presiding at the meeting, to the ringers for their generous hospitality, to the ladies for attending to the catering, and to the organist (Mr. R. Scates) for his services. The motion was carried with applause, and the Vicar, in responding, invited any member who was able to help his hand on their practice night (Tuesday).—Mr. Scates also responded, as did Mr. Aldridge (leader) and Mr. C. E. Palmer (local secretary) on behalf of the ringers and ladies respectively.

This concluded a successful meeting, and after some handbell ringing the company returned to the tower for further touches.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Foster 1, J. Windle 2, A. Bairstow 3, A. J. Smallbones 4, W. Proctor 5, L. Rawnsley 6, V. Bairstow (conductor) 7, M. Harrison 8. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band. Longest length in this method for all the ringers.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On November 4th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, for evening service, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Richardson 1, G. Hills 2, A. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, G. Piper 6, E. Townsend 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by the local band of Sunday service ringers, and the first on the bells since they were made into a peal of eight.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

DURHAM.—On Sunday evening, October 21st, at the Church of St. Oswald for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., being 360 changes each of New Doubles, Grand-sire, and St. Simon, and 180 changes of Plain Bob: G. A. Johnson 1, J. R. Temple 2, A. Clement 3, C. F. Vasey 4, W. H. Johnson (conductor) 5, W. R. Nattrass 6. First quarter-peal in four methods by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WANDSWORTH.—On Friday, October 19th, at All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. E. G. Hewson 1, W. E. Stacey 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. Essery 5, J. Rumley 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. G. Gray 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Wednesday, October 17th, for harvest festival service, the last quarter-peal of Holt's 'Original' in 42 mins.: E. Flower 1, C. Elliott 2, H. G. Martyn 3, W. A. Martin 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, R. Steers 6, C. Davis 7, A. F. Petrie 8.

BRATTON, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles in 44 mins.: B. Cook 1, C. H. Lawrence (conductor) 2, L. P. Tinnams (first quarter-peal) 3, H. J. Smith 4, F. Emm 5, A. J. Smith 6.

LATE NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and dedication of the bells after rehanging will take place at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 17th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by meeting. Will all ringers requiring tea please let me know before November 14th?—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby Parish Church on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. The Vicar is kindly providing tea for all who notify Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, 1, Avenue Road, Ashby, by the 15th. All welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro. tem.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) recently rehung 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs. by 14th instant? May I request members to try and attend. Good bus service from Cambridge (2 miles).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than 21st instant?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate on the 11th, at 5.30 for evensong, and on the 13th (election night), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Special practices in Minor methods will be held at 7.30 p.m. as follows: St. Petroe, Exeter, Nov. 15th; Exminster, Nov. 21st; and Newton St. Cyres, Nov. 29th. All Guild members welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton (8 bells) on Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Church Road, 5.15.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9. Tea, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, will be provided to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 18, Wainman Street, Shipley.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea (6d. each) at 6 p.m. Those desiring tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, Stoneleigh Cottage, Woolton. Special methods: Stedman and Spliced Treble Bob.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes' Strand.—Ringing every Sunday 10 a.m. Nov. 11th: Half-muffled ringing before and after morning service; also ringing for evening service 5.30 to 6.30. All visitors welcome.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, meeting, ringing and social hour. A welcome to all. Please notify your intention to be present to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Oxford. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all members requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, by the Wednesday previous? A good attendance please. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Irthlingborough (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly let me know by Nov. 13th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 3. As arrangements are difficult to make, will those who require tea let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 14th? — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should give notice not later than Wednesday, the 14th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec., Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. Branch committee meeting 5 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaw (half-mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th? H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Linsdale on Saturday, Nov. 17th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. (The tower is one minute from Leighton Buzzard Station.)—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Address by Mr. A. Sowden. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Evesham on Saturday, November 24th. Service will be held in St. Lawrence's Church at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. S. Stubbs. Tea will be provided, but it is important that names should be sent to me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (10) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. Stoke and Allesley bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec., J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers welcome.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present please inform Mr. R. Rigby, Bridgefoot, Eccleston, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? A good attendance requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service has been arranged for 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please notify me in order to facilitate catering?—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

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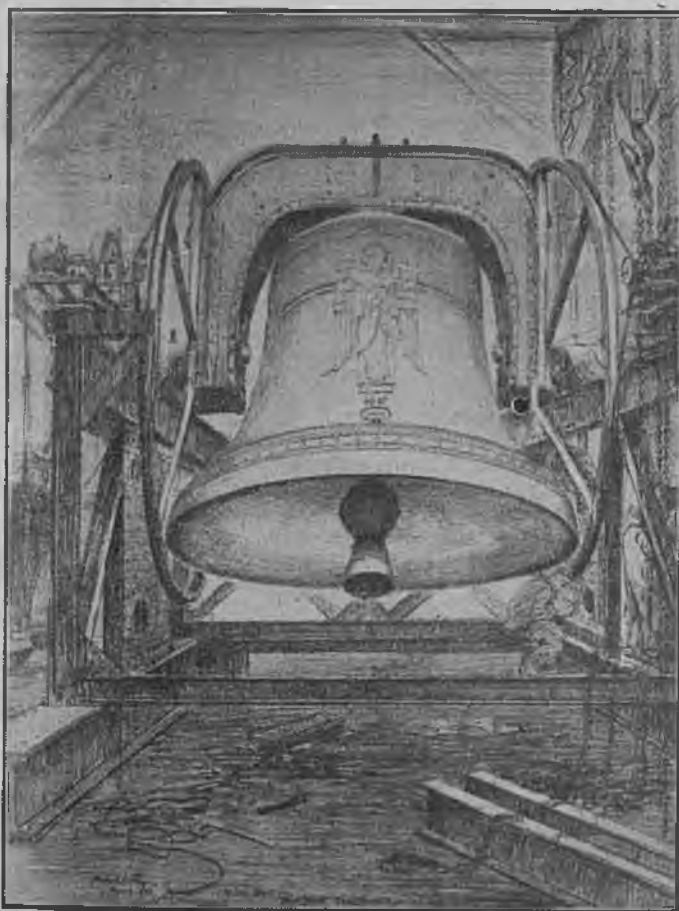
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Except, however, to a few privileged people who have had time and opportunity to delve into the past, the origin and history of the College Youths have been largely a closed book, and there has been to all outward appearance a kind of studied reticence in regard to its affairs. The Exercise, let alone the general public, has heard but little of its doings and yet it is largely through the College Youths that the art of change ringing has its roots so deeply and securely implanted in the centuries. It is really the parent of all our ringing organisations, and yet we do not hesitate to say that outside a comparatively small circle less is known about it than about any other society in the country. From time to time appeals have been made for a little more of the light of publicity to be let in upon its activities, but up to now little, except the reports of its peals and annual dinner, transpires. And yet there must be many interesting matters discussed and resolutions passed in the meeting room. There was one debate quite recently which, had the particulars been published, would have created a stir, if not a sensation, in the Exercise, so that it cannot be urged that the proceedings are always humdrum and therefore of no interest. Even though the affairs of the society may be held to be no concern of anyone else; the members spread all over the country are, as one speaker put it on Saturday, entitled to know what is going on, and the publication of its proceedings would give them an added interest in their society.

A step towards making more widely known the story of its beginnings and history has been taken by the issue of the booklet, to which we referred last week, and which, we are now informed, is on general sale to members and non-members alike, and there should be a big demand for this brochure which is an interesting addition to ringing literature. Having thus dealt with the

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past, we hope the members will further develop this policy by giving a greater publicity to contemporary matters. Publicity is the life blood of modern progress, and if the Ancient Society came out of what another speaker described as its 'cloistered seclusion,' it would doubtless become, to an even greater extent than it is at present, a national society.

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GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD R. COLES 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
*FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
RALPH COLES 6	FRANK WEST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson, on the occasion of their golden wedding, on the day of the Archbishop's retirement. His Grace was formerly an hon. member of the Berks and Bucks Branch, and when Dean of Windsor was patron of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	REV. EDWARD G. BENSON ... 6
JESSE GILLET 2	GEORGE CONDUCK 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 5	CHARLES DYSON Tenor

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
GEORGE WEST Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN 5
ALLEN R. HICHTON 2	ALBERT E. ADAMSON 6
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On Wednesday, October 31, 1928, 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 14 cwt.

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WILLIAM A. MARTIN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
P.S. RICHARD STEERS 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

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†ERNEST C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS E. READ 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
LEONARD A. SMITH 4	GEORGE FODDY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal. † 150th. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon W. A. Carroll, M.A., as Rector of this parish, his induction having taken place on October 6th.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
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*MISS ETHEL GRIMSHAW 2	ALFRED FROST 6
*FRANK TWIGG 3	SYDNEY HOUGH 7
*ERNEST BENNETT 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by H. V. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CHRIS. G. HENDRY Treble	*HARRY WARREN 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	JOSEPH SADDINGTON 6
†FRANK LEWIN 3	FREDERICK J. TITE 7
*GEORGE WARREN 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

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Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
RONALD G. JONES 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	JOHN PERRY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
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†JOHN LEE 2	†ALAN R. PINK 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALFRED H. WINCH Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major. † Elected a member previous to the peal.

† First peal in the method with bob bell.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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WALTER PERKINS 2	JAMES GARRATT 6
HARRY CHAMBERS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	*CHARLES CROFT Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	PETER NUTTALL 6
FRED MORRIS 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
*JAMES YATES 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by J. NUTTALL.

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JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S MEMORIAL PEAL.

ENDERBY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

EX-SERGEANT ROWLAND BARROW, Leicesters...	...	...	Treble
EX-A.M. PERCY HARRISON, R.A.F. ...	...	...	2
EX-SERGEANT E. HARRY STONELEY, R.A. ...	...	...	3
EX-SERGEANT LESLIE J. WILLIAMS, Leicesters ...	...	...	4
EX-PT. REDVERS F. ELKINGTON, att. R.A.S.C. ...	...	...	5
EX-PT. WILLIAM H. CLARK, 6th Batt. Tanks ...	...	...	6
EX-S. SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C. ...	...	...	7
EX-A.M. WILLIAM WILSON, R.A.F. ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by A.M. WILLIAM WILSON, R.A.F.

Conducted by STAFF-SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day anniversary in memory of their fallen comrades of the Great War, especially noting Lieut. R. H. Levy, to whose memory the two treble bells were given.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	...	...	Treble
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	...	...	2
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...	...	3
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	...	...	4
CHARLES T. COLES ...	...	...	5
GEORGE R. PYE ...	...	...	6
JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...	...	7
WILLIAM PYE ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Taylor, Harris and Rogers, of Portsmouth.

SALESHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK W. GURR ...	...	...	Treble
GEORGE KING ...	...	...	2
GEORGE LAMBERT ...	...	...	3
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ...	...	...	4
ERNEST J. LADD ...	...	...	5
THOMAS HOAD ...	...	...	6
JOSEPH WREN ...	...	...	7
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

* ALFRED F. PETRIE ...	...	...	Treble
F. WM. RICHARDSON ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM A. MARTIN ...	...	...	3
† CHARLES A. BINES ...	...	...	4
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	...	...	5
CHARLIE ELLIOTT ...	...	...	6
ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	...	...	7
ARCHIBALD BENNINGTON ...	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal at first attempt. † First attempt 'inside.'

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	...	...	Treble
* NEIL J. ALLNATT ...	...	...	2
ERNEST BISHOP ...	...	...	3
GEORGE LANCASTER ...	...	...	4
SIDNEY PALMER ...	...	...	5
HARRY WHEELER ...	...	...	6
SIDNEY H. HOPPER ...	...	...	7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.
* First peal. Rung as a golden wedding peal for the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	...	...	Treble
* VERON SYKES ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM HORAN ...	...	...	3
JOHN BOOTH ...	...	...	4
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...	...	5
GEORGE PINCOTT ...	...	...	6
PETER CROOK ...	...	...	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	...	...	Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. Rung on the eve of the Armistice anniversary.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ABRAHAM WILKERSON ...	...	...	Treble
WALTER MALINS ...	...	...	2
JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...	...	3
* WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...	...	4
ALFRED G. GRAND ...	...	...	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	...	...	6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	...	...	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. MALINS.

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day. * First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ...	...	...	Treble
THOMAS LINCOLN ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...	...	3
GEORGE GREEN ...	...	...	4
JOHN WOOD ...	...	...	5
WALTER ARNOLD ...	...	...	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ...	...	...	7
ARTHUR HEAD ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. SHUKER ...	...	...	Treble
* ALFRED H. DREW ...	...	...	2
* FREDERICK N. SMEATON ...	...	...	3
JACK M. CRIPPS ...	...	...	4
FRANK BENNETT ...	...	...	5
FRANK I. HAIRS ...	...	...	6
KEITH HART ...	...	...	7
JOHN DEARLOVE ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* FRANK KEMP ...	...	...	Treble
JOHN UPSHALL ...	...	...	2
† JOHN READ ...	...	...	3
† CHARLES WELLS ...	...	...	4
ALAN R. PINK ...	...	...	5
CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	...	...	6
RICHARD HASTED ...	...	...	7
THOMAS UPSHALL ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (Rev. Canon Edwin Maurice Girling, M.A.), who was recently inducted to the living, also as a mark of respect to the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Randall Davidson, who, while Bishop of Winchester, resided at Farnham Castle. The ringers of 5th and 6th are from Dorking and Guildford respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORD.—On October 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins., rung for harvest thanksgiving: A. J. Taylor 1, A. Davis 2, A. Gwynne 3, G. Taysom 4, T. Taysom 5, W. H. Williams 6, F. Arrowsmith 7, W. Taylor (conductor) 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Double Court, 1,440 of Woodbine, 1,440 of Kent,
and 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. BONN Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Frederick Herbert Edwin Watson, of Kingsfield, to Miss Muriel Edith Grace Wingfield, of Benacre, which took place at the above church on this date. The bride's father, now Rector of Benacre, was curate at the above church, and is still associated with matters concerning the welfare of the parish.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 5½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY BURCOMBE Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM HEATH 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

First peal on the bells, which are a ring of six recast and hung by Mears and Stainbank twenty years ago.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM JONES 4
HARRY SEAR 2	GEORGE TURNER 5
HERBERT F. JUSTICE 3	JAMES HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal by all except conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Justice. Great credit is due to this band for progress made, as most of them did not touch a bell until January this year. The bells had been silent for over 50 years before, being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and dedicated December 19th last.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN BREER Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JAMES F. SMITH 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung on the thirtieth anniversary of the conductor's first peal, which was rung on these bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP 4
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED J. COOK 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

THRANDESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
ERIC BENNETT 2	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ALPHEDS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK OSBORNE Treble	*WILFRED RILEY 3
*ARTHUR SMITHSON 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4
FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED T. GOUGH Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	ROBERT H. JONES 5
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY C. ABLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed curate (Rev. G. A. Thomas).

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Berwick, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TERTON 5
T. A. HOWES-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the first Surprise Minor peal by the Yorkshire Association, which was rung at Killamarsh, the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th taking part.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	JOHN MATTHEWS 4
*FRANK BROOKSBAW 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

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

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The South-Western Division District annual meeting, held at Leyton on Saturday, November 10th, was in all respects a most successful one. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were soon being made use of by the early arrivals, several of whom made a call on their way to the College Youths' dinner. At 4.30 the association service, taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Bren), was attended by those present, one innovation being, instead of the hymn before the address, a splendidly rendered solo, 'Open the gate of the Temple,' by Miss Margery Dawson, A.T.C.L. Service over, trucks were made to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was awaiting the members. During the interval, whilst tables were being cleared, the visitors were entertained by Miss Miller and friends with some splendid tune ringing on the handbells, another item which was greatly appreciated.

The business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, and Mr. A. Prior, Master of the district, followed. The Rev. Robert Bren, Vicar of Leyton, was elected an honorary member, together with two new ringing members.

The retiring officers, Messrs. A. Prior, District Master, and E. J. Butler, district hon. secretary, were unanimously re-elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting early in the new year at Chigwell Row, where the peal of six has recently been augmented to eight.

During the year the district had to lament the loss of four old members by death, viz., Messrs. J. Scholes, M. Pettit, H. T. Scarlett and J. Marks, of the West Ham, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow St. Saviour's, and Wanstead bands respectively, and the members present stood in silence for two minutes as a token of respect and feeling for their old comrades.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to making it so successful, i.e., the Vicar for conducting the service and allowing use of tower, bells and hall, and for kindly providing the tea; the organist for accompanying at the service, Miss Dawson for her solo, Miss Miller and her friends for the handbell ringing, and to Mrs. Bren and ladies for arranging and waiting on the members at tea, also to Mr. Mark Hicks, Vicar's warden, for his words of welcome, and help during the afternoon.

The collection in aid of the association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 2s. 3d.

During the afternoon and evening between 70 and 80 members and friends were present from Braintree, Leytonstone, Woodford, Wanstead, Bentley, Romford, West Ham, Southgate, Leyton, Leigh-on-Sea, Loughton, Swindon, St. Margaret's Westminster, Walthamstow St. Mary's, St. Clement Dances, Egerton (Kent), Buckfastleigh, Great Bentley, and Edmouton, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise were rung.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR HULL.

On Monday, October 29th, Mr. Arthur Hull, a ringer at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, for a period of over 53 years, passed away suddenly. He took a keen interest in ringing. He took part in several peals, and acted as umpire to handbell peals. He was steeplekeeper for many years until failing health compelled him to resign the position. About three years ago, on medical advice, he discontinued active membership of the St. Peter's Society, but would come into the tower occasionally to lend a hand, the last time being for the harvest festival on Sunday, October 7th, when he rang the treble to Bob Royal and Stedman Caters.

The funeral took place on Friday, November 2nd, the first part of the service being in St. Peter's Church, and the interment at St. Albans cemetery. The officiating minister was the Rev. F. W. B. Bullock (curate), who himself is a probationer in the tower. The organist and choirboys kindly attended at the church and sang the hymns, 'Abide with me' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' the 90th Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis. Several of deceased's brother ringers attended the service, including Mr. G. W. Cartmel (the president and hon. secretary of the Herts Association).

In the evening the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the St. Peter's Society, with the assistance of Mr. J. Malyon, the conductor of the St. Stephen's Society, who came at short notice to fill the place of a member who was incapacitated from ringing.

A wreath was sent from the members of the society 'in loving remembrance.'

FINCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

On Monday, November 12th, there was laid to rest all that was mortal of Ernest H. Tubbs, who died suddenly at the age of 52 years. He was an old and respected Sunday service ringer, having for 30 years been connected with the Parish Church of St. Mary, Finchley, and he was also a member of the Middlesex County Association. Among the wreaths sent was one from the local band.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect by: G. Saunders 1, W. J. Norton 2, C. H. Martin 3, B. Windmill 4, E. Boufield 5, F. Barker 6.

LIVERPOOL RECORDS, 1814-1928.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

Saturday, November 3rd, 1928, is a date that will live long in the memory of those present at the unique ceremony which was held in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. It was the occasion of the unveiling of a pair of boards, each 10ft. high and 3ft. wide, on which six peals rung on the bells are recorded. The boards are painted black, with gold lettering and contain about 3,000 letters. They are a splendid example of the signwriter's art, and were executed by Mr. Ernest Jones (one of the St. Nicholas' ringers), who is to be congratulated on his excellent workmanship. One board records that the opening of the new peal of twelve bells, cast by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, took place on June 4th, 1814, and that on May 29th, 1815, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5,129 changes) was rung by the Liverpool College Youths in 3hr. 29mins.; and one of Grandsire Cinques (5,126 changes) on January 12th, 1821, in 3hrs. 37mins., both being conducted by William Thistlewood. On January 31st, 1831, another peal of Grandsire Caters (5,219 changes) was rung in 3hrs. 26mins. by the Liverpool Society, and conducted by John Heron. The foregoing peals had already been recorded in the tower, but the inscriptions had become indecipherable through age, and, with the full consent of the Rector and churchwardens, it was decided to have them repainted.

The second board records a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus (5,038 changes), rung for the first time in Liverpool on February 12th, 1827, in 4hrs. 3mins.; a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (5,040 changes) in 3hrs. 51mins., which was rung with the bells half-muffled during the actual time the funeral of the late Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Chavasse) was taking place at the Cathedral; and, finally, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus (5,280 changes) on May 5th, 1928, this being the first peal in the method in the North of England. Each peal on the second board was conducted by E. Jenkins.

The spacious ringing chamber was packed to its capacity with ringers from many parts of Lancashire and Cheshire, when Canon J. C. H. How (Rector of Liverpool) welcomed Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association) to St. Nicholas'. He stated that he had no need to introduce Canon Elsee to them, as he was well known to all as an old ringer, but he would ask him to say a few words before the unveiling of the boards.

Canon Elsee said that this occasion took their minds back to the very early history of ringing in Liverpool. In those days the art in Liverpool was not as advanced as it was to-day, and they had to go to Sheffield, Birmingham, and Ashton-under-Lyne in order to get a band of sufficient ability to ring their peals. Nowadays, he was pleased to say there was no need to go outside Liverpool in order to get a band to ring any method. He felt that these early peals were worth commemorating, as in those days bells did not go as easily as now. Tenors, for instance, were not 'tucked up' as they were to-day, and it must have been a feat of endurance as well as of skill to accomplish a peal. They would notice that the eleventh and tenor were always rung double-handed. Forty years ago, when he first became acquainted with Lancashire ringing, it was mostly confined to two or three methods. Grandsire was the most popular, Stedman was just coming into vogue and also a few Treble Bob methods were rung. Since then there had been a remarkable extension in the scope of ringing. There was no doubt that peal ringing in such difficult methods was an indication of the life and strength of the association, but it must be remembered that was not the primary object of the Lancashire Association. He heartily congratulated the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The boards were then unveiled by Canon Elsee, and a flash-light photograph taken, following which a service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Canon How, at which an interesting address was given by Archdeacon Howson. Taking as his text Proverbs viii. 4, 'Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men,' he said he rejoiced with them that day in the commemoration of the peals rung in that tower. It was a contribution to the great effort of historians and antiquarians to ensure that in the rush of modern life the great things of old should not be forgotten. A man whose name was before us very affectionately this year—John Bunyan—was in his 'unregenerate' days a great ringer. The belfry in those days was the 'resort of idle fellows who found pleasure in plucking the strings.' In his new life the ringing of bells became a means of expressing joy, as he wrote in his 'Book of the Holy War.' The bells they handled, said the preacher, were a voice which sounded in three ways. They were part of the life and ministry of the Church. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung as a token of deep respect to the late Bishop Chavasse, who was a devoted servant of God, and for 23 years was the head of that diocese. They thanked God for his ministry. In the second place they were a call to worship. The only place where a bell was mentioned in the Prayer Book was in the preface, 'Concerning the service of the church.' Bells used to be rung when there was a sermon during the service, and also at the administration of Holy Communion. Ringers were doing what missionaries did for this country in the days of long ago—they were sending out a message from the Great Father. Then, again, the voice of the bells was a call to service. Bells were rung on great national occasions, thus linking up temporal work with spiritual work.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Church Institute, where a substantial repast had been prepared, to which about 80 persons sat down, and the merry clatter of knives and forks betokened that the good things provided were being heartily appreciated.

Amongst those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Messrs. J. A. Bartlett and E. S. Legge (churchwardens), Harry Chapman, W. H. Shuker, W. James, H. W. Wilde, P. Barton, T. Barlow, J. H. Riding and W. Bibby.

Canon Elsee, in proposing a vote of thanks to those who had provided the tea, and those who had waited upon them, said how pleased he was to be with them on that enjoyable and interesting occasion. The last time he was in Liverpool was in August, 1927, when he sailed for South Africa. He had seen some strange bells since then, and was glad to be back in the centre of Lancashire ringing.

Mr. Claude I. Davies (secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association) seconded, saying it was quite a holiday for him to attend a meeting without having the responsibility of arranging it.

Mr. G. R. Newton, in responding, said that the tea had been provided by the ringers of St. Nicholas', who felt that on such an auspicious occasion they should 'let themselves go,' and he hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves. He had had apologies for absence from Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., Mr. Banks (vice-president), Mr. E. W. Elwell (secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), and Mr. E. Jenkins. He would like to say a few words about Mr. Jenkins in praise of his abilities. Soon after he came to that district he was known in Cheshire as the 'lightning conductor,' while someone in Liverpool christened him 'the live wire.' He was a most capable conductor, and his characteristics could be summed up in Kipling's words:—

'He's little, but he's wise;

He's a terror for his size' (laughter and applause).

Some interesting reminiscences of 'the good old days' of ringing in Liverpool were recounted by Mr. F. W. Moore, Mr. W. G. Mann, and Mr. Hargreaves. A couple of touches on the handbells concluded this part of the programme, and the tower was again visited and various methods rung.

So ended a most successful and unique gathering, one in which veterans of the art mingled with some of the youngest learners, and where old friends met and had interesting chats over the days of long ago, and Mr. G. R. Newton, who was responsible for all arrangements, is to be heartily complimented on the success of his efforts to ensure that everyone should enjoy themselves.

WINDSOR.—On Armistice Day, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Foreman 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, W. Phipps 3; R. Gale 4, T. Smith 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. —After service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Farr.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETINGS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on Saturday, November 3rd. The Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A.), the churchwardens, Mr. Shore and Mr. Day, being present. Tea followed at the Magnet Tea Rooms, the Vicar and Mr. Day being among those present.

A short business meeting was held, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding. He drew the attention of those present to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' for that week on the subject of 'Secretaries and their critics,' and said he wished it were possible for it to be printed in leaflet form and distributed to every member of the associations so that they could read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the remarks. He agreed that secretaries had cause to kick sometimes, although, personally, he would not like a kick from the worthy secretary of the Devizes Branch, as he was rather a hefty chap, and it would not be at all comfortable (laughter).

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.—Mr. Day promised to convey the remarks to those concerned.

Ringers, including Miss Williams, of Weston, Bath, were present from Corsley, Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, All Cannings, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and other methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place in the afternoon at Sutton Veny, where the peal of six bells had been reopened on the previous evening, after having been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The ringers were welcomed by the Rector and Mrs. Chorley. All taking part expressed their pleasure at the satisfactory manner the work had been carried out.

A special evening meeting was held at Keevil on Saturday, October 27th, when, in spite of the wet weather, ringers were present from Keevil, Bratton, Devizes and Warminster.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. Weller, visited the church and welcomed those present to Keevil. He drew attention to the board which had been placed in the ringing chamber recording two peals of Grandsire Doubles, which had been rung by the local men, and said they were very proud of their ringers.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association at Goodnestone has been postponed to Saturday, December 1st. The meeting of the Lincoln Guild at Branston to-morrow has also been postponed.

The new bells at Worcester Cathedral are to be dedicated on Sunday, November 25th.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the rehangings of the peal of eight at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, London.

Five hundred pounds are required for the restoration of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Booking. The work includes rehangings and re-tuning. An effort is to be made to raise this sum, and it is intended to make an appeal to the people.

The many friends of Mr. G. F. Swann, of Erdington, will learn with pleasure that he has so far recovered from his recent severe burning accident as to be able to ring again.

Mr. 'Dick' Lane, who has hung so many famous bells for Messrs. Taylor and Co., is to be married on Saturday to Miss Cox, of Loughborough. He and his bride will have the good wishes of all ringers.

The peal of six at Ambrosden, Oxford, have been increased to eight, and the tenor recast, and will be dedicated on December 7th. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work.

One of the earliest of ringing organisations was the 'Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers,' of Bristol, which was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620, as a result, it is said, of Queen Elizabeth hearing the bells of that church rung in her honour on her visit to Bristol at some time during her reign.

Our reference to the anniversary of the peal of 6,780 London Surprise Major at Burton-on-Trent, on November 8th, 1888, elicits the fact that three of the band are left, viz., Messrs. J. Austin, E. I. Stone and J. Griffin. The band that rang this peal also rang the first peal of London in London. It was at All Saints', Fulham, on December 8th, 1888.

It was not until 1899 that the first peal of London was rung in the city. This was accomplished by the St. Peter's, Brighton, company.

The first peal of London ever rung was at St. Andrew's, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835.

Eighty years ago to-day the first peal of Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major, that is with bobs made when the treble is behind as well as in front, was rung. It was at Woolwich, where about that time the Banisters were doing much to raise the standard of method ringing.

The reference last week to the fact that the new bells for St. Martin's, Birmingham, were cast on the same spot as the ring in 1758, is a reminder that the first peal of Grandioso Caters on that old ten was rung on November 19th in that same year.

The anniversary of two interesting peals occurs on Tuesday. On November 20th, 1886, the Burton men rang the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, and on the same day in 1909 Holt's Original was rung 'silent' at West Bromwich.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Harry Chapman was presented with a gold bell pendant by his old ringing colleagues at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on his retirement from the position of leader of the band.

Mr. Sydney Morris Abraham, of Bristol, passed peacefully away on Monday last at the age of 57 years. The funeral will take place at Arncliffe Vale (top gate), Bristol, to-morrow (Saturday) at 11.15 a.m.

A DESERVING CASE.

Subscriptions to the fund for the assistance of Mrs. Bates, widow of the late Mr. E. Bates, of the Dartford band, who, with three tiny children to support, has been left in very straitened circumstances, amount to £23s. 6d.

It is hoped that ringers will subscribe liberally to the fund for the family of a 'brother string' bereaved in such tragically sudden circumstances.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

CURIOUS ACCIDENT AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

An extraordinary accident occurred at the Parish Church at Melton Mowbray on Sunday week. Whilst the bells were being rung in rounds prior to evening service, the 3rd of the ten suddenly stopped with the rope lower than usual, accompanied by a loud crash and rumble overhead. On investigating the next day, it was discovered that the bell, from a cause that has yet to be determined had jumped out of its bearings and crashed down, wedging itself into the frame below, smashing the wheel and slider and breaking a bolt through the crown of the bell to the headstock, which was moved. The bell itself was fortunately undamaged.

WHO WAS HE ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to observe the names which one so frequently finds on the fly leaf of an old book.

I have in my possession 'Campanologia' dated 1705, and it has written in it the name of William Pawsey, Bardfield, Essex, 1855. Can any of your readers throw a light upon who he was?—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

A RECORD GATHERING.

All previous records in the long history of the Ancient Society of College Youths were broken on Saturday, when the 291st anniversary gathering was held. Ringers came from all parts of the country, from Lancashire and Yorkshire, Wales and Devon, the Eastern Counties and the South, in numbers never even approached before, and thus demonstrated once again how popular among provincial ringers is this great London gathering. During the afternoon various peals of bells were open for ringing, the chief centre of attraction being Southwark Cathedral; while St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, were also well patronised. A special service was again held at the ancient home of the society, St. Michael's, College Hill, and the seating capacity of the building failed to accommodate all who attended. Canon Bullock Webster (Rector) officiated, and the choir boys led the singing, a feature of which was a new 'bell hymn,' written by Mrs. Louie Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who arranged the music from a melody by Mr. E. Alex Young, secretary of the Central Council. Bell effects are introduced into the air and accompaniment, and the words were singularly appropriate to the occasion. Here are two of the five verses:—

With heart and voice, in one accord,
We render Praise to Thee, O Lord,
That year by year as Brethren we
In this Thy House may Worship Thee.

For Founders, Leaders, all who bore
The name we bear—in days of yore,
O God! we thank Thee, grant that we
'Together live in Unity.'

This last line is an adaptation of the society's motto, 'Viramus Unanimiter' (Let us live together in unity).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) was the preacher, and gave an address based upon the text, 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it' (Psalm cxviii. 24). He dealt especially with that aspect of ringers' duties which relates to ringing on Sundays for divine service. He said preachers at ringers' meetings seldom overlooked the opportunity of reminding them that those who called others to worship should not fail themselves to take part therein. That was true as far as it went, if they regarded bells simply as a means of reminding the hearers of the hours of divine service, and as a call to worship at such services. But bells had a far wider significance than that. One of the main purposes of a peal of bells, at any rate, was to do honour to the Lord's day—the great Christian festival of rest and worship—and the ringing which they did was not only a call to worship, but also helped to create an atmosphere of worship; indeed, it might not inappropriately be called a part of the worship of the Lord on that sacred day. The preacher went on to remind his hearers that the bell was the only instrument universally used throughout Christendom to tell forth the praise of God. In the Eastern church, where it was expressly forbidden to have music in the services except unaccompanied voices, bells were used to sound forth the praise of God, and very magnificent bells some of them were, too. They were not, of course, rung as were the bells in England, but bells were universal instruments of worship throughout the whole Christian Church. The bells were not only heard by those who took part in the services, they were not only a call to worship and created an atmosphere of worship, but they also tended to unite those who could not attend in the spirit of the service. Theirs, then, was in very truth a high office and a glorious privilege, for through the great cities and over England's pleasant fields the glad sound of the bells was heard on the Lord's day extolling the praises of the God in heaven, proclaiming before God and man the faith of our Church and joyously reminding them all that 'this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

The dinner took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, but the large and handsome apartment which had hitherto sufficed to seat the party was no longer sufficient, and a big 'overflow' gathering had to be accommodated in another room. Altogether, 262 sat down, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. S. Hawkins), who has just concluded a very successful year of office. He was supported by, among others, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. Prob. Ponsonby (Bow, Cheapside), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Mr. H. Carter (churchwarden, St. Mary Abbots', Kensington), Rev. Canon Bullock Webster (St. Michael's, College Hill), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rev. J. H. Ellison (St. Michael's, Cornhill), Rev. H. Foyne-Clinton (St. Magnus-the-Martyr), Capt. J. H.

R. Freeborn, Rev. N. Hopkins (St. Paul's), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's), Mr. F. Sergisson (St. Clement's Youths), etc. The vice-chairman was Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and among those present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), J. Bullock and W. Rushton (stewards), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary) and C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees of the society), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary, Winchester Diocesan Guild), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), C. Kippen (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Major H. A. Yorke, Mrs. J. W. Wilkins (Bristol), Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. Gordon, W. Knight and U. Braven (Bristol), T. King and C. Rich (Bath), W. Nevard (Great Bentley), W. Hazell (Edmonton), A. D. Barker (Slough), C. Mee and E. Rivers (Ipswich), F. Smallwood (Derby), J. George, P. Ladlin, H. Withers (Birmingham), J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison (Loughborough), P. Cave (Liverpool), J. Taylor (Penwortham, Lancs), H. Garfath (Croydon), W. Steed (Tunbridge Wells), R. Knowles (Madresfield, Worcestershire), S. Palmer, White, Wilson, and Charlesworth (Sheffield), H. W. Wilde and W. Bibby (Cheshire), E. Barnett, sen., E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), J. Corbett (Bagshot), C. Dean (Croydon), J. Hoyle (Ashted), M. Northover, G. Road, A. Bashford and A. Chensley (Reigate), F. W. Rogers, T. R. Taylor and E. Harding (Portsmouth), C. W. Pipe, L. Wightman (Norfolk), E. Poppy, E. Lincoln, L. Last and Burgoyne (Suffolk), T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), J. Evans (Hugghenden), A. Cullum and W. Hibbert (Reading), S. H. Green (Tunbridge Wells), H. Bishop (Swindon), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), R. Hayes (Haslemere), W. R. Melville (Guildford), and ringers in bands from Barking, Ealing, Walthamstow, Bushey, Rochester and from other towers in London and the border counties of Kent, Surrey, Herts and Essex. In fact, it was one of the most representative gatherings ever assembled upon such an occasion.

At the conclusion of the repast, the Master submitted the loyal toast, and then the tables were cleared, and the two parties of diners united in one room.

The Master proposed 'The Church.'

OLD DAYS RECALLED.

The Rev. J. H. Ellison, who responded, reminded the company that the laity as well as the clergy formed the Church, and that therefore in drinking that toast they were drinking their own healths. He thanked them very warmly indeed for the interest they took in the Church, and said that in the whole of the year there was no event, which those of them there were accustomed to attend, that they looked forward to with greater pleasure than that gathering, and he was not flattering them a bit when he said there was no finer set of men in the whole of England than the men he saw before him that evening (laughter and applause). The link between the ringers and the Church of England was a very ancient one indeed. He had been looking through some old accounts of the churchwardens in his parish, and he found a whole page of interesting things relating to St. Michael's bells. They had been rung in the past for the repose of a Pope's soul; in anticipation of an interesting event in the family history of Queen Mary which never came off (laughter), and for a number of events in Queen Elizabeth's reign. The bells had always taken their part in the history of the Church, although he gathered that what had gone on in the belfries had not always been as nice and as good as it was at the present time. In the old days, for instance, the church tower was the one place that no one would ever think of going into, so that some of the towers became the hiding place for things that were smuggled (laughter). One of the things one was most thankful for was that the ringers themselves, working with the clergy, had been able to make an enormous improvement in the belfries and in what went on there, so that the clergy, whether in town or village, now did their level best to get the boys of the parish to take an interest in it. They pointed to the belfry and told them that there was a great tradition which they ought to carry on. Continuing, Canon Ellison said it seemed to him the art of bell-ringing was an art which the Church of England had made specially its own, and in looking back on the uglier old days they could feel that what happened then was but a corruption of a truly noble thing, and they should be thankful they had come to these better days, when the art of bell-ringing and the way in which it was cultivated by such societies as theirs had risen to a much higher level. He trusted that the relations which now existed between the Church and the bell-ringers would go on, not only through the lives of all of them present but through the lives of many generations yet to come (applause).

THE SOCIETY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It had been said that night, and he believed it had been observed before at those gatherings, that they

spent a good part of their evening in proposing the toast of their noble selves. They had just drunk to themselves in the toast of 'The Church,' and he was going now to ask them to do so again in proposing to them the toast of that ancient society, which was, together with the Cambridge University Guild, the first ringing society that he joined. Although his name did not appear, they all knew who would have proposed that toast had they been certain he would have been there that night—as he was (applause). There was no one they were more pleased to see, and looking so well after his illness than Canon Coleridge (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Jenkyn said whenever one took part in an annual festival of ringers they usually proposed the toast of their own society and drank it cordially, but there was something quite unique about a society like the College Youths, in the very heart of the Empire. It was a great thing that their various societies throughout the country should be flourishing, both in the towns and in the smaller villages, but it would be a disastrous thing, and they would not be anything like so proud as they were of their art and science, and their bellringing generally, if they did not feel that in London they could get as good ringing as they could get anywhere else. Ringers who went abroad liked to look back and think that at the heart of the Empire they knew there was good ringing going on. Every ringer knew that they could hear twelve bells really well rung if they would take the trouble to go to St. Paul's on a Sunday morning or afternoon, and that if they went to Westminster Abbey they could also be assured they would hear bells well rung by members of that society. It was their responsibility—he did not say that if others were put into those places they could not do as well—but it was their responsibility, and it was important that they should be absolutely efficient, and those who came from the provinces and were gathered there that night drank to the health and prosperity of the society with all their hearts and in all sincerity. The speaker went on to refer to the booklet which has just been issued, giving a brief history of the society as well as its rules and list of notable performances, under the dignified title of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He congratulated the committee responsible for its production on the way in which it had been got up. Things like that, he said, were most valuable to present members of the Exercise, because one of the things which they wanted most to uphold was the dignity of the office of the church bellringer (hear, hear), and it was a very great thing that they should be able to place into the hands of others a book like that. When they talked about College Youths people smiled, but that book would show them that the society had been going for more than twenty-five minutes; that the origin was as interesting as anything they should show in the whole country, and if they would study it they would get to know something about what bellringing and bellringing societies meant. Only recently he had been invited to attend another gathering, which was being held that night, but he had declined because, as he had explained, he was going to attend the dinner of the College Youths. It had come back to him that the gentleman who had invited him had said he was sorry Jenkyn could not come, but he had heard that he was going to London to dine with some boys (laughter). 'I might add,' said the speaker, 'some great lads, too' (laughter and applause). He had, he continued, now bought two copies of the College Youths' book, one of which he was going to keep, the other he was going to lend out, and he was going to lend it first to the gentleman who had invited him to dinner, so that he might see what the Ancient Society really was (applause). He hoped everyone present would buy a copy of the book and read it, because he was convinced that a knowledge of the origin of the society would give them a greater sense of pride, if possible, in being a member of the society than they had before (hear, hear). On the committee entrusted with the drawing up of this very beautiful book there was the name of one whom he would like to mention, and they could not imagine a committee of that kind without his name. He referred to Mr. Cockerill (applause). Besides being a most delightful person to meet on every occasion, Mr. Cockerill had a personality which truly and worthily upheld the real dignity of the Church bellringer (hear, hear). He need not dilate upon how much that society owed to Mr. Cockerill, but they all rejoiced to see him there again looking as he always did. He hoped he would long live to continue in the office of secretary, and that they would have him with them at that annual dinner for many years to come (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and then a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas (Edmonton), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), A. Walker (Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), H. Langdon (London), and W. A. Cave (Bristol).

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Cockerill, in replying to the toast, mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Rev. the Hon. H. S. Phillimore, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Canon Haldane (Southwark), Prebendary Isaacs (Cripplegate), Rev. H. Pickles, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. H. Judd. During the year, he said, they had made 35 members, but they had to lament the loss by death of William J. Kemp, James Scholes, H. C. Gillingham, W. H. Freeman, R. S. Holloway, W. Bennett (Aldenharn), W. E. Garrard, Louis Atwater, Joseph Rayner, Arthur Webber (Yarmouth), and J. D. Drewett (Mitcham). During the year they had held 76 meetings for practice, and they were

generally well attended. The peals rung were as follows: Grandsire Triples 3 (including two on handbells), Stedman Triples 6, Stedman Calers 4, Stedman Cinques 5, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Spliced Surprise Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, total 23 (21 on tower bells and 2 on handbells). They had been informed of the new book, which was on sale that evening, and the price of which was two shillings. It had entailed a considerable amount of work and research in the British Museum and the Guildhall Library. Mr. Cockerill added that he was sure the members present would join with him in extending their hearty congratulations to Canon Coleridge on his recovery so far, and their gratification that he was able to be with them that evening (applause).

Canon Coleridge, who was on the point of slipping quietly away from the room, was called on for a speech, and thanked the members for their kind expressions on that and many other occasions. He referred to the numerous enquiries that had been made by ringers respecting him while he was in the nursing home, and to the good wishes which he received at Liverpool as he was about to leave for his sea voyage. Just before the boat left, he said, three Liverpool ringers, whom he did not know before, came on board to wish him farewell, and told him he would hear the beginning of a peal at St. Nicholas' Church as he went down the river. He heard the ringing for five or six minutes, and all that he could say was that, if the whole of the peal was as good as the portion he heard, then it was a very fine peal indeed. In conclusion, Canon Coleridge expressed his pleasure that he was able to be present that evening, and that through the prayers of many he was comparatively entirely restored to health. He was not a pound less in weight, and he did not think he was much less in height (loud applause).

DEBT TO CITY INCUMBENTS.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors,' and extended to them all a very hearty welcome. That toast, he said, was more particularly addressed to those among them who were not ringers, and he would like especially to mention those incumbents at whose churches the society was privileged to hold their practice meetings. He desired to take that opportunity of saying how much the society appreciated the assistance which those incumbents rendered to the society in permitting them to use the bells for their practices. The society was founded in 1637 for the purpose of promoting the science and art of change ringing. Some of the incumbents who gave them the use of their church bells had not parochial hands of their own, but at the same time they were doing a wonderful work in helping on this national art of change ringing, because at their practice meetings the Ancient Society of College Youths did a good deal to get young ringers on in change ringing. They were glad to welcome so many visitors that night, and hoped they would still have their support in future years (applause).

BOW BELLS.

Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby, who replied, said among the ringers he numbered a great many old friends, including that friend of all ringers, the president of the Cambridge University Guild, his dear old friend Mr. Boughey (applause). Referring to the present condition of Bow bells, the speaker said the people of the city had been a little slow in responding to the appeal to put the bells in order, but he had recently had an interview with an important personage, and he thought they would soon be moving further in the matter (applause). They had to do some repairs to the church first, and then they would get on with the bells and he able to welcome the ringers back once more to the tower (applause).

The Vice-Chairman submitted the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and gave the many representatives of these organisations a hearty welcome. It was most gratifying to the College Youths to have the support of so many societies, and he could assure them they would always receive a hearty welcome in any of the towers.

Mr. J. D. Matthews replied for the London Societies. He regretted that with all that had been 'rubbed into them' little effect had been produced on the authorities of many of the London churches where the bells sadly needed attention. He was very pleased, however, to say that the relations between the two old societies in London had never been more cordial than they were to-day, and he should not be surprised if in the course of time they became so friendly that there would be an exchange of towers (hear, hear, and laughter). Good-will carried them a long way. It was always a great pleasure to him to attend that annual gathering, and, perhaps, in the future, if the Royal Cumberlands inaugurated a dinner, the College Youths would come and give them their support (applause).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who responded for the provincial societies, said St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, which he represented, was a pretty lusty infant, now nearly 200 years old, but they looked up to the College Youths for guidance and inspiration. They had great respect for this ancient society, for in all they had had to do with it they had found that it stood for stability, good striking and good fellowship (applause). That evening they had heard about the new book which had made its appearance, and he was hoping, when he had time to read it through on the morrow, that he would be able to clear up two mysteries that had always puzzled him. One was, why was the College Youths Society founded on November 5th? (laughter). It was a very suspicious date, and he was hoping to

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH FLOURISHING.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Southleigh on October 27th. The bad weather affected the attendance, about thirty being present. The service in the historical church was conducted by the Rev. F. R. Marriott, of Wootton, chairman of the branch, and the address was given by the Rev. T. P. Owen, Vicar of Eynsham.

The Rev. T. P. Owen, speaking from the pulpit in which John Wesley preached his first sermon in 1725, said the ringing of bells was part of the music of the church, and, therefore, it had to be done to the glory of God. One of their rules was that they should be in church once every Sunday, and, frankly, it did seem unfair and absurd that anyone should ring bells calling other people to church and then go away themselves when the service started.

At the business meeting, held subsequently, the Rev. F. R. Marriott, presiding, a welcome was extended to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Eynsham for his address, and pleasure was expressed at the presence of Mr. John Monk, a ringer of many years' service.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.), in the course of a brief report on the year's work, said membership was well maintained, but, unfortunately, they had lost an enthusiastic honorary member through death in the person of the late Vicar of Eynsham, while Canon Carroll had left the deanery. The branch was in a flourishing condition, while Cassington had come back to make an extra tower.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Monk, the Rev. F. R. Marriott and Mr. W. Evetts, jun., were respectively re-elected president and hon. secretary, several members speaking of their loyalty to and enthusiasm for the Guild.—Both expressed thanks, and on the proposition of Mr. Evetts, the Vicar of Eynsham was elected hon. member.

The Secretary, calling for a keener interest in ringing, said during the war bellringing naturally went back, and many ringers were lost by death. He appealed to them to use their best endeavours to get young ringers.

Messrs. Spindlove, Boud and Judge were re-elected representatives on the Guild Committee.

The Master of the Guild congratulated the branch upon having such excellent officers, and went on to say that at the last meeting he attended at Aston he spoke of the proposal to award peal diplomas for first peal in any method, but that proposal was turned down by the Central Council. He thought it was a pity, as that was one of the few suggestions made by the young ringers themselves to encourage ringing. The Master also referred to the attention necessary to the Standlake bells.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the general treasurer, expressed thanks for the donation of £5 from the branch towards the restoration fund, and pointed out that one-fourth of the subscriptions of honorary members went to that fund. He congratulated them upon having a balance in hand of £24, and hoped some of it would be spent on visits to various towers, to encourage ringers where there was not too much enthusiasm. Their branch was one of the best in the Guild.

Mr. R. T. Hilbert, the general secretary, also spoke, saying there was no need to get pessimistic about the future of bellringing. All over the country there were signs of a great revival, and it was for them to encourage the young men.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Yarnton. The meeting concluded with the election of several new members, thanks to the organist, Mr. Woolford, and a welcome to several lady members was expressed by Mr. J. Monk.

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find out what connection there was between Guy Fawkes and the College Youths. The other thing he hoped to clear up was whether 'Gog' and 'Magog' were foundation members of the society (laughter). As a provincial member of the College Youths, he would like to know more about the doings of the society, and the only place in which he could read anything about them was in the London press, where he saw and read all sorts of rubbish put in by people who, perhaps, casually attended a meeting of the society but knew nothing about them. That was not good enough. He thought the provincial members were entitled to know what the parent society was doing. They were interested in the society, and would like to know what was going on (applause).

The remaining toast was that of 'The Press,' proposed by Mr. G. R. Fardon, and replied to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with handbell solos, which she rendered with the utmost skill. She played 'Berceuse de Jocelyn' (Godard) and 'Salut d'Amour' (Elgar), responding to an encore with the ever-popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' A new and pleasing feature of the programme was Mr. C. H. Kippin's 'Parlour Cavillon,' upon which he performed a number of items, all admirably played. They included 'Londonderry Air,' 'Love's old sweet song,' 'The song of the Valga boatmen,' and 'Absent.' Mr. J. Bullock rendered a song, and Mr. F. Groombridge played the accompaniments. 'Auld Lang Syne' closed one of the most successful evenings of the long series.

Many visiting ringers stayed the night in London, and Sunday being Armistice Day found ample opportunities for ringing, while in the evening a numerous party gathered at 'The Coffee Pot,' and spent a pleasant hour.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

BISHOP OF WINCHESTER DEDICATES NEW BELLS.

The new ring of eight bells at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, erected to the memory of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (the Vicar), who was for many years an officer (Master and afterwards vice-president) of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, were dedicated on October 30th by the Bishop of Winchester.

The first recorded reference to bells in Milford is in 1553, and they have twice been recast since the reign of Edward VI. Three new bells have now been added to complete the octave, the old five having been recast. The result is a very fine ring of eight (tenor 12½ cwt. in G Major). The whole of the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried it out with their usual excellent workmanship, the minutest details necessary for the ringers' comfort in the tower having been taken into account. Each bell can be heard equally in the ringing chamber.

A special form of service was used, the lessons being read by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Canon Braithwaite (patron of the Guild) respectively, after which the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, proceeded to the ringing chamber, when the ropes were handed to the Bishop with the request to dedicate the bells to the glory and praise of God.

Afterwards, the ropes were handed to the Vicar with the following charge: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for his glory.'

Whilst the Bishop returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by eight members of the local band.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the 'King's Remembrance,' and said the bells might be called 'Remembrancers' of the Eternal. They were a reminder of the larger and greater life, for which this life was but a school of preparation. In conclusion, he urged them to recast their lives that they might ring with a truer tone than before.

Immediately after the service the first touch (Grandsire Triples) was rung on the bells by a representative band.

The opening of these bells was of special interest to ringers, as the two trebles were given by the old Winchester Guild as a memorial to their late vice-president, and a large number attended, those present including Mr. G. Williams (Master), Canon Braithwaite (vice-president), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Guild), Mr. K. Hart (Sussex Association), Rev. C. Phillips and Mr. S. Hector (Salisbury Guild), Messrs. G. Preston (Christchurch), W. Andrews (Winchester), E. Elliott, C. W. Tucker, etc. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders.

The treble is inscribed, 'Faith,' and the 2nd 'Hope,' and each bears the following in addition: 'Given by the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers in memory of their vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews. 1928.'

After the dedication service a very large company attended at Milford House Hotel for tea, and afterwards touches in various methods were rung on the new bells.

A ringers' day was arranged for Saturday, November 3rd, to enable ringers who could not attend the dedication to try the bells.

A very large number of members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, also of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, attended, the towers represented being Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Fareham, Highclere, King's Somborne, Lyndhurst, Lymington, Milford, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Poole, Parkstone, Ringwood, Romsey, Sopley, Southampton, Wimborne, Weymouth, Winchester and Woolton Hill, Mr. J. P. Fidler again representing the founders.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, the 'go' and tone of the bells giving the ringers every satisfaction.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by Rev. H. M. Lerner (Vicar), to which over 70 sat down. The Chairman welcomed the ringers to Milford, and referred to the history which led up to the provision of the new bells.—Mr. G. Williams and Mr. J. P. Fidler suitably replied.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) announced that the sum of £2 was required to complete the £100 promised by the Guild, and appealed for further subscriptions.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman and to Mr. G. Preston for making the arrangements for the meeting.

BUCKINGHAM.—On November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cashmore 1, L. Smith 2, E. Yates 3, F. Case 4, T. Roberts 5, T. Reid 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, B. Jones (first quarter) 8. Rung for Lord Mayor's day, by kind invitation of the local ringers. First quarter by the tenor ringer.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On October 18th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Grover 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, J. Goucher 3, A. Walker 4, F. Bennett 5, N. V. Harding (first extent as conductor) 6.—On Saturday, November 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, F. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, W. J. Robinson 4, J. Goucher 5, G. Grover (first extent) Surprise Minor as conductor) 6.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The celebration of Armistice Day was marked by half-muffled ringing in hundreds of churches in memory of those who fell in the Great War. In other cases the bells were 'open' in their expression of joy to commemorate the establishment of peace.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, November 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Heathcote 1, W. Allin, sen., 2, W. Allin, jun., 3, E. A. Wilson 4, C. Beckley 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung for evening service with the bells half-muffled.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, R. Gay 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, R. Gay 2, G. W. Park 3, Roland Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), rung half-muffled for morning service in 50 mins.: E. G. Swift 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, E. Warnett 4, C. Nicholls 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphrey 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins., with bells open: T. Smith 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, E. G. Swift 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8. Both these quarters were rung by the local band.—For united service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, J. H. Lucas 2, R. Warnett 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, E. G. Swift 5, C. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, A. G. Bray 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, Miss D. French 3, P. Green 4, H. Dawson 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, George Green (conductor) 7, W. Arnold 8.

KNIGHTON, RAD.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, R. H. Jones 2, E. W. Watkins 3, T. F. Preece 4, J. J. Price 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, J. F. Evans 7.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, J. F. Evans 5, T. F. Preece 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, J. J. Price 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Armistice Sunday, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. H. Harper 1, H. Harper 2, H. Johnson 3, W. Wilkinson 4, A. Vea 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evensong, 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins.: N. Sharpe (first 720) 1, A. B. King 2, L. Pell 3, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 4, J. H. Musson 5, G. Rouse 6.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, on the afternoon of Armistice Sunday, by the following: W. B. Gibbons 1, H. Gibbard (conductor) 2, G. Healey 3, A. Burton 4, C. Challand 5.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: F. Paine 1, F. Oakley 2, H. Colcomb (conductor) 3, E. Colcomb 4, A. Colcomb 5, H. Phillips 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by all local men.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, November 11th, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 630 of Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury and 150 Grandsire): R. Bennett 1, J. Lee 2, H. Phillips 3, J. Johnson (conductor) 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled: R. J. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Jones 2, W. E. Oakley 3, H. Long 4, R. W. Picton 5, W. J. Norris 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, R. G. Bell 8.

LYMINGTON.—At St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 52 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, C. Morris 3, F. Hood 4, S. Clarke 5, G. Arnold 6, J. E. Piggus 7, F. Knewitz 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—A quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins., at the Parish Church for evening service: E. Gardner 1, B. Court 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Beagley 4, C. Robinson 5, E. Beagley (conductor) 6. In the morning the bells were muffled for the service; after the service the bells were rung open for 15 minutes.

SOUTH WEALE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten different callings, in 50 mins.: F. Wood 1, J. Harridge 2, G. Miles (conductor) 3, W. Leggett 4, A. Benbow (first quarter with an inside bell) 5, E. Sharplin (first quarter) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, 501 Grandsire Caters and 467: F. Blood (N. and D.) 1, Miss I. B. Thompson (V.A.D.) 2, A. Coppock (D.L.I.) (conductor) 3, A. Goodwin 4, A. Gamble 5, A. Lambert 6, L. Clay 7, F. Turner 8, D. Vincent 9, E. Lee 10.—In the afternoon, for British Legion service, 475 Stedman Triples: D. Vincent 1, A. Gamble 2, A. Goodwin 3, A. Coppock (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, F. Turner 6, F. Blood 7, B. Marshall 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, meeting, ringing and social hour. A welcome to all. Please notify your intention to be present to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Oxford. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 3.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaw (half-mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec., Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. Branch committee meeting 5 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Linsdale on Saturday, Nov. 17th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. (The tower is one minute from Leighton Buzzard Station.)—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Address by Mr. A. Sowden. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and dedication of the bells after rebanging will take place at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 17th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby Parish Church on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro. tem.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) recently rehung 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. May I request members to try and attend. Good bus service from Cambridge (2 miles).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton, near Alfreton, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec., Chesterfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, at Mr. Street's Restaurant.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present please inform Mr. R. Rigby, Bridgefoot, Eccleston, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? A good attendance requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Nov. 21st?—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

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. 24th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Evesham on Saturday, November 24th. Service will be held in St. Lawrence's Church at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. S. Stubbs. Tea will be provided, but it is important that names should be sent to me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (10) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—The meeting at Branston is postponed owing to illness.—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. Stoke and Allesley bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec., J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers welcome.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service has been arranged for 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please notify me in order to facilitate catering?—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Southwold Parish Church on Nov. 24th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers and friends welcome. — E. Grindell, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Basford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 5 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Wonersh (6) and Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at each tower available from 3 p.m. Service at Wonersh at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, 20th.—N. V. Harding, Hon. Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at St. Mary de Lode (Gloucester) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). All ringers welcome. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify me by the 24th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in Ropley Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Coffee Room. Those requiring tea please notify me by 22nd.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rye on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcomed.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made. Subscriptions can now be paid. A good attendance is desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. H. Bardsley, 119, Manchester Road, Denton, number requiring tea not later than Nov. 20th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The re-cast bells at Worcester Cathedral will be dedicated and opened on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 11 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Upwey Barr's Road, Old Hill. Ringing, except at the opening by the Cathedral Guild, will not be possible.—James R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar (10 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Short service, with address by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at Lyons' Restaurant, opposite Blackwell Tunnel, at 5. Meeting in belfry at 7.30. Will all who require tea advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, without fail?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Street, Southport, before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. A. W. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Waddon, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will take place on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Werburgh's. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Mission Hall 5.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss G. Church 1, G. E. Peace 2, J. C. Bird (first quarter-peal inside) 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, W. W. Dickenson 5, L. G. Thurgood 6, H. Ellis 7, G. Cole 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, J. G. Nash 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

CRANFORD.—A quarter-peal of Minor was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's on Sunday evening, October 28th, in three methods, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: H. Lewin 1, Miss S. Thursfield 2, E. Palmer 3, E. Berridge 4, F. Lewin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Lewin 6.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 1, J. J. Allen 2, E. Aylett 3, P. Parslow 4, W. Seeley 5, H. C. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, H. F. Dale 8.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on Sunday evening, October 28th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Parker, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Swindley 1, A. Whatkin 2, M. Harris 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Sconce 5, J. Swainson 6, J. Hayes (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, G. Gerrard 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Rev. F. W. Lane 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, F. Springham 3, C. Beeston 4, H. Bull 5, W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1st and 4th. The first quarter-peal rung on the bells since they were reopened.

ABINGDON.—For evensong, on September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Barrett 1, J. Honey 2, F. Jiggins 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Neville 5, R. A. Post 6, A. E. Lock (conductor) 7, E. A. Passam 8, G. Caudwell 9, J. Nobes 10.

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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

It seems necessary to call attention once more to the fact that 5040's of Grandsire Doubles containing 'spliced' 240's on Mr. Morris' plan are not recognised as peals by the Central Council, because each six-score is not true in itself. That these six-scores were ruled out by the resolution passed at Hereford was made perfectly plain. The definition of a peal of Doubles was laid down for the first time and was in the following terms: 'That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 120, . . .'. In Mr. Morris' plan no less than forty changes are repeated in each of the 120's, so that this method of splicing is debarred from peals. There is no reason why this arrangement by Mr. Morris should not be rung for practice if a band desires more variety than can otherwise be obtained, but in a peal the highest standard of truth should be aimed at. Anything but true 720's has long been ruled out of peals of Minor, and there is no reason why the requirements for a peal of Doubles should be less rigid.

There are a few ringers who argue that if you have, as you must, each change on six bells rung seven times in a peal of Minor, it does not matter how you ring them. This is reducing the standard of peal ringing, instead of elevating it, which should be the object of all ringers in these days when peals are so much 'cheaper' than was once the case. If the principle, put forward by the advocates of the system just referred to, were admitted, six and five bell peals could be reduced to an absurdity. It would be possible, for instance, to ring each lead of a six-score of Bob Doubles forty-two times consecutively, before going on to do the same thing with the next lead, and the result could be claimed as a peal. What we need in these days of advanced ringing is certainly not to make peals easier to get.

As a matter of fact, in regard to Grandsire Doubles, there is a way of calling six-scores, by 'ringing the changes' on the 'half-hunt' or 'observation' bell which will give the conductor just as much variety as any of the 'arrangements' which are now practised, and if applied exclusively throughout a peal will probably give him as much to think about as he will require. These provide him with true six-scores and there is no need, therefore, to go to false ones to make up the necessary 5040 changes. It is probable that those who have rung, since the meeting of the Council at Hereford, 5040's of Grandsire Doubles with spliced 240's of Mr. Morris' arrangement have done so in ignorance of the conditions

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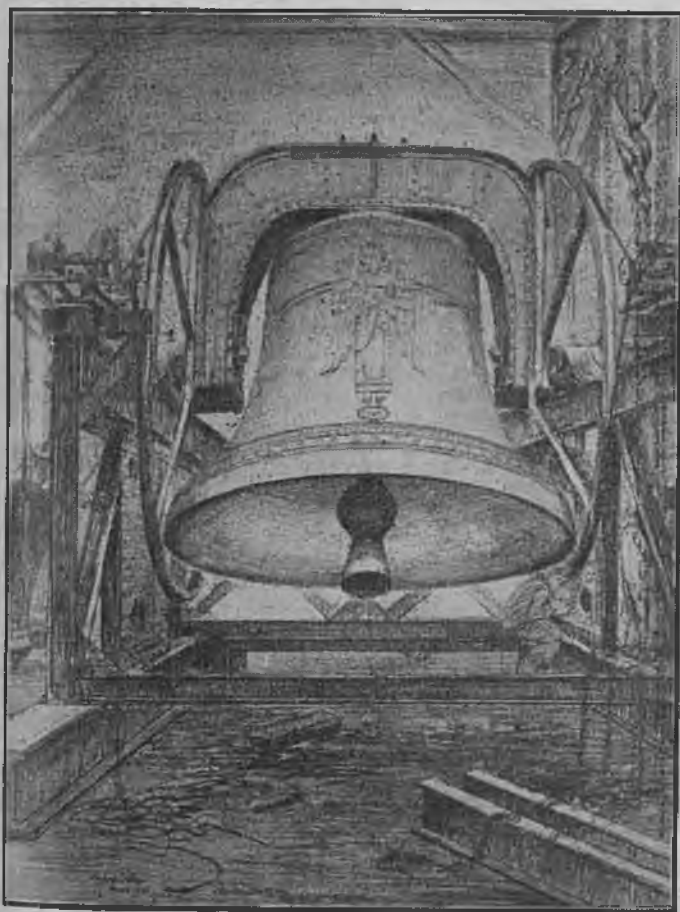
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now required for such peals, despite the attention that was drawn to the matter at the time. Such a peal was rung at Broughton Astley for the Armistice anniversary, and because it may have been rung under a misapprehension, we are publishing it in our peal columns—although the Analyses Committee will not be able to take it into account—but in order to support the efforts of the Council to raise the standard required for peals we shall in future treat such records only as 'miscellaneous performances.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	WALTER AYRE 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
MRS. G. R. FLETCHER 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all except ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*AGREY L. BENNETT 2	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson. The following dioceses were represented in the above peal: Bath and Wells, Exeter, Salisbury and Bristol.

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On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK HINDLE Treble	JAMES HARRISON 6
JOHN BROWN 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 3	JAMES MARSH 8
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
WILLIAM ROBINSON 5	WILLIAM E. WILSON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, and on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
JOHN BASS 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
* WILLIAM BROWN 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. First peal of London Surprise on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the Armistice.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
JAMES BETTS 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

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

Rung to celebrate the wedding of William Button (one of the local band), which took place the same day; also in honour of the silver wedding of W. C. Rumsey, and as a birthday compliment to A. J. Berry.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK R. COOMBS Treble	CYRIL BENNETT 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	JAMES FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANK DUFFREY 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt, 2 qr.

WILLIAM C. WEST Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
ERNEST J. TRUMAN 2	ERNEST BISHOP 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	* FREDERICK W. MERRETT 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Lord and Lady Davidson of Lambeth.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY DORLING Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
* THOMAS EMSDEN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 7
TOM BRETT-SMITH 4	EDMUND MOONTER Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal. This peal was arranged to be rung to celebrate the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the association, but owing to the death of Mr. James Harmer Dalton, late churchwarden, and an hon. member of the association, who was buried in the churchyard three hours previous to the peal, it was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect and sympathy. He loved the bells, and as churchwarden a few years ago threw his heart and enthusiasm into the work of getting them rung.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY HARRIS Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
ARTHUR H. BRAMISH 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 4	ERNEST STONE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

Rung to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JOHN NEWMAN 2	* FREDERICK J. FLUDDER 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 3	† LESLIE CLARK 7
GEORGE HAYWOOD 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson; also the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Palmers Road, Ipswich, parents of G. W. Moss; the 60th birthday of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association; and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Armistice Day.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EDWARD JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung as a compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson on their golden wedding day, and on the day of the Archbishop's retirement after twenty-five years as Primate of England.

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On Wednesday, November 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 80.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN P. TARTON 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK T. ELY 5
MISS ELSIE E. PETTIT 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
HENRY E. HAMMOND 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HUBERT E. REASON 4	WALTER HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb.

* FRANCIS J. EWENS Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
† JONATHAN CORBETT 2	* HECTOR HUNT 6
BARZALLAI HAWKINS 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	FREDERICK C. NYE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a bob bell. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. C. Nye.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	JOHN I. KENTISH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung in celebration of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the Kent County Association.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

Arranged and rung as a silver wedding peal for each of the above ringers, all eight having been married in the year 1903. It was also rung in honour of the golden wedding of the late Archbishop of Canterbury and Lady Davidson, and of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, of Ewell. It was Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden's fiftieth peal together.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WALTER FRANKS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
* JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee of the licensing of the church for public worship by Dr. Durnford (Bishop of Chichester), November 17th, 1878. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Livermore for their hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	* WILLIAM PIPER 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	GEORGE PIPER 6
* ARTHUR PIPER 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
FREDERICK SUECKLING ... 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since their increase to eight by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sueckling and W. Richardson, both of whom have been Sunday service ringers at the above church for 43 years. The ringers of the back six in the peal all belong to the local company.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK S. BAILEY ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung as a golden wedding peal to the late Archbishop of Canterbury and Lady Davidson. Mr. S. J. Hector's 150th peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. R. FRITCHARD'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM G. CLARKE 2	* WALTER W. BONHAM ... 6
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 3	* WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to W. M. J. Pedley on attaining his majority.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

* CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... Treble	EDGAR C. STACEY 5
ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
GEORGE CLARKE 3	* FREDERICK CLARK 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal of Major from each bell in the tower.

CROWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
* DENNIS MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal at first attempt.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	* ALBERT J. WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 3	WILLIAM BROWN 7
WILLIAM GREEN 4	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell, and first attempt, Rung to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Simpson.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

R. EDWARDS, Tenterden ... Treble	C. W. FRANKLIN, Ashford... 5
C. W. PLAYER, Stone... 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN, Rye 6
E. G. BUESDEN, Canterbury 3	F. FAIRBEARD, Canterbury 7
C. W. BRETT, Canterbury... 4	H. CASTLE, Ashford ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. H. W. Bennion, a respected member of this parish, also with deepest sympathy to the sufferers by the loss of the Rye lifeboat crew.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODHOUSE EAVES.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*C. A. BOLLARD ... Treble	H. MOULT ... 4
†A. L. BENNETT ... 2	J. SADDINGTON ... 5
J. HUTCHBY ... 3	F. J. SUTTON... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and also the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire.

ERNEST MARSH ... Treble	ERNEST BAGWORTH ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3	JOSEPH NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER ALLEN ... Treble	†WILLIAM THORPE ... 4
JAMES UPTON ... 2	†THOMAS W. THORPE... 5
†JOSEPH E. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the 10th anniversary of Armistice. All are regular Sunday service ringers. The ringer of the 4th was re-elected a member of the M.C.A. prior to the peal.

BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

2,520 Plain Bob and 2,520 Grandsire.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS E. M. CUTSFORTH ... Treble	*SAM JONES ... 4
FRED BELL ... 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
JOHN TYSON ... 3	*TOM SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTSFORTH.

* First peal of Doubles. S. Jones has now rung peals from Doubles to Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day, also for the father of Mrs. Cutsforth, who was buried on the 7th inst.

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

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Treble	WILLIAM NISLETT ... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

RICHARD THOMAS... Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	DAVID HORNE ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes, each of Neasden, Wragby, College Bob IV., Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CLIFFORD THORPE ... Treble	JOHN R. BUCKLEY ... 4
SAMUEL WAREHAM ... 2	CROMPTON HOWARTH ... 5
RICHARD H. BYROM ... 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERWORTH.

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Also a birthday peal for the 2nd ringer. All the above are ex-service men, and service ringers at the above church.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

BERNARD BAILEY... Treble	*ERNEST WILSON ... 4
ERNEST MALLENDER ... 2	FRED CLARKE ... 5
VAUGHAN COX ... 3	FRED W. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

Rung half-muffled to celebrate Armistice Day. The conductor served in the Great War in the 3rd North Staffs and four Leicestershire regiments.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
ALAN BROMLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the 44 men of Horsmonden who gave their lives in the Great War, and whose names are on the memorial tablet, unveiled by General Clive the same day.

APSLEY END.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 12, 1928, 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 Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD S. COOK Treble	JACK STOPP 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	HERBERT GATES 5
*HENRY GOLDING 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in three methods inside. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the golden of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson, and also to mark the completion of 25 years as Primate of All England.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods, and first 720 of London at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mrs. Randall Davidson. His Grace has been for over 25 years president of the above association. The conductor's 25th peal on the tenor at this tower.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Bankes James' composition.

*E. E. WOODAGE Treble	J. A. BASSETT 4
G. FULLER 2	H. LUCK 5
†J. WAGBORNE, SEN. 3	A. H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. Rung for the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	JOHN W. WARD 5
*HARRY HOWARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Witnesses: CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE and WILLIAM J. MAYHEW.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells since 1816.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

BILLIONS OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Minormania's' article raises several questions which I should like to say something about.

In the first place, I strongly object to be called 'an expert.' I have only examined a few thousand methods, and as there are 32,454,100,224,000 Treble Bob Major methods, I realise that I only know a very little about the matter, and those people who try to produce theories only succeed in exposing their own ignorance.

Secondly, the short articles which I have written were intended to make people think, and so the explanations were purposely meagre. Let me deal with reverse Bob Minimus, as a little more explanation of that may prove the key to the others.

1234	1234	
2134	2143	
2314	2413	
3214	4321	The tenor is,
3124	3412	of course, the bell
1324	3142	in the hunt.
1234	1324	
	3124	a
	etc.	

I think that this is sufficient for the present, and I will deal with other points in the future.

H. LAW JAMES.

ROUND BLOCKS AND METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate our mutual friend, 'Minormania,' on his article in your recent issue, much of which is perfectly true, and might have been written with equal truth anywhen during the past fifteen years.

Our young friend has shown us that he has some little knowledge of Round Blocks, but in writing of Cambridge Surprise in connection with same he has also shown us that he has very little knowledge concerning the extension of methods.

I am quoting from memory, but I believe it was in August, 1928, when I gave a Single Extension of 'Cambridge' Surprise Minor to Major, Royal and Maximus, in which the Round Block progressions are perfect, i.e., there are never more than two progressions, 3412 and 4321, to infinity.

Our young friend expects to find the same progressions between 'Cambridge' Minor a single method, and 'Cambridge' Major, which is a double method, all but two single places, behind, when the treble is not in that position. He is expecting the impossible. If he chooses to make an irregular method of Cambridge by adding the two single places on all numbers he will then have a double irregular method, and the progressions will be as perfect as in the Single Extension previously mentioned.

I hope 'Minormania' will forgive me for saying that his concluding factors are all wrong.

We will take them in the order that he gives them. 'First factor, the diagram or work.' If 'Minormania,' or anyone who is interested, will write out the first leads of Double Dublin from Minor to Maximus inclusive, he, or they, will find that the first factor won't work, because the diagrams appear to be those of dissimilar methods, and yet Double Dublin is one of the most perfect of existing methods.

'Second factor, the lead-end' (by which he means lead-head) coursing order, and matters practical. The fallacy that a method, to be the same, must have the same lead-head to infinity, has long since been exploded. Double Dublin again comes in as an example to the contrary. Coursing Order is only an arbitrary definition, as instanced by 'Cambridge.' If we make 'Cambridge' into a double method by adding two single places it becomes an irregular and worthless method. Matters practical are surely covered in the diagram and work.

'Third factor, false course-ends and compositive considerations.' These have no bearing, because all Minor methods (Treble Bob or Surprise) must be true, otherwise they will not produce the extent of the changes. Kent Treble Bob is true as a Minor method, Kent Major has several false course-ends; while, on the other hand, Kent Royal, like the Minor, is true.

'Fourth factor, scientific reasons for or against.' True, science admits of no arbitrary definitions. There have been so many arbitrary definitions laid down in connection with change ringing that it is time we left off calling it a science and call it an art only. A fact will always be a fact; a fallacy will always be a fallacy, and no amount of arbitrary definitions can make a fallacy into a fact.

In conclusion, let me add that any method, principle or system of which there is no doubt at all about the Extensions to the higher numbers being correct can be proved to be so by its Round Blocks. They may have more than two progressions, like Single 'Cambridge' Minor, and the method we ring as 'Cambridge' Major, but the progressions will be regular on all numbers, whatever the number of bells, provided the Extension is really correct.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Luton District of the Beds Association was held at Linslade on Saturday, November 17th, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea was partaken of in the schools adjoining the church, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. King.

Luton was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in December. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schools, to the local band for making arrangements, and to the ladies who helped to make the tea a success.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A CITY MEETING.**

A meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. The proceedings started at about 3 p.m., half an hour earlier than advertised, with a band of ringers who had been ringing at Southwark Cathedral earlier in the afternoon. Thus started, the attendance grew apace, and some very good ringing in Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Major was achieved. At 5 p.m., according to the usual custom, a short service was held in the church, followed by tea at a 'Lyons,' arrangements for which had been made earlier in the day.

After tea had been finished, the business meeting was held in the crypt of the church.

Mr. John Crampion, a promising recruit of the St. Mary's, Woodford, band, was elected a member of the Association.

It was decided to give the officers a free hand with the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in December, owing to the great difficulty of obtaining a fixed tower for that purpose.

Mr. A. Reeves, of Woodford, was elected to fill the place of auditor, rendered vacant since Mr. Alleway's election to the office of Master.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the verger for cleaning up the tower in readiness for the meeting, and for arranging for the use of the crypt.

After this a return was made to the tower, where some good ringing was done during the evening, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Surprise being practised. The proceedings were wound up by lowering the front six in peal.

About 35 members and friends attended the meeting, which was quite a success, both in regard to the arrangements and the support accorded to it.

GRAPPENHALL BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday last the bells of Grappenhall, Cheshire, were reopened after being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Owing, no doubt, to the weather conditions prevailing, the attendance was a poor one, which was to be regretted in view of the arrangements made for the visitors' welfare.

The service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild), and a most able address was given by the Vicar of Thelwal. At the close of the service the bells were rung in rounds for a few moments by members of the local company.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, which was followed by a meeting of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild, after which the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The bells, a peal of eight, have been retuned and hung on ball bearings. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the great improvement made, chiefly with regard to the clapping, which previous to the restoration caused Grappenhall bells to be classed amongst the most 'odd struck' lot in the country.

Considering the difficulties under which the bellhangers had to work, the result clearly demonstrates the reliability of the Loughborough firm.

Mr. John P. Fidler was present in his capacity of official representative, and received congratulations tendered on behalf of his firm.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. The attendance was small, only about twenty members turning up, the following towers being represented: Idle, Bradford, Guiseley, Lindley, Ripon, Birstall, Queensbury, Skipton, Lightcliffe, Drighlington, Headingley, Bramley, and the local company. Tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting was held in the Church Schools, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

One new member, K. Brown, of Guiseley, was elected.—There were no invitations for the next meeting to be held in March, and it was decided to leave the arrangements in the hands of the chairman and secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was moved from the chair, and was carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the arrangements made.—These were responded to by Mr. T. B. Kendall. The meeting then terminated, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the peal at Romsey Abbey on Saturday some of the band were very pleased to hear that this fine old ring are shortly to receive the bellhanger's attention.

On November 23rd, 1732, the Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 8,012 Grandsire Caters at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate. There were three men to the tenor. Only four earlier peals of Grandsire Caters are known to have been rung.

That old London Society, the Eastern Scholars, rang a peal of 15,120 Bob Major in 8 hrs. 40 mins. at West Ham on November 25th, 1737.

In the same tower exactly 170 years ago next Tuesday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,400 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death of William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a famous ringer. He died in the year 1809.

As it is 112 years since a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung on handbells, it is not necessary to state that the peal rung at Ipswich on November 15th is the 'first ever' rung by the band and by the Suffolk Guild. The St. Mary-le-Tower Society spent considerable time in practice before the peal could be accomplished. On two occasions, October 30th and November 8th, attempts failed after nearly two hours' ringing. A curious feature about this method on twelve bells is that 9-10 course each other about the middle of each course.

This peal was rung almost on the anniversary of the previous peal, which was accomplished at Sheffield on November 24th, 1816.

A RUDHALL RELIC FOR GLOUCESTER MUSEUM.

A relic of the old Rudhall foundry at Gloucester has just been presented to the city. At a recent meeting of the City Council the Mayor read a letter he had received from Mr. F. W. Duart-Smith, a former Mayor of the city, offering the last bell cast by Rudhall's Bell Foundry, Gloucester.

Mr. Duart-Smith wrote that he had acquired from the purchaser at the sale of Alderman Johnston-Vaughan's antiques last month that interesting relic of a former important industry of the city. The bell was mounted on an oak stand, modelled in the form of belfry beams, and was a small replica of one of the church bells for which the foundry was celebrated. It was cast in the year 1848, when the foundry finally disappeared. That date it bore, as well as the names of two workmen—Edward Churchill and John Simpson. In 1829 the bell foundry business, which had been carried on by the Rudhall family from the year 1684, was sold to Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, where the business was still carried on by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but it was evident that the Gloucester foundry continued to be used until the year 1848.

The Mayor said that the authenticity of the bell had been investigated by the late Mr. H. Y. J. Taylor, whose report in verification was enclosed with the letter. The Mayor expressed the deep gratitude of the Council to Mr. Duart-Smith for the excellent gift. He did not know what they were going to do with it, and perhaps it might be left where it was in the Council Room to be rung to tell members when to leave off.

Dr. Bibby: You will wear it out, Mr. Mayor (laughter).

Subsequently the Mayor explained that it had been decided to hand over the gift to the Museum Committee for preservation and exhibition. He formally moved that their thanks should be given to Mr. Duart-Smith, and that the bell should be handed over to the museum.—This was agreed to by the Council.

THE FIRST PEAL OF 'REAL' DOUBLE NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in your 'Belfry Gossip' in the current issue a statement that the first peal of 'Real' Double Norwich was rung eighty years ago to-day (November 16th) at Woolwich.

If this is correct, I have been labouring under a delusion since 1898. On June 11th, 1898, a peal of Real Double Norwich was rung at Irthlingborough, Northants, composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

On publishing the figures it was pointed out by the Rev. E. Banks James that some of the calls were single.

Mr. James published a peal in which every call was in pairs, and this peal was rung at Irthlingborough, conducted by the late James Houghton, jun., on December 19th, 1898. The band (which included myself) were told it was the first peal in the method ever rung with all calls in pairs, and I believe it was published in 'The Bell News' as such. Perhaps Mr. Banks James can give me the information required.—Yours fraternally,

T. R. HENSHER.

[The peal at Woolwich had only five leads when double bobs were made. It is recorded on a tablet in St. Mary's belfry, Woolwich, as 'a true and complete peal of Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major. . . . It was rung in excellent style, and is the first peal of Real Double Norwich in this method ever rung with two bobs in one lead.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Tuesday week the following officers were elected for the year:—

Master, Mr. James Bullock; treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. Charles J. Choctel; junior steward, Mr. Edward Sampson; trustees, Mr. Challis F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime; secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

A meeting is to be held at headquarters on December 18th to discuss the alteration of, and addition to, the rules.

AFTER-DINNER QUERIES.

A correspondent, who attended the College Youths' dinner, asks:—
If there was one man who did not enjoy himself?

If the waitresses in the upper room had a good time and why?

Why the members at the end of one table ran short of jelly?

And if it is true a 'heavy end' man is undecided whether to make application for a free pass at the next dinner or to purchase two tickets?

If the wife of a Yorkshire ringer knows that she might have been applying for the insurance money because he nearly lost his head in a Tube?

Why a taxi, chartered to convey a contingent from Fenchurch Street to Whitechapel, deposited them in Warwick Lane?

How the press representative came to lose his escort whilst awaiting a bus?

Did the bosom pal of one of the Brum contingent get him safely home after losing his ticket?

If the faithful few who met at the Southwark Tavern found out where the rest of the party 'dug in.' And if they enjoyed the cold luncheon?

Who was the party that carried his suit case all Sunday and then decided to stay another night? And why?

If there is any truth in the rumour that 'pit head' baths are to be provided at certain city churches?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT TRUMPINGTON.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Trumpington on Saturday. The members, writes our correspondent, had read 'The Ringing World' editorial, 'Secretaries and their critics.' Members were present from Cambridge, Bourn, Great Staughton, Hemingford Abbots, Ickleton, Kilburn (Mr. E. M. Atkins), Long Stanton, Melbourn, Over, Stapleford, and the local band. The secretary (Mr. F. Warrington) with several members were met at the tower by Miss K. Willers, and afterwards by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Moule). It was not long ere London, York, Beverley, Wells and Cambridge were rung, also some 'rounds' for Messrs. C. N. Austin and M. Ginn, sons of Mr. A. E. Austin, Great Shelford, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Moule). Mr. E. W. Haynes kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Green Man, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. J. Ward, Long Stanton was selected for the next meeting on December 8th. (Watch the notice columns, please.)

A great deal of friendly controversy then took place as to what was the best procedure to improve the standard of ringing, and Mr. A. E. Austin proposed that a special method should be advertised. This was supported by Mr. J. Ward. Mr. T. R. Dennis and Mr. H. J. Hazell, of the 'Cambridge Youths,' suggested standard methods, making one special method if necessary. Mr. E. H. Finch and Mr. F. Harper held that the meeting should be for standard methods only. Here the Vicar acted as mediator, and it was agreed to advertise standard methods with Superlative as the main objective.

On the proposition of Mr. T. R. Dennis, supported by Miss V. Shorter, a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the bells, for taking the service, and for presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied, stating it was a pleasure to welcome the association, and hoped they would not be so long before they came again. It was five years since the last visit.—The Secretary thanked the Vicar for his remarks, also Miss Wellers for making the arrangements, and Mr. Haynes for his services as organist. This was supported by the whole company.

WAKE UP, SUFFOLK GUILD!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my disgust at the insufficient number of meetings in the Sudbury and Clare district of the Suffolk Guild. A meeting has not been held since April 14th, when the secretary was instructed to fix the date for the next meeting to be held at Clare, but it has not yet materialised, and, if it does not very quickly do so now, we shall have it clashing with the reopening at Cavendish. One hears so much nowadays of shortage of ringers; here we have one reason—notably, no meetings to encourage youngsters. I know of one company where the Suffolk Guild is an unknown entity. A campaign with bye-meetings would no doubt improve matters and strengthen the Guild. If the secretary is still 'knocking about,' can we hear something from him in this direction?—Yours truly,

SUFFOLKIAN.

LITTLE AND ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS.

SOMETHING NEW IN 'SPLICING.'

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

From the nature of its construction, neither an 'Alliance' nor a 'Little' method will give the full extent of the changes, and therefore it seemed that, whatever value they may have on eight bells and more, they were useless for Minor. But a few weeks ago I was staying for a short time at Surfleet, and there I had the good fortune to meet the Rev. E. Banks James. We talked—he, his brother, and I—about many things pertaining to the new book on six-bell methods, and among other things he showed me how to get a true 720 by splicing an 'Alliance' and a 'Little' method. I was immensely taken with the idea. I had thought that the present Minor Collection (with the two or three methods which were omitted by error) contained everything worth ringing on six bells, but here was a fresh plan altogether.

It is a delightfully simple plan, and when you come to think of it most of Mr. Banks James' discoveries are the same. Bristol, for instance, and Little Bob, and the seven 720's of Cambridge Minor. You say to yourself, 'Why, of course; but how is it I did not think of it myself?'

The plan is to take an extent of an Alliance method and an extent of a Little method with bobs only and splice them together with Singles. There are three Little methods—Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, and St. Laurence Little Bob ('Hot Tom'). There are three groups of Alliance methods (of the right sort), one of which group will splice with each of the Little methods. When I got home I worked out the extent of these Alliance methods, and the Methods Committee propose to include them in the forthcoming book. We rang a 720 of one of them at Ealing, and touches of another, and here are the figures:—

Harlington Alliance.	Amersham Alliance.
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123456	123456
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214365	214365
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241635	241635
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426153	426153
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462513	246513
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645231	425631
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654213	452813
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562431	546231
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552341	456321
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563214	543612
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536241	534621
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352614	356412
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325164	536142
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251546	351624
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213456	315264
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124365	132546
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142635	135264
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Splices with Crayford Little Court.	Splices with Little Bob.
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We rang our 720 with two Singles, but you can get 720 with many Singles. Every time one is called the method is changed.

The first 720 on the above lines was rung on October 22nd at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, on handbells, the methods being Harlington Alliance and Crayford Little Court: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner (conductor) 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson 5-6.

DEVON GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT CHURSTON FERRERS.

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Churston Ferrers on Saturday, ringers being present from Paignton, Torquay, Newton Abbot, Collaton, Brixham, Littlehempston, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Exeter, Crediton, Clyst St. George, Exmouth, Loxton, etc., as well as the local ringers.

The bells, recently increased to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were made good use of during the afternoon, following which a service was held, conducted by Rev. F. J. S. Morris, of Brixham. An inspiring address was given by Rev. W. E. Jenner.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to the Brixham Schoolroom for tea, which was followed by the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton, Torquay) presiding. For the annual meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 26th, Torquay and Paignton were proposed.—On a vote being taken, Paignton was chosen.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. W. E. Jenner for his address, and to the organist and choir. The Rev. F. J. S. Morris suitably replied, hoping they would soon come again. The chairman welcomed the visitors, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. E. Shepherd and E. W. Marsh replying.

One honorary member and three associate members from the Churston band were elected.

This concluded the business, and the visitors adjourned to Higher Brixham Parish Church for further ringing. The methods rang during the afternoon and evening were Graudsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ESSEX MASTER'S CELEBRATION.**A BUSY LIFE.**

On November 15th, a peal of Double Norwich Major, reported in our peal columns, was rung at Braintree Parish Church to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, which took place on November 5th. It was intended to have rung the peal on Mr. Howard's birthday, but shortly before the start was arranged to be made notice was received of a case of serious illness near the tower, and the projected peal had to be postponed, and November 15th, was the earliest date at which it could be accomplished. On November 5th a peal of Grandsire Triples, in celebration of Mr. Howard's birthday, was attempted at Great Baddow, Mr. Howard's native village, but it came, to grief, unfortunately, after an hour's ringing due to a rope breaking.

On November 9th, Mr. C. H. Howard, in celebration of his sixtieth anniversary, entertained the Braintree ringers to a dinner and social evening at the Nag's Head Hotel. The host presided, and, in addition to the ringers, the Vicar of Braintree and his curate were both present during the evening. The only visitor from outside was Mr. W. Keeble, the well-known ringer from Feering. The health of Mr. Howard, together with the Vicar and curate, were honoured during the evening.

In addition to the position Mr. C. H. Howard holds as Master of the Essex Association—in which office he comes of age next year—he also takes a prominent part in local affairs. For twenty years he has been a member of the Braintree Urban District Council, of which he has four times been elected to the honourable position of chairman, and at the present time he is chairman of four important committees. Mr. Howard has served for eight years as churchwarden at Braintree Parish Church, of which he is now a sidesman, and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Parochial Church Council. For the past fourteen years he has served as hon. secretary to the Braintree Ruri-decanal Conference, is a member of the Diocesan Conference, and of the Diocesan Advisory Board on Churches and Church Treasures. Mr. Howard is also chairman of the directors of the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, and chairman of the directors of the Braintree Mutual Loan Society. In addition, he is a vice-chairman of the directors of the Braintree Market House Company, trustee of the Braintree United Charities, trustee of the Loyal Unanimity Lodge of Oddfellows, Trustee of the Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens, member of the Committee of Management of the Braintree and Bocking Recreation Ground, governor of the County High School at Braintree, a foundation manager of the Braintree Church of England Schools, chairman of the Rating Committee, which at the present time is responsible for the revaluation of Braintree, member of the Braintree Book Society, which is 120 years old, and has a restricted membership of thirty, a member of the Braintree and Bocking Rotary Club, and a regular attendant at the meetings, and keenly interested in the work of St. Mary Lodge 1312 of Freemasons.

With all these multifarious public duties on his hands, it is the position of Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers which lies nearest to Mr. Howard's heart, and he does not allow any of the many other calls upon his time to interfere with the way in which he discharges his duty to the Essex Association. He is a very regular attendant at the various district meetings of ringers throughout Essex, and is to be found every Sunday in his own tower at Braintree, ringing for morning and evening service, and at the weekly practices he is also a regular attendant.

In addition to all the above it may be said that Mr. Howard has carried on an extensive and successful business as a grocer and provision merchant at Braintree for 27 years.

It will be seen that the Master of the Essex Association is a many-sided man, beside being an expert and enthusiastic ringer, and his worthy record well deserved the birthday peal which his brother ringers at Braintree accorded him. Ringers in Essex and beyond the county will unite in wishing Mr. Howard many happy returns, in the hope that he will continue his good work for the art.

SOUTH-EASTERN ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, November 17th. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and were kept going till 4.30, when the Rev. G. D. Douglas conducted the service, and the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) read the lesson. While the last hymn was being sung, a collection was made for the Association Restoration Fund, and amounted to 16s. 9d. The members adjourned to the Vicarage Room, where they found a capital spread awaiting them, prepared by the lady members of the church.

At the subsequent business meeting one new member (Mr. E. C. Johnson, of Maldon) was admitted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Widford at the end of January. Mr. George Green was re-elected District Master, but Mr. R. C. Clark said that his business would not allow him to carry on the duties of hon. secretary, and Mr. H. W. Kirton was therefore elected district secretary in his place.

The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) thanked the Vicar for his helpful address and for permitting the association to use the bells. He also thanked the organist for accompanying them at the service, and the ladies for putting on a substantial tea. Mr. C. H. Howard also

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SILVER WEDDING BELLS.**UNIQUE PEAL AT EWELL.**

A unique gathering took place at Ewell, Surrey, on Saturday, when eight ringers celebrated their own silver weddings by ringing a 'silver wedding' peal. It was not a little remarkable that within a comparatively small radius of this tower it was possible to find a band all of whom will have this year reached this interesting event in their lives. The peal was arranged by Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, and the company was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford), Messrs. J. Hoyle (Ashted), C. W. R. Grimwood (Tooting), W. H. Pasmore (Merton), J. S. Hawkins (Kensington) and J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). The peal created quite an interest in Ewell, where the occasion of the ringing had been made known by the Vicar. Many were the good wishes expressed for success, and a fine pot of white heather 'for luck' had been placed in the tower. A capital peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, much to everyone's satisfaction, and a numerous party, including all the ringers' wives and some of their children, with other members of the Ewell band and their wives, then sat down to tea together. This was served in the Music Room at the Old Rectory, kindly placed at the disposal of the company by Sir Arthur Glyn, who came himself to preside over the gathering, and was supported by the Vicar of Ewell (Rev. E. C. Usherwood) and Mrs. Usherwood, who very kindly distributed 'wedding favours' in the shape of buttonholes of white heather to the ringers of the peal. A fine wedding cake, complete with miniature bells, the gift of an anonymous donor, occupied a place of honour on the well-laden tables, and was later cut by Mrs. Usherwood.

Afterwards, Sir Arthur Glyn, in a kindly speech, referred to the auspicious occasion which had brought the party together, and, on behalf of the Ewell band, handed to Mr. John Beams a case of silver fish knives and forks, with their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beams on the occasion of their silver wedding. Sir Arthur added that he hoped they would all live to meet again to celebrate their golden weddings, and although he did not know much about Treble Bob, which had been rung that day, he thought the most appropriate method they could ring twenty-five years hence was a method which he believed they called Grandsire Triplets (laughter).

Mr. Beams suitably acknowledged the gift, and said how delighted they all were that the peal had been successful.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells for the peal, to Mrs. Usherwood for her kindness in providing the white heather, to Sir Arthur Glyn for giving them the use of the room, and to all three for their welcome presence. He added that he thought the men ought also to thank their wives for having put up with them for so long (laughter), but at the same time the wives ought to be profoundly thankful that they had such fine husbands, who had stood by them all those years and had not left them widows or to marry other men not half so good (laughter).

The Rev. E. C. Usherwood, who replied, said Ewell felt proud to have been selected as the place for that unique peal, and he joined in Sir Arthur Glyn's hopes that they might all be spared for a golden wedding celebration.

During the evening, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, Miss Beams played piano and violin solos, and Mr. C. Reed kindly brought a gramophone. The happy party broke up about nine o'clock with thanks to Mr. Beams and the local ringers for the arrangements.

DARKNESS ENDS A WEDDING PEAL.

On Saturday last, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, an attempt was made for a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Richard Lane and Miss Cox, of Loughborough. The ringers found that the electric light in the campanile was under repair, but it was hoped that it would be made right before darkness set in, and ringing therefore commenced. Unfortunately, however, it proved a longer job than was expected, and when it had grown dark a trip occurred in the ringing which could not be put right, and 'stand' had to be called. Before the ringers could get coats and hats the light came on! It proved, however, only temporary, and while tea was in progress the lights went out again, and the meal was finished by candle light.

The ringers, who expressed their good wishes for the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, were: E. C. Gobey 1, J. S. Hutchby 2, W. Thornley 3, A. Barrett 4, N. Hemmington 5, L. Chadburn 6, A. E. Adamson 7, G. West 8. It is hoped to ring the peal at a later date.

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thanked the officers for the good work they had done during the year.—The Vicar (Rev. G. D. Douglas) responded, and welcomed the Essex Association to Great Baddow.

A collection was made on behalf of Mrs. W. Saddler (widow of a noted Braintree ringer), which amounted to £1 1s. 0d.

The 45 members present were from Great Baddow, Bromfield, Writtle, Springfield, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Prittwell, Leigh-on-Sea and Braintree.

Handbell ringing followed, and then the ringers adjourned again to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major kept the bells going till nine p.m.

RETIREMENT OF MR. HARRY CHAPMAN.

PRESENTATIONS AT MANCHESTER.

A presentation was made on Saturday week to Mr. Harry Chapman, who has just retired from his position as leader of the band of St. Thomas', Pendleton, which he has held since 1890. Some months ago Mr. Chapman, upon his doctor's advice, left Manchester and took up his abode in his native village, Kevston, Huntingdonshire. Having now reached the retiring age limit allowed by the Manchester Corporation electricity department, by whom he has been employed as building department foreman since 1893, Mr. Chapman visited Manchester for his 'official' retirement on November 12th, his 65th birthday. On that occasion the superintendent of the department handed to Mr. Chapman a magnificent gold watch, and, for Mrs. Chapman, a cut-glass and silver biscuit barrel, tokens of the affection in which he is held by the employees, to whom he is known as 'the grand old man.'

Needless to say, the Pendleton ringers were not disposed to let their old leader retire without some token of regard for Mr. Chapman's long service at St. Thomas'. Friday, the practice night, had been selected for the presentation, it being understood that Mr. Chapman would be present. Unfortunately, however, it was such a foggy night that Mr. Chapman, not caring to risk his new-found health in a Manchester fog, after the clear atmosphere of Huntingdonshire, and not having been forewarned, did not appear at the practice. Representatives were present from several towers, including Stretford, West Didsbury, Miles Platting, Middleton, etc., and all left their kindly wishes for Mr. Chapman. A peal attempt had been fixed for Mr. Chapman on the following day, and it was therefore decided to make the presentation after the attempt, which, as it happened, remained an attempt only; in other words, the ringing broke down.

The presentation was made by Mr. Sam Greenhalgh, an almost lifelong ringing comrade of Mr. Chapman, the gift from the company being a ringer's gold badge in the form of a pendant, suitably inscribed: 'St. Thomas', Pendleton, 1890-1928.' Mr. Greenhalgh referred to Mr. Chapman's untiring efforts to raise and instruct a method-ringing band in the early days, and, not least, of the enthusiasm and persistence displayed by his old friend twenty-two years ago, in persuading the authorities to have the bells recast and rehung, a persistence that was crowned with such success that one had to look far for a better ring of eight than St. Thomas'.

Mr. Chapman, in acknowledging the gift, thanked Mr. Greenhalgh for his kind remarks and the company for their token of regard, which he said would remind him, as it dangled from his watch chain, of good old times at Pendleton. Indeed, he should wear it with that object in mind. Continuing, he said it seemed fitting to him that the peal attempt should fail, for he had, he said, a rough start with his ringing when he first came to Pendleton: now he had come to a rough finish, which seemed to him quite in order. Mr. Chapman said that what gave him most pleasure was the progress visible under his successor, Mr. Allen F. Bailey, who was training a young band with such success that service ringing of a high order was a certainty now, and peals in various methods only a matter of a few months. He hoped they would continue as they were doing, and never weary in making and keeping the tower a centre of good ringing in the Manchester district. He had no fears for the future if they stuck together.

After this the company adjourned to a place where ringing is easy (to talk about). A general discussion as to whether extension is really expansion or not, and a chat over old times, brought a memorable evening to a close.

P. L.

JOSEPH'S 'MENTAL ABERRATION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One can readily understand the fact that many contributors to your columns choose to remain anonymous for the reason that, should the identity of the various writers be established, the long-suffering readers thereof might suitably reward the efforts mentioned. One such letter appeared in your issue of October 19th, and has reference to a peal of Minor rung at Sutton-on-Hull on April 19th, 1928, being signed 'The Conductor.' The conductor in question is Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, and the circumstances surrounding the letter are such that I feel that further comment is called for. The letter states that the ringers failed to elect Mr. Sykes as a member of the Yorkshire Association previous to starting for the peal, but I have a letter before me from Sutton-on-Hull, where the peal was rung, stating that the Sutton band were under the impression that the would-be conductor was a member of the Yorkshire Association. This mental aberration might be excused, but I find that some time ago Mr. Sykes paid a visit to Whiston, near Rotherham, where the band, after splicing ropes, etc., started for a peal of Bob Major, with a young conductor attempting to call his first peal. The attempt failed, but, some time afterwards, the band ascertained that Mr. Sykes was not a member of the Yorkshire Association, and in the event of the peal attempt having been successful, the disappointment of the conductor can be imagined, as the difficulty of registering it as an association peal can easily be seen. Mr. Sykes, in recent years,

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THE FUND FOR MRS. E. BATES.

We give below the first list of subscriptions to the fund for the relief of Mrs. E. Bates and family, of Dartford, who have been left in straitened circumstances by the fatal accident to Mr. E. Bates. The children are of tender years—one aged four, and twins six months old—and consequently she is unable to do anything towards earning her own livelihood. The case is a tragic one for, owing to illness and domestic troubles, the dependants were left almost penniless when the accident cut off their sole means of support.

Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 124, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent.

In sending a donation to the fund, Mr. W. Willson wrote to Mr. Groombridge as follows, and we heartily endorse what he so well expresses: 'I hope you will not rest until the case has been given the utmost publicity. It is bad enough for a man to be left, but when the breadwinner is taken and the woman alone has to bear the burden of filling the empty space, only those who have known poverty fully realise the ghastly tragedy. There are hundreds of ringers who think nothing of spending anything from ten shillings to a pound on a single meal at a ringers' dinner. The winter is upon us, and these children are fatherless. Shall we eat our Christmas dinner with only a thought of self? I think not. The heart of the Exercise is sound; witness the splendid response to the appeal for a blinded brother ringer. This case is just as sad. There is a tender spot in every heart, and I pray to God that these words of mine may find it. Shall we act the Samaritan, or pass by on the other side? The time for action is NOW. Somewhere in the good old book are two messages pregnant with meaning, and they impress me at this moment. One is, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my little ones," and the other, "Is it nothing to YOU?"'

The subscriptions already received are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
J. H. B. Hesse ...	...	5	0
E. H. Oxenham ...	...	5	0
C. Edwards, Ealing ...	...	2	6
J. S. Goldsmith ...	...	10	0
Amos W. Clark ...	...	2	6
C. B. ...	...	4	0
E. S. A. ...	...	5	0
J. Bennett ...	...	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent ...	...	5	0
W. Idle ...	...	2	0
St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, per F. Watkinson ...	...	7	0
Anon. ...	...	1	0
Robert I. ...	...	2	6
St. George's, Beckenham, per Walter Smith ...	...	7	6
Mrs. P. and H. W. F. ...	...	2	0
A. R. Brackpool ...	...	2	6
E. Bishop ...	...	10	0
H. Pates ...	...	5	0
W. Willson ...	...	2	0
T. Groombridge, sen. ...	...	3	0
Richard Smith ...	...	3	0
G. Pound ...	...	2	0
L. Head ...	...	2	0
W. J. Jefferies ...	...	2	0
Charles Slingsby ...	...	5	0
Bob Minor ...	...	1	0
Total ...	...	£8	0

100 PEALS ON THE TENOR.

Mr. Uriah W. Braven, of Bristol, has just completed one hundred peals. The peals have been rung upon tenor behind on various weights up to 52 cwt., and his record is believed to be the first hundred peals rung upon covering bell only. The peals are as follow: Grandsire Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 14, Stedman Triples 18, Stedman Caters 58, Stedman Cinques 3, Erin Caters 4; total 100.

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either intentionally or otherwise, has caused great trouble to us here in Yorkshire, by the watch we have had to keep on his performances, to see that he was a qualified member, and though Mr. Cotterell (the Yorks Association treasurer) wrote to Mr. Sykes some weeks ago, with reference to the Sutton peal, no reply has been received to date.

We feel that the time has come when visitors should realise that they are under a compliment to local hands who arrange peals for them, and, having personal knowledge of the welcome that visitors get when visiting Sutton-on-Hull, I feel that a much more handsome apology is due from Mr. Sykes to our Sutton friends than the grudging anonymous contribution previously referred to. I regret the length of this letter, but I must plead the aggravating nature of the cause, and not the undue prolixity of

PERCY J. JOHNSON,
Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Archbishop Davidson and Lady Davidson, which coincided with his resignation from the Primacy, called forth universal expression of affection and good will. Bells throughout England were rung in honour of the wedding jubilee, and in farewell to the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury. Many peals were recorded, and in hundreds of towers touches were rung. Here are reports of some of them:—

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral, on November 12th, 778 Stedman Cinques: W. Andrews 1, G. G. Jenkins 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. G. Buesdon (conductor) 4, C. W. Brett 5, P. Paine 6, J. W. Unwin 7, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 8, W. Spice 9, F. A. Fairbaird 10, M. W. Pierce 11, G. Simpson 12.—Also 499 Stedman Caters by: W. Andrews 1, F. G. Brett 2, W. E. Pitman 3, F. Weller 4, J. W. Unwin 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor) 6, W. Spice 7, E. G. Buesdon 8, M. W. Pierce 9, G. Simpson 10.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. H. E. Lane 1, Miss E. E. Emm 2, F. Speed 3, C. Millard 4, A. Speed 5, W. G. Moon 6, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 7, H. F. Moon 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells by a local band.

ELVEDEN.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Memorial Tower, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins.: W. G. Paul 1, F. Levett 2, B. Roper 3, W. Paul 4, J. Paul (conductor) 5, W. Bowers 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On November 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Shane (first in the method) 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, E. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

LAUNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Marriott, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Sharpe (conductor) 2, J. Marriott, sen., 3, R. Castle 4, J. Massey 5, J. Ancis (first quarter-peal) 6.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (consisting of 720 Double Court, 720 Plain Bob Minor): M. White 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, R. Sharpe 5, S. Forward (conductor) 6. This was the longest touch rung by the first four ringers, and the longest length on the bells. The ringer of the treble is only 15 years of age, and he has been learning only two or three months.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, November 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers who took part were T. R. Flint, H. Reader, J. Brown, O. Hilbey (conductor), H. Brown and F. Keech. This was also a birthday compliment to Canon H. P. and Mrs. Thompson, who have just passed their seventieth year.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Culley 1, W. Sear (conductor) 2, A. Crane 3, W. Mead 4, D. Green (Market Drayton) 5, S. Smith 6, H. Sear 7, J. Marks 8.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 of Stedman Triples, Thurstans': A. J. Wyatt 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, A. H. Reed 3, P. H. Sparkes 4, W. Gigg 5, W. H. Coles 6, E. Priddle 7, W. H. Farr 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd and 5th.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: C. G. Alderman 1, T. C. Walters 2, J. E. Whitlock 3, H. Cowley (Whaddon, Bucks) 4, A. Edey (conductor) 5, T. H. Bird 6. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, the attendance numbering 45. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a special service was held in church conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Harding, whose excellent address was much appreciated. At this service a collection was taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the association, and amounted to the very useful sum of 10s. 5d. Tea was provided in the Parish Room in a very liberal manner by the Rector. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The following new members were elected: Messrs William Price and Henry Wigley, of Twineham; also Miss S. Thursfield, of Kettering, as a non-resident member.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address, and his generous hospitality to those present concluded the meeting.

Ringling was again resumed and continued until close on nine o'clock, and must have totalled something like 4 or 4½ hours' practice, beginners and advanced all having a turn from Doubles to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Miss S. Thursfield taking part in the Cambridge Major in a very capable manner. The following towers were represented: Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Ditchling, Heane (Worthing), Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield and Twineham. It was a pleasure to see one of the association's veterans—Mr. G. Walder, of Bolney—who had made a special point of attending this meeting, and who was justly gratified to have recently assisted in getting three 'colts' through their first 500 in his tower at Bolney.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Notice of motion was given on Nov. 13th for a meeting at headquarters on Dec. 18th to discuss alteration of and addition to the rules.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

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. 24th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service has been arranged for 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please notify me in order to facilitate catering?—D. C. Meares, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold Parish Church on Nov. 24th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—E. Grindell, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Basford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 5 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Womersley (6) and Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at each tower available from 3 p.m. Service at Womersley at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—N. V. Harding, Hon. Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at St. Mary de Lode (Gloucester) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). All ringers welcome. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify me by the 24th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—21st Anniversary, Nov. 24th.—Stoke and Allesley towers will be open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be a recital on the Coventry Cathedral bells by Mr. H. Withers from 5.15 to 5.45. Tea at 6 p.m. prompt at the Craven Arms Hotel, where there will be plenty of room for visitors, who will be most welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The re-cast bells at Worcester Cathedral will be dedicated and opened on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 11 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Upwey Barr's Road, Old Hill. Ringing, except at the opening by the Cathedral Guild, will not be possible.—James R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar (10 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Short service, with address by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at Lyons' Restaurant, opposite Blackwell Tunnel, at 5. Meeting in belfry at 7.30. Will all who require tea advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, without fail?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Street, Southport, before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Stony Stratford. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 28th? All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. A. W. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Waddon, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.15, to be followed by the business meeting. All those intending to be present kindly inform me not later than Thursday, Nov. 29th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Dec. 1st. Service at 4 p.m. All members welcome to tea at the Buller Hall, which will be followed by a business meeting. Kindly notify F. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by meat tea in Parish Room, at 1s. 9d. per head. Short business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, please.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

ELY & PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Ely and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech branches, will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m., also East Woodhay (5) and Highclere (8) available after tea. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. Rex, Yew Tree Cottage, Woolton Hill, Newbury, by Nov. 28th.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 29th. All ringers will be welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Dec. 1st. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, before Nov. 28th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.

—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Carr's Row, Earl Shilton, Leicester, by Thursday, Nov. 29th. Tea at 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present. A frequent service of buses from Nuneaton, Hinckley and Leicester is available. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Dec. 1st. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available at 6.30. Short service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.

—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 2.45. Other arrangements as usual. Every ringer welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears, M.A.). Notification for tea by the 4th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The recast bells of St. Martin's will be dedicated and opened at 3 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Social evening later at St. Martin's Hotel. The bells will be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 8 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.

—The eighth annual social of the above branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. The bells, 8 (newly rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea on tables 4.45. It is important that those requiring tickets should write for them as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th, to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton. Tickets 2s. 6d. each adult; children half price.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Address by Rev. H. B. Woolley. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by 6th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.

—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Those intending to be present notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Special attention Oxford Bob Triples. A good muster is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.

—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Room 5.15. Wilton (6) available from 2 p.m. to 4 and after tea. Meeting arranged as a farewell to the Rev. L. J. Coursey, chairman of the branch. All those who will require tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.

—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Towers available: Blandford (8), Bryanston (6), Durweston (6), Stourpaine (5). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Please inform me how many will attend by Nov. 29th at the latest.—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.

—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, and not Nov. 24th, as first arranged. Fuller notice later.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.

—The next meeting of this district will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea after service, at 1s. per head, at the Parish Room. Kindly notify not later than Tuesday, Dec. 11th.—C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).

—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of Mr. Sidney M. Abraham wish to thank all for kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. King 4, F. Leeks 5, F. Turner 7, W. Rawlings 8. Arranged for F. Turner, of Lavenham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Perry (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. E. Dawe 3, S. C. Moye 4, T. W. Taffender 5, W. Rogers 6, H. Wright 7, F. Alleway 8, J. R. Gammon 9, W. Grainger 10.

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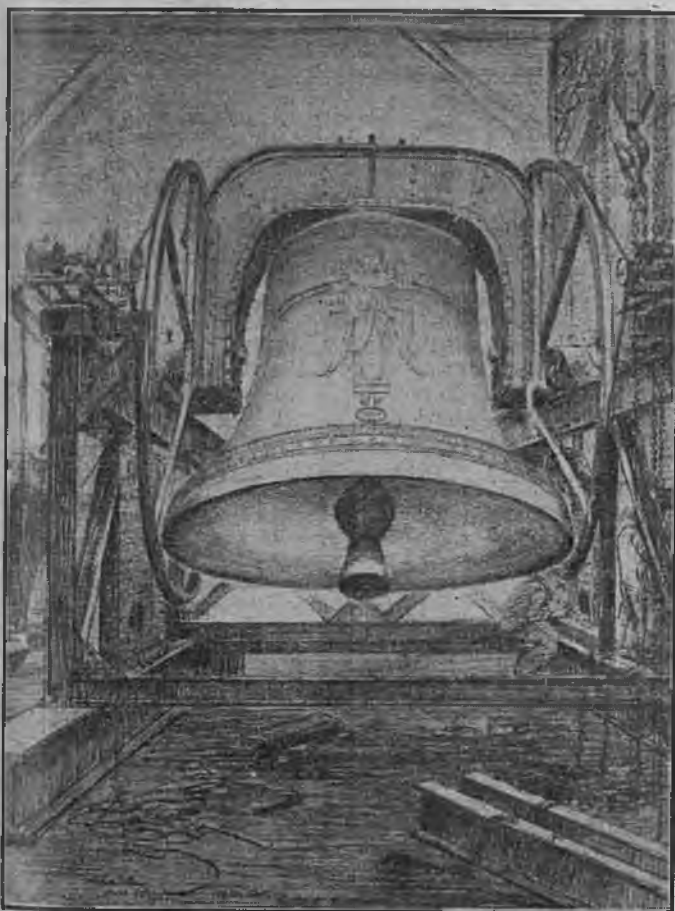
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WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Another stage in the steady march of progress in regard to church bells was reached on Sunday, when the new peal at Worcester Cathedral was dedicated. The growing recognition that nothing but the best should find a place in our belfries and particularly in those of our magnificent shrines, the cathedrals, is a matter of great satisfaction to lovers of bells, and, slow though the process seems to be, there can be no doubt that ecclesiastical authorities are becoming alive to the fact that many of the 'good old peals' can no longer hold their place as masterpieces of an ancient art. Science and mechanical progress have put the large majority of old bells completely in the background. The knowledge which is now applied to the production of bells can give us instruments of a perfection which may have been the dream of old bell founders, but which, with one or two exceptions, they never realised. Even the old continental founders, like the Hemons, who held the key to harmonic tuning, did not attain the results which have now become the daily achievement of our principal bell founders. A modern peal of bells is, indeed, a thing far in advance of the productions of even thirty years ago, and Worcester's new possession is something of which the city ought to be extremely proud. The previous bells which filled the tower for nearly sixty years were the product of a theory which Sir Edmund Beckett held on the subject of bell contours. He was groping after a perfection which his designs could never achieve, and although his bells at Worcester had a certain reputation at their birth, they were really a great failure, and it was only the courage and daring of Mr. John Taylor, sen., that saved St. Paul's Cathedral from a similar fate. Perhaps it was not all loss to Worcester, however. Had the peal of 1868 been even moderately good it is possible they would not have again gone into the melting pot, and Worcester in 1928 would not have had what is undoubtedly one of the finest rings of bells in the kingdom.

Only one thing in connection with these new bells seems to have been disappointing, and that was the manner of their opening. A new peal of twelve bells at a cathedral is a rare event. Except for York, we believe that no complete new ring of twelve has been opened at a cathedral since St. Paul's fifty years ago. Such being the case, the event was one worthy of special prominence, but the dedication at Worcester appeared to be merely an interruption in a Mayor's Day service. Perhaps it was unavoidable that this rare occurrence should be given so little distinction—it was not even referred to in the sermon—yet it would have been a great opportunity of

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impressing upon the civic representatives and the leading
citizens of Worcester the importance of the occasion in
the history of the cathedral and of bringing home to
them the place which the bells take in the history of the
city. There is a Mayor's Day every year in Worcester,
but in all likelihood there will not be another peal of bells
dedicated in Worcester Cathedral for centuries, if ever.
The occasion merited a much more special and distinctive
ceremony, but the opportunity was completely missed.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

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On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6093 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
*JOHN KING 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
†GEORGE WARREN 3	GEORGE BASFORD 8
ARCHIE HENMAN 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER 9
†HARRY WARREN 5	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First
peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS SLYMOUR Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER 7
WILLIAM NASH 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 8
THOMAS J. HULL 4	BEN JARMAN 9
THOMAS A. BLOW 5	ERNEST HUNT Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by THOMAS J. HULL.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 1st, 2nd and
4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham, Ring-
ing Master for many years, and churchwarden for 32 years, at St.
Peter's, also to Mr. G. W. Debenham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD CROUCH Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 5
CHARLES A. WINNER 2	WALTER BEAUMONT 6
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
†JARVIS L. HARRIS 4	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JACK CHARNOCK Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 5
*HERMON NELSON 2	*ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
*EDWARD B. COXHEAD 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
*ADAM BLOGG 4	*EDWARD LAWSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of four ringers of this tower, and
others who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. All are
Sunday service ringers at the above church. First peal of Grandsire
on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. J. R. KING Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
GEORGE FREEBRY 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
CHARLES DRAVER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

* First peal.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN Treble	WALTER ROSE 5
JOHN F. BELLINGER 2	CHARLES TOVEY 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR CANDLE 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTRAM CORNELL Treble	FREDERICK A. POULSON 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	†GARNHAM BLAXCELL 6
LAWRENCE POULSON 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds has now rung a peal on Lavenham bells on every day of the week, and F. F. Mortlock has now completed the circle. Rung with half-muffled clappers in deep remembrance of all those who fell in the Great War.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
BERNARD WELLS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also as a farewell. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. BOND 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HENRY SIMMONS 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*MISS EDITH M. GOBEY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
HENRY FLITGBER 3	CECIL J. BAKER 7
†FREDERICK BROWN 4	FRANK TARTLTON Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The conductor has now called peals from every bell in this tower. Rung to celebrate Archbishop Davidson's golden wedding, and as a farewell on his retirement from the Primacy; also in commemoration of the appointment of the Rev. A. W. Bell, Vicar of Ilkeston, as Canon.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE BOTTOMLEY Treble	†HARRY CHEW 5
*WALTER BOTTOMLEY 2	*SIDNEY JACKSON 6
†REGINALD NOBEL 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
*FRANK JAGGER 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Watkinson, only son of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., on the occasion of his marriage to Miss M. K. Morton, at Halifax Parish Church.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
THOMAS HENNING 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE LEA 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JOHN E. RANGLES 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	GEORGE MILTON 7
*EDMUND HUMPHREYS 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and first attempt.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
JAMES CHINERY 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
ALPHRED J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
*CHARLES STANNARD 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, November 20th, 1928, 720 Bob Minor: A. Adams 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Curzon 3, P. Grace 4, E. Boulstridge 5, J. W. Colton (conductor) 6. First 720 by W. Curzon and A. Adams. The ringer of the 3rd has only been ringing Bob Minor two and a half months.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cybi.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WENT Treble	ALBERT HAWKINS 5
EDWIN W. LUFF 2	*KENNETH KNOWLES 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	†CHARLES GREEDY 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Augustine.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE RADLEY 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
THOMAS LAW 2	JOHN HENSMAN 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
HARRY MARLOW 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and also to commemorate their 36th and 40th wedding anniversary respectively.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN Treble	*ARTHUR CHAMPION 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	ARNOLD HAIGH 6
W. ARMLEY WOOLER 3	J. REDFERN BREARLEY ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXBY.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

* First peal of Major.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY PARKER Treble	son of CHARLES PARKER ... 5
*WILLIAM SEDGLEY 2	son of CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 3	son of GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
†JOHN F. TILLET 4	son of FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Saturday, November 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, H. Chaffey (conductor) 2, D. Sleet 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, G. Sleet 6. All, except the conductor, are local ringers, and it was their first quarter-peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY... .. 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung in honour of the Rev. J. E. Paget, Vicar of Bolsover, being installed hon. canon of Derby.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

LEWIS BYRAM Treble	HARRY SHAW 5
JOSEPH WHITEHEAD 2	CECIL HOYLE 6
SAMUEL WHITEHEAD 3	ALBERT CARTER 7
GEORGE KNIGHT 4	HARRY HOYLE Tenor

Conducted by H. HOYLE.

First peal by all except ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at above church. First peal on the bells by a local band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*LESTER L. GREY 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
†JOHN BREESE 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble. † First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson. This peal was attempted on November 12th, but was unsuccessful after two hours' ringing.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*JAMES SHRUBB Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6
CRAS. E. READ 3	HENRY ELLIOTT 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	FRANK OAKSHOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Joyce Meade, who was for more than 23 years churchwarden at this church, and was laid to rest on the above date.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Tydfil.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*HARRY PAGE Treble	FRED LASBURY 5
†GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	†WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 60th peal. † 70th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Ringers of treble, 5th and 6th hail from Ton Pentre, 2nd and 7th from Bedwellty, 3rd from Llanelly, Brecon. 4th from Aberavon, tenor local.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

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

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*ALFRED KING 5
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	WALTER STONE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ERNEST STONE 7
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Guild.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

*MISS WINIFRED F. BOLT Treble	*JESSE W. HARRISON 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOHN EVANS 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	*GEORGE H. CARTER 5
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 2	GEORGE DAWSON 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	*WILLIAM K. NORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S.

GEORGE COOKE ... Treble	WILLIAM PIKE 5
ALBAN E. SLATTER 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
PERCY JONES 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

Rung for the annual festival of the church.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	JOHN WOOD 6
STANLEY W. BAYBUT 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.
Arranged for ringers 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who hail from Prittlewell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores	Tenor 13 cwt.
EDWARD PRANCLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
†SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 2	ALAC A. RACKHAM 5
*G. ROBERT JONES 3	BRINLEY J. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. A. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a farewell peal to Col. L. Partridge, churchwarden of the above church, who has left the parish to reside in Gloucestershire.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In various callings, including Spliced 240's, as arranged by A. J. Pitman and E. Morris.	Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.
JOHN BRUNT ... Treble	FRANCIS S. BODYCOTE ... 3
CECIL E. CARR 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 4
HENRY BIRD Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY BIRD.

Rung half-muffled to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice of the Great War. First peal on the bells by a full local band; all are Sunday service ringers. First peal as conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	JOSEPH O. LONDON 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	*HARRY GIBBEARD 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Armistice. * First peal in seven methods.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods, viz., (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROGER W. DANIELS ... Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	*FREDERICK FRENCH 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 3	ALBERT T. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Armistice Day.

THURMASTON, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's and nine Spliced 240's of Plain Bob, ten 120's and five Spliced 240's of Grandsire, all differently called.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JOSEPH NORTON 3	GEORGE H. BOSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged for the tenor man to ring this, his first peal. The band wish to thank the Rev. R. O. Barrett for kind permission.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS ROSE BEARD Treble	NOEL WILES... .. 4
*PERCY C. BONNETT 2	HAROLD BEARD 5
†ERNEST FREEMAN 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal. † First peal inside in four of the methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. C. Bonnett.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London, and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
ALBERT FLEET 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST BATH Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
*CHARLES FIELD 3	JOHN HOUER Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

*HERBERT ROBERTS Treble	†ERNEST WILSON 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN... .. 2	†HAROLD FRADGLEY 5
HERBERT G. FRETWELL 3	†JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church Tower.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

*WILFRED ANDREWS 1	FRANK A. TURNER 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2-3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARNETT... .. 7-8
CHARLES J. SRDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLEY 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

Witnesses: CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLK and PERCY MAY.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

SUTTON VENY BELLS RESTORED.

After a silence of about eighteen months, the bells of Sutton Veny, Wilts, have been heard again. They were rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Carpenter, of Salisbury, at a service conducted by Canon Bernard Everett, son of a former esteemed Rector. The Archdeacon in his address said: 'Bells to me have a wonderful and mysterious effect because they can almost convey to us thoughts too deep for words. In times of joy, where should we be without our bells—whether private, parochial, or national? In times of sorrow, how much can the bells tell us! It is a pleasure to know that to-night those present include members of a family whom you know so well and who have done so much for their church. I hope now these bells have begun to ring again it will add greatly to the joy of those who live here, and that they will ring a message of welcome to the church. Joy is the great feature of a Christian life and the dominating characteristic of the lives of all Christian men.'

After the service numerous touches were rung, the ringers including some from the Minster Church, Warminster. The restoration work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The concluding feature of the evening's programme was a tea in the schoolroom for the parishioners, who are grateful to the Church Council.

Sutton Veny Church is a very beautiful modern building, erected about sixty years ago at the expense of the Everett family. The bells belonged to the older church, and the following inscriptions on them are copied from the late Rev. W. C. Lukis' book on Church Bells, published in 1857:—

- 1.—'W.C., 1696.'
- 3.—'Noah Wilkins and John Best, Ch.W., W.C. 1741.'
- 4.—'Mr. R. Baily, Rect., IEF LONG R. EXTENG. C.W. 1695.'
- 5.—'Saml. and Stephen Long, Churchwardens. Robert and Jas. Wells, Aldbourne, fecit. 1793.'
- 6.—'Mr. Stephen Long and Mr. John Renall, Ch. Wn. Wm. Cockay cast me 1723.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 24th. Despite the very rough weather, twenty members were present, representing the parishes of Rayne, Braintree, Feering, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, and members of the local band. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Evans) conducted the service, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) reading the lesson. During the singing of the last hymn a collection amounting to 8s. 7d. was made for the Bell Restoration Fund. After the service, tea was arranged at the White Horse, the Vicar presiding.

At the subsequent business meeting the District Master, Mr. A. A. Saunders took the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard and the district secretary (Mr. W. Arnold).

Both the District Master and secretary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Witham during February.

The secretary gave a short report of the work of the district during the past year, and Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for his helpful address, also the organist, Mr. Bishop, for his services.

The Vicar, responding, welcomed the association to Hedingham. He greatly admired the work they carried on, and was proud to think that he was an honorary member.

At the close of the meeting a collection was made on behalf of Mrs. Sadler, widow of the late Mr. W. Sadler, of Braintree, the amount realised being £1 3s. 6d. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, this concluding a very successful meeting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

The final meeting of the Lavenham District for the year was held at Little Walsingham on Saturday, November 24th. During the afternoon and evening several six-scores were rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Old Bob, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Tea was provided in the Parish Room. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Harpur) was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. O. Punchard, lay reader, and Mr. S. H. Symonds, district secretary. The Rector, who has taken up change ringing, gave the Guild a real welcome to Little Walsingham, and Mr. Punchard was elected an honorary member.

It was decided to start the series of meetings for 1929 in April. The members present wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing world', to ask other secretaries in West Suffolk to call more meetings in the coming year.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding, and, on Mr. F. Mortlock's proposition, a vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for the excellent tea given.

WELL-KNOWN RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Sarah Dawe, wife of Mr. Francis E. Dawe, of Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking, who passed away suddenly under distressing circumstances on Tuesday, November 20th, at Gillingham, Kent, whither she went a few days earlier to stay with her sister. Mrs. Dawe reached her 70th birthday on Armistice Day (November 11th).

Mr. and Mrs. Dawe were married thirty-five years ago at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, during Mr. Dawe's fifth term of office as Master of the College Youths, and the deceased lady, who personally knew all the 'old school' of London ringers, had always taken a considerable interest in her husband's performances, both in the belfry and on the rifle ranges, he being a skilled 'shot' as well as a prominent ringer. Mrs. Dawe was always proud of her husband's peal ringing achievements, and was delighted to show to visitors the cups and other trophies he had won with the rifle. Mr. and Mrs. Dawe migrated to Surrey about 23 years ago. Many of the older ringers will remember her as a kind hostess, for nothing delighted her better than to entertain whole bands after ringing a peal, and many pleasant hours were spent beneath her and Mr. Dawe's hospitable roof, both in London and the country. Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. Dawe in his overwhelming loss.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the remains being interred in the family grave at Gillingham. The principal mourners were Mr. F. E. Dawe (widower) Mrs. Whittle and Mrs. Pryce (sisters), and there were many beautiful wreaths.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday. No fewer than 37 sat down to tea in the Womersley Memorial Hall, after attending service in the church at Womersley, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Brown).

Members from the following towers in the district were present: Cranleigh, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Shalford, Shere, West Clandon and Worplesdon. There were also visitors from Aldershot, Chertsey, Dorking, Leatherhead, Ottershaw and Seale.

A short business meeting took place after tea.

The members afterwards returned to the two towers, where the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge and London Surprise.

WEST HALLAM BELLS.**HELP WANTED TO MAKE A PEAL OF EIGHT.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are hoping to complete a scheme, started in 1922, for increasing our ring of six bells to eight. The work which was carried out in that year cost us £650, and shortage of funds and other difficulties prevented further progress.

At a recent meeting of our Council it was decided to go on with the scheme, subject to certain conditions. These were, on my own proposition, that I should undertake responsibility for raising money to meet the cost of one of the bells if the Council would do the same for the other. My proposal was accepted, and the scheme is now to be completed by Christmas, we hope. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been instructed to carry out the work.

So far I have raised £31 towards my £57 required for the one bell. I am venturing to ask if the readers of 'The Ringing World' could kindly help me in my effort to obtain the balance. If so I should be exceedingly grateful.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. WICKS.

The Rectory,
West Hallam, Derby.

MARSDEN RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At various times in your paper there have been letters relating to encouragement of young ringers. May I just tell you of the little encouragement we, who have just rung our first local peal, have received at Marsden, Yorks? It is five years since these bells were put in our church, and for about eighteen months we had two tutors, paid by the Church Council, who came for two hours on one night per week! Since the end of that period we have been left to our own resources. What knowledge we have gained has been from books and constant practice. We are not members of any association, for we have never been approached. Visits by good ringers from other towers on our practice nights can be counted on the fingers of both hands quite easily. Had it not been that we were enthusiastic, ringing in Marsden would have ceased long ago. We are quite a young band. I myself am 33 years of age, and many years older than any of the others. As is stated in the report, this is the first peal for five of the members, the other three, myself among them, having rung one previously in a band got together by 'Uncle Joe' (Mr. Joseph E. Sykes), whose home is in Marsden, although he is seldom here. We only wish he could visit us more often.—Yours faithfully,

H. HOYLE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would once more entreat ringers to be accurate in sending in the reports of peals. We are receiving an increasing number of reports which are deficient in information, thus causing delay in their appearance, while often names are almost indecipherable. If those who send up reports would compare them with the printed details in any issue of 'The Ringing World' they would see at once if all the information to complete the report had been embodied. Care should also be exercised to see that names are plainly spelt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, will celebrate their golden wedding on Wednesday next, December 5th.

Mr. James George celebrated his 75th birthday on Tuesday, and has the congratulations of the whole Exercise.

Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor') has returned to Ilkeston, his native village, to reside among his old friends.

His many friends throughout the country will join in congratulations to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, North Wales, on his appointment to the post of works inspector of the Bradford district of the L.M.S. Railway. He will be stationed at Lowmoor, near Bradford, and takes up his new duties to-day.

Mr. Hughes has been in North Wales since June, 1903, and has been closely associated with ringing at Bangor up to seven years ago, and at Rhyl for the last seven years as captain and conductor.

We will publish the letter of 'A Young Peal Snatcher' if he will forward his name and address.

The Warwickshire 'Birthday Party' was continued on Sunday, when also the ranks of the 'Tom-tits' were swelled by the initiation of seven new members.

The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will take place on January 19th, and members are requested to keep this date open.

We have received an inquiry as to the Barron Bell Trust. Can any reader give us information about it, or the address of the trustees?

The Ipswich band have quickly rung another peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 'in hand,' as will be seen from our peal columns. The anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal occurs on Monday. It was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, where a 5,040 was accomplished on December 4th, 1722, and one of the first peals of Stedman Triples at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on December 6th, 1731.

The 'Regal' Cinema, Marble Arch, London, which was to be opened yesterday, has an organ with a stop which operates a complete carillon. The bells were made at the Croydon Bell Foundry.

The peal at Coddendam, on November 10th was in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. T. W. Last and not of Mr. W. C. Rumsey, as stated in the report.

A large gathering is expected at Birmingham on December 8th, when the new ring of twelve at St. Martin's Church is to be dedicated. The bells are already in the tower, and the bell hangers are putting the finishing touches to them.

MRS. BATES APPEAL FUND.

We publish below the second list of subscriptions to the fund which has been organised for the assistance of Mrs. E. Bates, of Dartford, who by the fatal accident to her husband has been left without means and with three tiny children to support.

There must be hundreds of ringers who, while hesitating to send a small amount individually, would gladly give their aid in a belfry collection, and we suggest that 'the hat' should be passed round in every tower in aid of this really worthy fund. That, of course, will not prevent anyone who desires to give a larger amount from doing so, but every little helps, and it is astonishing how these small sums mount up in the aggregate. Belfry collections all over the country next Sunday would do wonders.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in these columns.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	8	0	0
'A Lady Ringer'	1	0	0
'Wessex'	2	6	
'Something better than sympathy'	1	0	0
A. W. G.	10	0	
Boyne Hill band, per Mr. W. E. Taylor	17	0	
St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, per Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.	5	0	
'Rufus'	2	6	
Mr. W. Story	10	0	
Mr. C. L. Routledge	10	6	
Mr. James H. Blake	2	6	
Mr. W. H. Shuker	2	6	
Mr. Alex Sharp	2	0	
Mr. A. Paddon Smith	10	0	
Total	£13	14	6

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A NOBLE RING FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

Worcester is now in the proud possession of one of the finest rings of bells in the country. The old peal, with its many defects, has gone from the Cathedral, and in its place is a new ring of magnificent tone, the product of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Prior to the year 1868 Worcester Cathedral had a mixed peal of eight bells, which were hung in its magnificent central tower, but about 60 years ago Canon Richard Cattley, with great enthusiasm, launched a scheme for providing the mother church of the diocese with a ring more worthy of the building. The tenor was 49½ cwt. in C sharp, and a peal of twelve were hung for ringing, with an additional flat fourth for use with the chimes (later a flat 6th and flat 8th were added). Whatever may have been the opinion as to the merits of these bells at the time, they have long been recognised as far below the standard of present-day quality of tone. That was no fault of the founders, who merely had to carry out their instructions, but the fact remained that Worcester Cathedral bells were a disappointment. It was left to Dean Moore Ede, prompted by the Worcestershire Association, to effect a change, and there is no comparison between the new and the old bells.



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

from the Severn, showing the massive central bell tower.

It was only in the fitness of things that the Loughborough Foundry, which has always marched with the times, and, indeed, in regard to bell tuning often ahead of them, should be entrusted with the making of the new peal. They have recast all the fifteen bells, the new tenor, of the same weight as the old, being B natural, against the former C sharp—a bell altogether fuller and nobler in tone, whose qualities must be heard to be fully appreciated. All the way up the scale, the other bells are beautifully balanced, and, tuned on the Taylor true-harmonic principle, are, needless to say, perfectly in harmony. That is the great gain which the present age has made over earlier times. Formerly the really good bells were largely the result of 'luck,' and probably not one bell in a thousand, let alone a complete peal of bells, was turned out dead true. Now, thanks to the investigations of Canon Simpson, upon which our modern founders have been able to build and improve, good peals are no longer a mere possibility, but can be made a matter of scientific certainty—the whole of the harmonics can be measured and controlled to a vibration. Worcester are a typical peal of modern Loughborough foundings, and no higher praise can be given them than that.

Although massive in appearance, the tower of the Cathedral is too thin towards the top to carry the strain of a ringing peal, and in consequence the bell frame is supported on wooden stanchions, cross braced and tied, which are carried up from the main walls at about the level of the Cathedral roof. This is an extremely interesting feature of the tower, and it says something for the feat of bell-hanging that whereas, under former conditions, all this timber work had considerable movement when the bells were rung, and actually carried with it the floor of the ringing chamber, Messrs. Taylor have so strengthened and braced the old frame that there is now hardly any perceptible movement when the bells are in motion—further evidence of the advances made in the engineering side of the founders' craft.

In addition to recasting the whole of the fifteen bells, Messrs. Taylor and Co. have tuned the old 4½ ton hour bell to harmonise with the new peal, the note having been deepened from B flat to A. Each of the old bells bore a name, and these names have been reproduced on the new bells together with, on each:—
JOHANNES TAYLOR, LOUGHBOROUGH, FVDT MDCCCLXIX,
and 'Recast 1928.'

The rest of the inscriptions are as follow:—
Treble.—S. MATTHIAS. THIS BELL IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY
OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTIN ABELL, A
KING'S SCHOLAR. B. 1840. D. 1928.

2nd.—S. JVDAS JACOBI.

3rd.—S. SIMON ZELOTES.

4th.—S. JACOBVS ALPHOEI.

Half-tone.—S. PAVLVS.

5th.—S. MATTHEVS.

6th.—S. BARTHOLOMÆVS.

Half-tone.—S. MARCVS.

7th.—S. THOMAS.

8th.—S. PHILIPPVS. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT
CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION GAVE ME.

Half-tone.—S. LVCAS.

9th.—S. ANDREAS. THIS BELL WAS GIVEN BY MRS. E.
THOMAS AND HER SON, E. P. THOMAS.

10th.—S. JOHANNES. TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF NORMAN OGILVY, PRIEST, SOMETIME
RECTOR OF HANBURY IN THIS DIOCESE. BORN OCT. 6,
1839. DIED JUNE 7, 1903. AND OF EMILY, HIS WIFE,
BORN NOV. 27, 1841. DIED MAY 12, 1926. AND OF ALICE
THEIR DAUGHTER, BORN MARCH 17, 1871. DIED MAY
13, 1926.

11th.—S. JACOBVS. IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF WORCES-
TERSHIRE, WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT
WAR, ESPECIALLY J. ROBERT BLAKE AND EDWARD S.
BLAKE, SONS OF THE RECTOR OF ST. HELEN'S,
WORCESTER.

Tenor.—S. PETRVS. THIS PEAL OF BELLS WAS RECAST BY
JOHN TAYLOR & CO., OF LOUGHBOROUGH, IN 1928.

W. MOORE EDE, D.D.,
DEAN OF WORCESTER.
JOSEPH SMITH,
CLERK OF THE WORKS
OF THE CATHEDRAL.

The dedication of the new bells took place on Sunday, the ceremony being performed in the course of the morning service by the Bishop of Worcester. The occasion was also 'Mayor's Sunday,' when his Worship, with the members of the City Council and other civic dignitaries, a battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, police, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Church Lads' Brigade, and various city organisations marched in procession to the Cathedral for the service. The dedication of the bells, as a result, was a mere incident in the proceedings. The Bishop, after the second lesson, moved with the clergy to a point beneath the tower, pulled a rope which caused one of the bells to ring, and then recited the dedicatory and another short prayer. The vast congregation stood in their places, and for a few moments there was a dead silence. Then, from overhead, came the sound of the beautiful bells, rung in rounds for a few minutes by the Cathedral ringers. Afterwards, the service proceeded to its appointed end, but so far as the preacher was concerned this event of a lifetime might never have happened. There was no reference to the bells from the beginning to the end of his discourse.

Among those present at the service were Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and with him from Loughborough were Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler. The Worcestershire Association was represented by Mr. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary), Mr. Albert Parsons and a few members, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, by the Deputy Ringing Master (Mr. A. Walker) and others, but the fact that there was to be no general ringing doubtless kept many ringers away. After the service a course of Grandsire Cinques and another of Stedman Cinques, in which a few of the visitors were privileged to take part, were rung.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the test of the bells was in the ringing. Despite the unusual method of supporting the bell frame, the bells, in their ball bearings and new fittings, go like the proverbial top, and everyone from treble to tenor can be distinctly heard in the ringing chamber. The job is another triumph for Messrs. Taylor and Co.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD 'COMES OF AGE.'

THE SUGGESTED DIOCESAN STATUS.

Founded in 1907, the Warwickshire Guild is this year celebrating its twenty-first birthday, and to mark the event a very enjoyable gathering took place on Saturday at Coventry. The proceedings began with ringing at Stoke and Allesley Churches, where many visitors enjoyed a 'pull,' and then a large number concentrated at St. Michael's Cathedral to hear a recital on the new bells by Mr. Harry Withers. Memories of the fine old peal that went through the melting pot were conjured up, but the new bells, as far as could be judged by their sounds when used as a carillon, are a most excellent chimie, which do every credit to the Craydon Foundry. Mr. Withers' programme was an impromptu one, and was limited by the restricted range of the bells, but he played a number of well-known airs in characteristic style.

In the evening nearly a hundred members and friends sat down to 'high tea' at the Craven Arms Hotel, under the chairmanship of the Guild's president (Rev. J. L. White, of Nuneaton), who was supported by the Sub-Dean of Coventry, the Vicar of Fillongley (Rev. H. J. Watters) and the officers of the Guild.

The President afterwards referred to the illness of the Bishop of Coventry, and, at his suggestion, a message of sympathy and of hope for his speedy recovery was sent. The Chairman also referred to the absence, through indisposition, of the Archdeacon of Warwick, a past-president of the Guild. No man, he said, had served the Guild better, and he (the speaker) would like their secretary to send to the Archdeacon an expression of their appreciation of all he had done for the Guild, and their hope that he would soon be fit again. Continuing, the President said they were assembled there as a Guild that was twenty-one years old, and as far as he could gather a healthy and good-looking Guild it was (hear, hear). What they wanted was that the Guild should continue to move along the lines which it had moved during these 21 years, banding together men and women, who could ring, in the service of the Church. He did not quite know how it was he became their president, because he could not even make a bell ring, but he felt it a tremendous honour to succeed Archdeacon Back in that office. They owed a great deal to the older men who had carried on all through the years, and he hoped the younger men would carry on the Guild from strength to strength. He expressed thanks to the Sub-Dean and the Rectors of Stoke and Allesley for allowing them the use of the bells that day. They were delighted to have the presence of the Sub-Dean, the more so because it had been said that he and various officials had done some naughty things about the bells of the Cathedral (laughter).

COVENTRY BELLS.

The Sub-Dean made a happy speech in reply. He said that he felt highly honoured at the invitation to be present that night. He had expected that he would always appear as a culprit when he came into a company of bellringers, from the circumstances to which the chairman had already alluded, but since he had discovered that the gentleman who led the case against the Cathedral authorities, at the hearing in Palace Yard, had become one of the 'ringleaders' in the scheme for having the bells of St. Martin's recast, he felt that he must have been actually converted by what he heard at Coventry (laughter). That had made it easy for him (the Sub-Dean) to appear among ringers (laughter). He was glad the Guild had shown its forgiveness of the past by consenting to have a recital on the carillon that night, and he hoped it had been a joy to those who had listened. Those who had seen the bells would know that they had not for all time destroyed the possibility of their being rung as a ringing peal (hear, hear). He hoped the success of that Guild would be such that in time it would have sufficient surplus funds to build them a campanile in which the bells could hang and in which they would have the joy of ringing a peal on them (laughter). He was glad, he continued, to come among a body of ringers and see their faces. He had always been able to see the faces of the choir, but he felt as if the bellringers were an unseen part of his congregation, and it always seemed to him that there was some secret exit for them (laughter). It was nice to find that ringers looked like ordinary men and women (laughter). The Sub-Dean added that he did agree with ringers that bell music was only heard at its best when the bells were rung. The pealing of the bells was what really gave them the soul of the bells, and they would never have the soul of Coventry bells until they were pealed (hear, hear). Meanwhile, they were trying to get on without the soul, and those who had charge of them were trying to get the best they could out of them. In conclusion, the Sub-Dean expressed the hope that more of the diocesan clergy would show their appreciation of the work done by the ringers by giving the Guild their support, for the ringers, while unseen, were none the less workers for the church than those who occupied the choir stalls or the pulpit (applause). He wished the Guild 'God-speed' and continued growth in membership (applause).

'MANY HAPPY RETURNS.'

Mr. Frank Smallwood (Derby) proposed 'Prosperity to the Warwickshire Guild.' He was glad, he said, to be able to wish the Guild 'many happy returns' on its twenty-first birthday. There were a good many of those connected with the founding of the

society who were still in evidence, among them being Mr. Chapman, Mr. James George, and one or two others who were present that night. One face he did miss, that of Mr. Arthur Coleman, who did a very great deal in the founding of the Warwickshire Guild. The centre of gravity, continued Mr. Smallwood, seemed to be shifting. They founded the Guild at Warwick, but the centre of gravity now seemed to be Coventry. He had been casting about in his mind for a reason for this change, and he wondered whether it had anything to do with the tradition about the noble lady who rode about the streets in scanty attire. He thought there was some little evidence in support of this, because there seemed a great preponderance of members with the Christian name of Tom (laughter). But whatever the cause, he thought this shifting of the centre of gravity was a move in the right direction. It was time that they became a diocesan association, and Coventry was the centre of the diocese. He rather sensed that recent remarks portended that change, and he thought it would be a good thing for the Guild. They would certainly then have a right to expect that support from the clergy would be forthcoming; it certainly had not been so in the past (hear, hear). Mr. Smallwood referred in an amusing way to some of the spade work which was done when they were endeavouring to form the Guild. Nuneaton, he said, was the place where he found most opposition to the scheme, and it was a long time before he could convince their old friend, Mr. Chapman, that it was either desirable or necessary. Now the position was entirely changed, and they had Mr. Chapman as Ringing Master (applause); they had had a past secretary from Nuneaton, and their present president was Rector of Nuneaton. Nuneaton, indeed, was one of their strongholds, and there had been more peals rung there than in any other tower (applause). The future of the Guild was in good hands, and he wished it all 'good luck' and prosperity (applause).

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) briefly replied, saying how pleased they were to see so many old and new friends present that evening. With a little more help from the clergy and the younger members, the Guild was assured of a very prosperous future (applause).

Mr. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) proposed 'The Visitors,' whom he welcomed. The very fact that they had so many visitors present that night showed that the Warwickshire Guild was not quite the nonentity that some of them thought they were. Mr. Argyle referred to the friendly relations existing between the Warwickshire Guild and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and said with regard to taking a diocesan title, that it would restrict the Guild to towers in its own diocese, whereas now they covered the whole county. It was a matter which would have to be carefully considered, and it would, he believed, come up at the next annual meeting. Mr. Argyle mentioned that among the visitors that night they had representatives of the three leading firms of bell founders, Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Capt. Freeborn, from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, from Messrs. Taylor and Co. They had visitors from Birmingham, Leicester, Derby, Loughborough, London, and other places, and he was particularly pleased to see among them Mr. Whitehead, who was recovering from the accident which befel him when returning one night to Leicester from Nuneaton. Mr. Argyle said he would also like to include in the toast the ladies, many of whom they had with them that night.

Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) first responded, and expressed congratulations and good wishes to the Warwickshire Guild upon its 21st birthday. He hoped they would see many members of the Warwickshire Guild at the opening of St. Martin's bells on December 8th, and added that social gatherings of that kind were of the greatest possible value in making a prosperous association. They cemented fellowship, while the interchange of views broadened their ideas (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild) also replied, and added congratulations and good wishes.

Votes of thanks to the artistes, to the president and to the committee who had carried out the arrangements, concluded the proceedings.

The musical programme, for which Mr. Frank Perrins was largely responsible, was a varied and delightful one. Mr. Hessian and his party played handbell selections, Mrs. A. A. Hughes contributed handbell solos, songs were given by Mr. A. Wilkerson, Mr. W. C. Dowding, and Mr. Edwards. Mr. Greenway, who acted as accompanist, directed some 'community singing,' which went with great gusto. Mr. Wilkerson gave a recitation, Mr. Harry Withers tapped Erin Cinques on the piano, and a capital course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Pervin, F. Perrins, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, J. Thomas and J. George. A happy evening terminated with the National Anthem.

A MUSICAL SIX.

On Sunday a party journeyed by cars to the village of Great Easton, Essex, to ring upon the very musical peal of six recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Touches of Oxford and Kent and 720 Cambridge Surprise were brought round, the following taking part: Miss E. E. Pettitt, H. E. Hammond, H. C. Reason, A. Wiffen, B. Ridgwell, C. H. Howard and L. W. Wiffen (conductor).

GREAT WITCOMBE CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of Great Witcombe Parish Church, Gloucester, which have been rehung on ball bearings in a new steel and iron two-tier frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were opened on Saturday, November 17th, by the members of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester Foundry, 1777.

2nd.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

3rd.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

4th.—F. White and Sons, Bellhangers, Appleton, Berks.

5th.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

Tenor.—I am the Voice of a crier in the House of God: Com and Kip Heli, 1630.

The service in church was fully choral. The Rector (the Rev. G. R. Taylor) officiated, and the Guild service was used. Mr. E. Hicks Beach (churchwarden) read the lesson, and Miss M. Hayward presided at the organ.

After the service the members adjourned to the Village School-room, where tea had been provided. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Hicks Beach, Mr. Dove (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and Mr. F. C. Collins, who rehung the bells.

After tea the Vicar thanked the ringers on behalf of the parishioners and himself, also the secretary of the Gloucester Branch (Mr. W. H. Harris) for bringing so many ringers to assist at the opening. He hoped that they found the bells to their liking.

Mr. C. J. Taylor (Witcombe), replying, said from expressions he had heard from the members they were all pleased with the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done the work.

Mr. Dove, replying on behalf of the firm, said he appreciated the remarks passed by the previous speaker, and when he returned to the foundry he should be able to give his report to the firm that the work had been carried out to everyone's satisfaction.—Mr. F. C. Collins said when he left the foundry to hang a peal of bells anywhere in the country his instructions were, 'Do the work properly, and spare neither time nor trouble.'

Selections on the handbells were given by various members, which were much appreciated, afterwards the tower was again visited. The cost of the work (£230) is being defrayed by public subscription.

A collection on behalf of the fund amongst the ringers realised 30s.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS' DIAMOND WEDDING. PRESENTATION AT ECCLESTON.

A largely attended meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Eccleston on Saturday, November 24th. The meeting had been postponed from its usual summer date to coincide with the diamond wedding of Mr. R. Rigbye, of Eccleston.

Mr. Rigbye is one of the oldest active ringers, if not the oldest in the association. He is over eighty years of age, but is still able to take a rope, as he did to a short touch on the present occasion.

During the day the methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise, amongst the ringers present being Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the association. A splendid tea had been provided by the generosity of the Rector, the Rev. H. Bretherton, who is a life member of the association.

The usual business meeting afterwards took place, Canon Elsee presiding. One new member, John Whittle, of Brownedge, was elected.

The Secretary mentioned the annual social at Higher Walton, and appealed specially to members to write for tickets as early as possible. He also mentioned that he had a stock of new diagrams and certificates with him. Both of these were soon sold out.

Canon Elsee then said there were three reasons why he was pleased to be at that meeting. One was that it gave him an opportunity to meet some members whom he didn't often meet, in an area so wide of Preston. Another reason was that he had been able to hear and also have a pull on the Eccleston bells, and so add to his knowledge of Lancashire bells. The third and chief reason was that he was pleased to be present and to make a presentation on behalf of the members of the Preston Branch to Mr. and Mrs. Rigbye. He had been present at various functions in connection with bell-ringing during the last forty years or more, but never at so rare an event as a ringer's diamond wedding. He heartily congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Rigbye on their diamond wedding, and handed to them a splendid timepiece on behalf of the Preston Branch members. He hoped they would live long to see and appreciate the gift.

The timepiece bears a plate inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rigbye, by members of the Preston Branch, L.A.C.R., on the occasion of their diamond wedding, November 26th, 1928.'

Mrs. Rigbye said she thanked the members for their present and kind wishes from the bottom of her heart. Mr. Rigbye also added a few words of thanks.

Canon Elsee then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for so generously providing the tea, to the ladies who had waited on them at the tables, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness.—This was carried in the usual hearty manner, the Rector suitably replying.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting, after which more ringing was indulged in.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If I may venture to suggest it with due respect, the resolution passed at Hereford was put forward in order to raise the standard of these peals without sufficiently considering the conditions of the problem involved. It will be within your recollection that I protested against it both privately and at the Council meeting. As I hope to show, the resolution, so far from doing anything to raise the standard, has the unintended effect of crabbing any device that will do so.

I have not examined Mr. Morris' arrangement, but I have heard that this consists of taking 120 rows twice over and composing them into a touch of 240. In other words, every row occurs twice over, but 120 different rows are not used up as a separate block before beginning again. If this be so, this is on all fours with Mr. Law James' arrangement for certain methods on the Treble Bob principle (notably London Surprise Minor), which was published in 'The Ringing World' at the end of last July.

I do not know to what you are referring at the close of your leading article, but to the best of my belief no system of altering the half-hunt can be employed (or is, indeed, conceivable) in which all the six-scores are rung 'without any other row being included.'

Further, it is certain that the Minor resolution bars Mr. Bankes James' arrangement for Cambridge, as although 720 different rows are rung consecutively there are only 719 true changes (i.e., change from row to row). The 720's are true, but not complete.

It is evident the matter cannot rest where it is, the more so as it is intended to insert in the new edition of Legitimate Methods arrangements on the plans of Messrs. Bankes and Law James, and also arrangements for Grandshire Doubles with varied half-hunts arrived at by breaking in two some or other of the six-scores.

It is a most praiseworthy effort to raise the standard of five and six-bell peal ringing, and, lest it should be thought that I am merely crabbing attempts made by others, I venture to suggest that the most promising solution would be a resolution at Chelmsford next year repealing last year's resolutions and asking for the formation of a committee of members of the Central Council familiar with the conditions of five and six-bell ringing to bring up a report on the whole matter.

As it stands, the Council is pledged to accept as a peal 42 six-scores of Grandshire Doubles, each called 'Plain, Bob, Plain, Bob, Plain, Single' (repeated 83 times), or seven 720's of Bob Minor, all called tenor 'Wrong, Right, Wrong,' with Single half-way and end, and debar conductors from using the knowledge that has been recently placed at their disposal. Meanwhile it is to be hoped (sic) that those who have rung Cambridge Minor peals on Mr. Bankes James' plan will cancel them, though I confess that I have no intention of doing this myself.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter,
November 23rd, 1928.

WORTH FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Dear Sir,—We have been talking over the point raised in your leading article of this week, and we think the matter is worth further consideration. It is somewhat difficult to see how we can allow the incomplete 720's in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge and disallow the 240's of Grandshire Doubles.

H. LAW JAMES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, November 17th, but only seventeen attended from the following towers: Chichester, Brighton, Horsham, Heene, Itchingfield, Warnham and Shoreham, and Mr. Alan Pink, of Dorking. The bells were available from three o'clock, and a short service with an address was conducted by the Rev. J. G. F. Glossop, who gave the association a welcome.

Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master) presided at the business meeting, when it was proposed to hold the next meeting at West Tarring. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Master, to the Rev. J. G. F. Glossop, for granting the use of the bells and his address, also to the lady organist, was carried, and Mr. F. Cripps was asked to convey the same to the rev. gentlemen. Although the meeting was poorly attended, the ringing was successful, as everyone had a full share from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

A STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEPARTURE.

At St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, Middlesex, on Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Watson 2, C. Edwards 3, P. B. Clark 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Edwards, who is leaving the district. He has been steeplekeeper from the time the bells were hung for ringing.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE BELL RESTORATION AT SOUTH ANSTON.

Inclement weather resulted in only a moderate attendance of members of the North Notts Association at the meeting at South Anston on Saturday week, ringers being present from North Collingham, Cuckney, East Retford, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Worksop, Gainsborough, Barnsley, Treeton, and the full company of local ringers. The bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor has been recast, and two new trebles added to make them into the full octave, the splice being an excellent one. During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a number of Minor methods were rung to suit the six-bell ringers, as well as a few rounds for the probationers. Tea was served in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. R. Hodgson), supported by Messrs. Airey and Stenton (churchwardens), Mrs. East (Collingham), the Misses Burchall (Sutton-on-Trent), Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary, Barnsley Association), Mr. H. Morgan (Ringing Master of the Northern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), and the hon. secretary of the association (Mr. H. Haigh), and others.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar, in a most interesting speech, intimated what a pleasure it was both to the churchwardens and himself to welcome the association to Anston. He had always liked ringing, and had regretted that he had not learned more of the art when he was younger. He had only succeeded in ringing a plain course of Bob Major and a few Minor methods; nevertheless, he much enjoyed it. They had now got their bells at South Anston in good ringing order, with the tenor recast and the peal made into a full octave. Mr. Fowler had had a great deal to do with this, and he hoped the ringers would find every enjoyment in the new state of things, and the excellent splice that had been made. They had not quite got all the money required to pay the bill, but they were not pessimistic about it being forthcoming, and all their friends and neighbours in the district who had helped so well must be remembered by the Anston people when their own bells required restoration and augmentation. There was one peal in the district that required serious attention, and in recognition of what the late secretary had done for the association the church must be helped, and he hoped the Anston people would lend their assistance.

Mr. H. Haigh then handed over to the Vicar a sum of £5 unannouncedly granted by the association for the Anston ringers' pluck and enterprise in having the bells augmented to eight and put in good order.

Mr. Ernest Beckett, of Anston, was elected a performing member, and Mr. C. D. Potter was elected a non-resident life member.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Worksop in January or early February, the hon. secretary being given permission to arrange for a date when he could attend, notice to be given through 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Anston for granting the use of the bells, presiding over the tea and meeting, and for his excellent address; to both churchwardens for their attendance, and to the Anston ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—The Vicar suitably replied, and Messrs. Airey and C. D. Potter also spoke a few words of encouragement to members of the association.—Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Bratton, Wilts; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (conducted by R. L. Patterson) at St. Ignatius', Sunderland; and at Barthomley, Cheshire, after a touch of 546 Grandsire Triples, the bells were 'fired.'

LATE NOTICES.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE (2 miles from Bicester). The Rt. Rev. E. D. Shaw, B.D., Archbishop of Oxford, will dedicate 2 new treble bells, to complete the octave, on Friday, Dec. 7th, at 6 p.m. The tenor bell has been recast and the whole peal rehung in a modern iron frame. Tenor 20 cwt. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Sat., December 8th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Will those who require tea let me know by Wed., Dec. 5th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar (10 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Short service, with address by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at Lyons' Restaurant, opposite Blackwell Tunnel, at 5. Meeting in belfry at 7.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Stony Stratford. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45; service 5.30. — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.15, to be followed by the business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Dec. 1st. Service at 4 p.m. All members welcome to tea at the Buller Hall, which will be followed by a business meeting. Kindly notify F. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by meat tea in Parish Room, at 1s. 9d. per head. Short business meeting afterwards. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

ELY & PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Ely and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech branches, will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District. — The next meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m., also East Woodhay (5) and Highclere (8) available after tea.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present. A frequent service of buses from Nuneaton, Hinckley and Leicester is available. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Dec. 1st. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available at 6.30. Short service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Augmentation of Farnborough bells.—The augmented ring of bells at Farnborough Parish Church will be available for a combined practice on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m., following the dedication of the new treble on Nov. 27th. All ringers invited and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Mathon. Bells (6); ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea provided after service.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 3rd, 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 6th and 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (special business) on the 18th; 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.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 2.45. Other arrangements as usual. Every ringer welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears, M.A.). Notification for tea by the 4th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The recast bells of St. Martin's will be dedicated and opened at 3 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Social evening later at St. Martin's Hotel. The bells will be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 8 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The eighth annual social of the above branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. The bells, 8 (newly rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea on tables 4.45. It is important that those requiring tickets should write for them as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th, to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton. Tickets 2s. 6d. each adult; children half price.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Rev. H. B. Woolley. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by 6th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 4th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Room 5.15. Wilton (6) available from 2 p.m. to 4 and after tea. Meeting arranged as a farewell to the Rev. L. J. Coursey, chairman of the branch. All those who will require tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30 in Parish Hall. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford or Bushey. Buses stop at church. Number for tea by December 4th. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District. — The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Ruddington. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Collin Street, Nottingham. — Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Those intending to be present notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Special attention Oxford Bob Triples. A good muster is requested. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Towers available: Blandford (8), Bryanston (6), Durweston (6), Stourpaine (5). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. — A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Collingbourn, Kingston. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify the secretary, 4.15. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Geddingdon (5) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 4th? — H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — A combined practice will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 6 till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Parish Room

at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A Wednesday meeting of the association will be held at Chester-le-Street on Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Tea at the Lambton Arms at 5, 1s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present please notify me before Saturday, Dec. 8th. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT. — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh as a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association on Dec. 15th, instead of Dec. 1st. Please note alteration of date. — R. Harrison, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea after service, at 1s. per head, at the Parish Room. Kindly notify not later than Tuesday, Dec. 11th. — C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise their intention to be present. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — The next district meeting will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present at tea notify me before Dec. 12th? — B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hintlesham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Every ringer welcomed. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, and not Nov. 24th, as first arranged. Fuller notice later. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Mission Room at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, Dec. 13th. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Southern Division and the Sheffield District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by Dec. 12th, so that provision may be made?—F. Clark and R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

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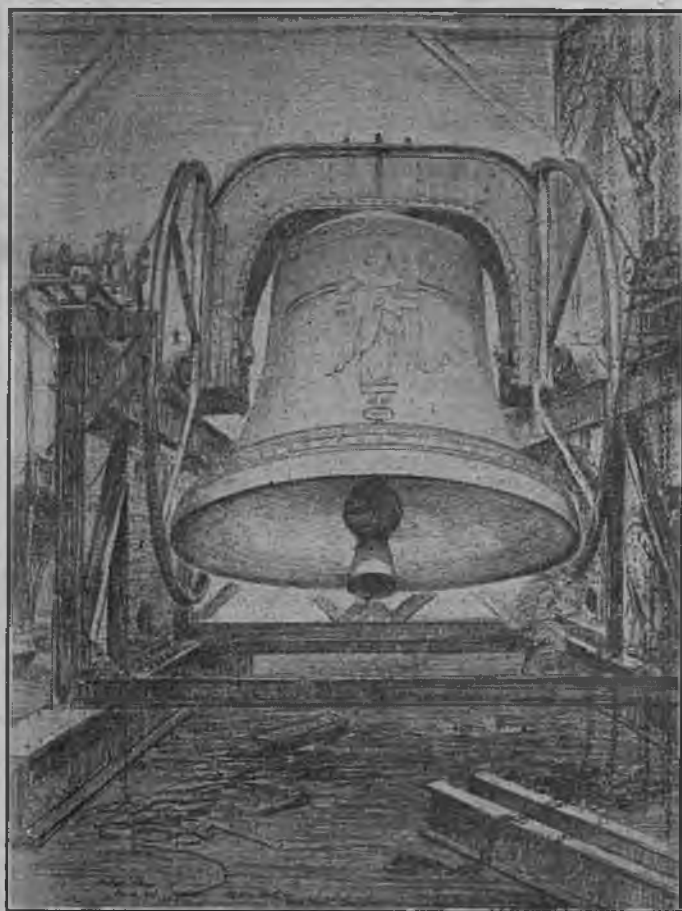
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PEALS ON FIVE AND SIX BELLS.

The article which we published a fortnight ago on the subject of peals of Doubles and Minor has stirred up a new interest in this matter, and it may be well if certain of the facts were briefly reviewed. Up to the time when the Central Council met last Whitsuntide, no definition had ever been laid down to cover what should constitute a peal on five bells; while the definition which, since the years 1911-1912, had governed the requirements for a peal of Minor, failed to meet a modern advance in Minor ringing which enabled a 720 to end with a row other than rounds, the old rules laying down that peals of Minor should 'consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.'

Obviously, to bring the rules of the Council up to date some amendment to the conditions for peals of Minor was required, and a definition for peals of Doubles was also necessary. Three months' notice of the new proposals was given. During that time the suggested conditions were brought to the notice of ringers at many meetings throughout the country, and were discussed at the Council meeting. There was ample opportunity for considering their effect on future peals, and it was open to any member of the Council to move any alteration in the wording that he thought fit. But the motion, which was introduced solely to bring the Council's rules into line with modern practice and to maintain the standard which should be required for peal performances, went through unaltered. Now, however, six months afterwards, we are being informed that instead of the new conditions doing anything to raise the standard of peals they have 'the unintended effect of crabbing any device that will do so,' according to Mr. Powell's letter last week, and 'squashing' those in a humble sphere who attempt to introduce variation, according to Mr. Ernest Morris' letter in this issue.

With regard to the latter point, we fail to see that enterprise in ringing is in any way restricted by the conditions adopted by the Council. There is nothing to prevent a conductor calling false six-scores of Doubles as often as he likes, but we venture to think that the Council is right in demanding, where recognition of a peal is claimed, that the six-scores which go to make up the peal shall each be true. Indeed, the whole question, it seems to us, turns on whether these extents of Doubles and Minor shall be true or not. The whole trend of the Council's decisions in the past has been for 'truth' in peals. It was with this end in view that such performances as fourteen 360's rung irrespective of the repetition

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of changes, was ruled out, and provision made that in spliced methods on any number of bells, the peal should consist of true changes. It would be going back on this old and desirable principle to admit, in peals, six-scores or 720's which do not conform to the requirements laid down for other numbers.

Other points are raised in this discussion to which we will refer later, but lest there are any of our readers who think that the issue is a small one, we should like to stress the view that the matter is of considerable importance to the Exercise, inasmuch as it vitally affects what is to be admitted, in future, as a peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WALTER AVRE 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	*ALBERT DISERENS 8
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	*REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	CECIL NICE 7
BERNARD WELLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN & PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Monday, November 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN BROWN Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG 5
MISS MAY CLAYTON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JAMES HARRISON 3	FREDERICK HINDLE 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK 4	*WILLIAM KING Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since their increase to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Houghton, 6th and 7th from Blackburn, 5th and tenor are local men.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	*WILLIAM H. CROCKER 6
*FRANK MERRETT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HORACE TAYLOR 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	*THOMAS HANNAN 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM PITCHALL 6
JOHN WOODS 3	JAMES E. BURLS 7
JOHN HOLME 4	*RICHARD RAINFORD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells. The back six are by Rud-hall, and trebles by Mears and Stainbank.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN R. JACKSON Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
MARK BEND 2	*ARTHUR W. WARD 6
HARRY THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* 25th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rebung and restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a compliment to Mark Bend on his 72nd birthday. Also as a thank-offering for the restoration of the spire.

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	LESLIE W. BACON 7
GEORGE W. CHAMBERS 4	HAROLD KENT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. Kay, who has just left Creswell for Whitwell, and as a welcome to the Rev. C. Smith to the Vicariate of Creswell. Also to celebrate the 21st birthday of L. W. Bacon. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Bacon for their hospitality after the peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
JOHN PERRY 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells, the same composition being rung. Mr. B. Gough rang the same bell in the first peal. This was Mr. C. Walla-ter's 200th peal for the above society.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	*JOHN J. WILLIAMS 5
HARRY BOYCE 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
GWYN I. LEWIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
WALTER J. NURTON 4	{ALBERT E. PITMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Triples. + First peal on eight. Rung as a wed-ding compliment to Mr. G. W. Hollis (late of the local band) and Miss Gill, who were married at King's Nympton, Devon, on this date, the band wishing them every happiness in the future.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KERBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*J. SPEDDING Treble	A. EILBECK 5
W. G. NORMAN 2	J. ROTHRY 6
W. T. HOLMES 3	G. W. TENBY 7
J. HUTCHINSON 4	W. H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. G. NORMAN.

* First peal in method. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of the fallen.

PRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALAN BISHOP Treble	WALTER S. BEAUMONT 5
SIDNEY T. JARRETT 2	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM 6
*MISS HILDA COLLISHAW 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4	WILLIAM COLLISHAW Tenor

Conducted by P. C. SPRINGHAM.

* First peal on an inside bell. A birthday peal for Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, general secretary of the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
*WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... 2	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 3	ALFRED BARRATT 7
THOMAS BETTISON ... 4	SAMUEL PENDER Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by A. BARRATT.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal as conductor in the method, and first attempt.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY BARRELL Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE 5
*STANLEY W. COPIING ... 2	CHARLES BAILEY 6
EDGAR BAILEY 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
*ERNEST BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Bob Major with an inside bell.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
GEORGE COOKE 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
HAROLD CASSEL 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Wills, M.A., B.D.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

A twenty-first birthday peal for Miss Margaret Ward, daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
WALTER WHITE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE FOSTER 3	EDWARD FOSTER 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
* MILTON C. FOWLER 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

* WILLIAM WEATHERBY Treble	* HAROLD EDWARDS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HARRY OVERTON 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

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

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DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* MISS C. HOVERD Treble	† FRANK E. WALKER 5
HERBERT E. AUDELEY 2	JOHN H. CHESMAN 6
† EDWARD BROWN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
* HARRY HOVERD 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
HARRY BAKER 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PYSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary of the association, also to Mr. A. Relfe. The conductor has now completed 'the circle,' the third tower to be completed this year.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* FREDERICK WOOD Treble	* JOHN W. LEGGETT 5
* JOHN C. FORLONG 2	GEORGE MILES 6
* JOHN HARRIDGE 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT 7
HARRY TURNER 4	* EDWARD W. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* GEORGE HUGHES Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	CYRIL WINWOOD 6
ALFRED ROWLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
RICHARD ROUND 4	* FRANK WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM H. SENIOR Treble	HARRY MARSDEN 5
JAMES INGHAM 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
SAMUEL WHITEHEAD 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
* THOMAS JONES 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The band represent Batley, Mytholmroyd, Marsden, Didsbury, Batley, Todmorden, Armley and Birstall respectively. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members of the association prior to the commencement of the peal. The band wish to thank the ringer of the 3rd for kindly standing in after meeting short.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5
*JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	†ALBERT E. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Grandsire inside. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. Alfred Howell, the 'go' being all that can be desired.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK CULLOM, JUN. ... Treble	*HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	†BERTIE ALDRIDGE 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHRESMAN.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the veteran hon. secretary of the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

S. DELVE Treble	N. COOMBS 4
T. WYATT 2	L. MOORE 5
H. KNIGHT 3	R. PORTER Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. H. Preston, who died November 3rd, aged 100 years and 11 months; also to Mrs. H. Porter, who died Oct. 25th, aged 82 years; and in memory of the late Mr. H. Porter, a member of the Easton band for seventy years, who died November 9th, 1927.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE MIDDLETON Treble	RONALD COLEMAN 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	REGINALD WILLIAMSON 4
SIDNEY MUNTON Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

First peal of eleven methods by all the band. All the band reside at Pytchley, and are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church of All Saints. The peal was rung by kind permission of the Rector of Barton Seagrave, the Rev. H. A. Curtis.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Christ Church, Blakenall Heath,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HAROLD RILEY Treble	ARTHUR PAINTER 3
THOMAS J. ELTON 2	*THOMAS HILL 4
SIDNEY ELTON Tenor	

Conducted by SIDNEY ELTON.

* First peal. First of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor, also first peal on the bells.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, Canterbury, York, London and Cambridge. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK DAY Treble	JOSEPH F. GOACHER 4
*NORMAN V. HARDING 2	†G. GROVER 5
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	FREDERICK BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1914 after the old six had been destroyed by fire. F. Day was elected a member of the Guild previous to the peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, 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 GEORGE H. CARTER.

MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD AND ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*HERBERT MUNTON Treble	RONALD COLEMAN 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	†GEORGE MIDDLETON 4
SIDNEY MUNTON Tenor	

Conducted by RONALD COLEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. The above ringers are all members of the Pytchley branch of the A.O.F. (Court 'Tree of Knowledge' 1428), four of them holding office for the present year. Second ringer is 'Chief Ranger,' treble and fourth 'Woodwards,' and tenor 'Beadle.' First peal of its kind ever attempted at Pytchley. All are service ringers at the above church.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. TUBE Treble	FREDERICK CHERRETT 4
*WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	PHILIP BLAKE 5
BERTRAM TUBE 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* Elected a member of the association prior to starting. His first peal of Minor in four methods. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and also the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

APPLEBY, LENCs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL PYZ Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
FRANK LORD 2	WILLIAM GARTY 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Ringers of treble, 2nd and 5th are from Scunthorpe, and this was their first peal.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13-cwt.

F. REGINALD DENNIS ... Treble	* FRANK HARPER 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
* JOHN W. WARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in the method.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON ... Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
* HENRY W. GAYTON 2	ALBERT FLEET 5
HORACE SMITH 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* 200th peal.

BATHFORD, BATH

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN TARGETT Treble	RONALD G. BECK 4
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4
JOHN T. BROWN 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

THE CHART, LINCSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

* WILLIAM PATERNOSTER ... Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
† ERNEST N. TIDY 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 5
EDWARD E. TIDY 3	CHARLES W. CLINCH Tenor

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 9-10
PERCY O. LAFLIN 5-6	JAMES GEORGE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: F. W. WALKER and OTHERS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. George on his 75th birthday, which was duly celebrated after the peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

* HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
* CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
* GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal of Bob Maximus on handbells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at St. Mary de Lode Church, Gloucester, on Saturday, November 24th, and was well attended. The bells were opened at 3 p.m. and kept going by mixed bands. At 4.30 p.m. service was held in the church, at which the Rev. Wyndham Jones officiated, Miss Workman presiding at the organ. Afterwards, the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided by Miss Gardener. The business meeting followed, the Rev. Wyndham Jones presiding.

The branch secretary presented his report, which showed that nine meetings had been held during the past year, with a total attendance of 185 members—an average of just over 20 members per meeting. There are now 121 performing members, against 119 last year; and 24 honorary members, the same as last year, including three lady members, also one life member, an increase of two in the total membership. The secretary thanked the various incumbents for the courtesy shown to the members when visiting the towers. The report was considered very satisfactory, and adopted.

The Rev. H. G. Endow, Vicar of Quedgely, was again elected chairman of the branch, Mr. W. H. Harris branch secretary, and Mr. T. Baldwin representative on Management Committee.

Mr. J. Stephens proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Pritchard) for the use of the bells, to Rev. Wyndham Jones for conducting the service, and for his excellent advice, to Miss Workman for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies.—This was seconded by ex-Sergt. Williams, and carried with applause.

Rev. Wyndham Jones acknowledged the vote, and Mr. G. Jackson replied in the absence of the Vicar. He said he would convey the vote of thanks to the Vicar, and added that it was a pleasure to have the members at St. Mary de Lode.

Tune playing on the handbells by Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sergt. Williams and touches of Triples by other members, including the veteran Mr. B. Etheridge, who is in his 81st year, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

MR. JAMES SEARLE'S PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank Messrs. C. Tyler, G. Williams and F. Dunch for their kindly references in 'The Ringing World' to my late uncle, Mr. J. Searle. I have found among his papers cuttings from the 'Bell News' of 77 peals, in which his name appears and of them he had conducted 15.

One peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Birmingham on March 1st, 1889, and the company included ringers from Newcastle to Brighton. My uncle often used to listen to the local ringers, but did not feel like doing any ringing himself. He contented himself with looking over his records of peals and reciting their various histories.—Yours truly,

HAROLD D. SEARLE

44, Green Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT POPLAR.**

The last meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for this year was held at All Saints', Poplar, on Saturday last, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The proceedings were opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples almost punctually to the advertised time, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters quickly followed. Members of the local band, who are receiving instruction from the association, joined in the ringing, and showed considerable aptitude.

Divine service was held at 4.30, when a very encouraging address was given by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), who urged the ringers to give of their best, whether they were novices or experts. Only the best was acceptable to God, and ringers should make sure that they always did their best when ringing to His service.

Tea was served at Messrs. Lyons, and afterwards another visit was paid to the tower. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, the end of the time allocated for ringing coming all too quickly.

The business meeting was held in the belfry. Seven new members were elected, and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Edmonton on February 2nd, it being the annual meeting of the district.

The action of the hon. secretary in conveying the condolences of the members to the widow and family of the late Mr. E. H. Tubb, of the Finchley band, was endorsed.

A letter from the late president, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, now Rector of Wrentham, conveying good wishes to all members, was read.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, who paid a visit to the belfry during the afternoon's ringing, for his very cordial welcome to the association, and for the use of the bells; also to Messrs. W. Partiss, A. S. Askew, and the local ringers, for having everything in readiness. The belfry was a picture of neatness, and reflected great credit on those responsible for its appearance. The attendance during the afternoon and evening reached forty members.

CHEW STOKE LEADER'S DEATH.

On November 15th, at Chew Stoke, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, in 40 mins.: W. Raynon 1, W. Balch (conductor) 2, G. H. Martin (Bedwas, Mon) 3, S. Clark 4, H. Babb 5, H. Clark 6. Also several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled at Chew Magna, 7, 8, 8 covering, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Rawlings, who was leader of both towers for a long time. He was buried at Chew Stoke on this date.

A DISS PEAL RECORDED.

On Monday evening, November 26th, a new peal board was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Diss, Norfolk, by the Rector of Diss, Rev. R. L. Whytehead, M.A., at 8 p.m. It records a peal of Superlative Surprise Mayor rung at Diss on Monday, July 2nd, 1928, and was given by one of the local ringers who took part in the peal, Mr. Albert G. Harrison, who also made the massive oak frame which surrounds it. The lettering has been most artistically done by Mr. H. Flatman, of Diss.

Ringers from Dickleburgh and North Lopham were present, also the churchwarden, Messrs. A. L. Vaughan, and G. J. Moss, and the parish clerk (Mr. W. H. Harrison).

Immediately after the dedication eight members of the Diss company rang a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major, standing in the same order as in the peal, excepting treble and 2nd, which were rung by A. Leeder and W. Wiskius.

'ON THE WAR PATH.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your editorial of November 9th, under the above, was interesting to me, having just recently had some experience.

A paragraph having appeared in a local journal complaining of the ringing of church bells at Romford, was followed by a correspondent who asserted that the bells had been 'clanging and jangling for four hours,' to which I replied stating that the last time the bells were even rung four hours was over thirty years ago, and that the talented band that rang at Romford for Sunday morning service were a body of churchworkers, but had no week-day practice, and pointed out that only five peals were rung during 1927 without the slightest clanging or jangling, claiming that some bands that rang a peal returned home as happy as the football team that took home the Association Cup. A further letter appeared, in which the unjust assertion of jangling and clanging for four hours was repeated, and I had again to repeat what I had previously written, upon which no further unjust assertions were made.

Unfortunately, there is too much apathy among ringers in such matters, and it is to be regretted such unjust assertions are not more frequently taken up by the Exercise. This is a matter that a national association could handle by a committee, to whom all such assertions could be sent and dealt with at once with good effect.

W. KEEBLE.

Romford,
November 22nd, 1928.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the 45th anniversary of the 'five ones' of Stedman Caters (11,111 changes) rung at Fulham in 7 hrs. 11 mins. by the College Youths. Of that band, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, J. W. Rowbotham, C. F. Winney and W. Prime are still among us.

A peal of 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Painswick on December 9th, 1833, and remained a record length in the method until the peal at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911.

The first peal of St. Paul's Cathedral was rung on December 10th, 1881.

A peal of 'Real Double Caters,' composed and conducted by George Gross, was rung at St. Magnus' Church, London, on December 10th, 1770.

Eighty years ago next Wednesday a record peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham. This was 7,392, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson. More than once St. Martin's has 'captured' the Stedman Cinques record, which is at present held by the College Youths, with the 12,675 rung at South-wark in 1923.

Mr. C. E. Palmer, of Woolwich, referring to our note which stated that the first peal of London Surprise Major in London was rung on December 8th, 1888, at Fulham, reminds us that a peal of London was rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, by the Woolwich Branch of the College Youths, on October 11th, 1849, conducted by William Banister.

Forty years ago, however, Woolwich was not considered to be part of London.

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW RING OF TWELVE.

TO-MORROW'S OPENING.

Great preparations are being made for the opening of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, an event which will be given in the city the due importance which it deserves.

The dedication is to be performed by the Rector, Canon Guy Rogers, at a special service to commence at 3 p.m., and a large gathering of ringers from many parts of the country is expected. The bells will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m., and afterwards there is to be a 'social' at St. Martin's Hotel.

The bells are also to be the subject of a special 'broadcast' service on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. The bells will be heard over the ether from 8 to 8.10 p.m., and the service itself will include the hymn, 'Ring out wild bells to the wild sky,' and a bell carol.

On Sunday morning a new Holy Table, in memory of the late Dean Willink, of Norwich, formerly Rector of Birmingham, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham. Sunday is also Thanksgiving Day, when it is hoped to raise a sum of £200 to balance the revenue account of the church.

Visitors on Saturday will be advised as to where tea can be obtained.

The new ring of twelve have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and ringers over a wide area are looking forward with eager anticipation to hearing a grand peal of bells. The tenor is just a little under 36 cwt. in the key of C. The old frame, which was in good condition, has been strengthened and the bells have been hung in all the latest type of fittings, including ball bearings.

It is interesting to note that to carry out this big scheme of restoration it has not been necessary to appeal to the public for funds. The whole cost has been defrayed from the Rope Croft Fund—a fund which originated in the generosity of a parishioner who over two hundred years ago left a plot of land, the rent from which was to go to the provision of bell ropes for the Parish Church. The accretion of value of this piece of land has been such that the annual income is now some hundreds of pounds, and thus funds are available for important improvements to the church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon, who is abroad on a health tour, sent the following cablegram from Los Angeles to Archbishop Davidson, on the occasion of his golden wedding: 'May I join with ringers of England and Croydon Bell Foundry staff, who met you March 3rd, in sending sincere congratulations your Grace and Mrs. Randall Davidson on your golden wedding day.'

CONSIDERATION FOR PARISHIONERS!

Not one hundred miles from Leicester, writes a correspondent, is a nice ring of six bells, with a contented band of round ringers. No peals are allowed to be rung, the reason given being that the noise of the bells are a nuisance to the residents near the church. A competent band asked permission to ring an Armistice peal, and, knowing the circumstances of the case, were willing to ring the bells fully muffled. A neighbouring Rector, interested in ringing, personally appealed on behalf of the band, but all met with a firm refusal and the statement that the parishioners must be considered.

To-day (St. Andrew's Day) the bells were being rung at 6 a.m., the 'Firing,' or an attempt thereat, being also indulged in. Were the parishioners considered?

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR. REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will not doubt remember that some months ago I pointed out to you that the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor does not comply with all the Central Council's conditions for a true peal. In the present discussion on peals of Minor and Doubles I notice the matter again crops up.

If I understand aright, in the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement the 720's are true provided rounds is considered as the first change of a 720. Naturally, if rounds is the first change it cannot be the last, and, therefore, the peal does not end with rounds, but with 124365 or 132465. This does not comply with the condition laid down by the Central Council on page 15 of its recent publication, 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' where it distinctly states that, 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.'

To put our house in order, we must either alter the last stipulation or decline to recognise the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement for Cambridge as a true peal.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. PERRENS.

'TRUE AND COMPLETE.'

Sir,—The question of the meaning of the resolution concerning peals of Minor and Doubles passed at Hereford turns upon the question of what we mean by a 720 or a six-score.

It has been the custom of the Exercise to talk about a true 720 or a true peal. Does this mean that we have actually made 720 different changes, or does it mean that the bells have sounded in 720 different orders? The word changes suggests the former, but a little consideration will show that that is impossible. It is commonly said that we can ring six changes on three bells. Let us examine them: 123; change 1 and 2, 213; change 1 and 3, 231; change 2 and 3, 321. We have now made three different changes, and the bells have struck in our different orders, but the bells can strike in two more orders, 312 and 132, and neither of these can be produced unless we repeat the change of 1 and 2, while 3 lies still; and the change of 1 and 3, while 2 lies still. From this it follows that a six on three bells means the six different orders in which the bells strike; moreover, in all the old ringing books we find 720 of Bob Minor having 14 bobs and two singles. The two singles go thus:—

126354 and 136254
126345 and 136245

We also get:—

123654 bob and 132654 bob
132645 and 123645

and

163254 plain and 162354 plain
162345 and 163245

Now this 720 has always been accepted as true, but it is evident that when the treble leads and 4.5 change in 5.6, 6 never changes with 2 or 3. If this 720 is true and complete, then my brother's arrangements of Cambridge Minor are true and complete, Mr. Morris' arrangement of Doubles is true and complete, and the so-called incomplete peal of Grandsire Triples, given on page 143 in Grandsire, is really true and complete, as the two missing rows come at the beginning.

Finally, the definition rules out any such absurdity as ringing each lead of a six-score of Bob Doubles forty-two times consecutively, and then going on to the next lead, for each of the forty-one repeats would be only the plain course of Original Doubles and not a six-score.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

[Is not Mr. James confusing Mr. Morris' arrangement with Mr. Pitman's? The latter is true and complete in the way suggested by Mr. James, but the former contains a repetition of 40 changes in each 120.—Ed. 'R.W.']

'GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT WHERE WE CAN.'

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly point out in your next issue that I am not the author of the Spliced 240 of Grandsire Doubles, so strongly commented upon in your recent leader. It is by my friend and namesake, 'Leslie,' and without entering into any merit or otherwise, I simply say it does conform to the method throughout, and is a welcome change from the old ten 120's.

Evidently you fail to realise the great difficulty many of our isolated 5 and 6-bell towers have to keep a hand together, even to ring the 'original' six-score, and who are not like the majority of us better favoured ones, who can, when going for a peal, pick out the best from two or three towers. There are often one or two struggling along continually teaching fresh hands, and never getting a possible chance of advancing, unless going perhaps many miles and to some inconvenience and expense to visit other towers better situated. Therefore, we should welcome any attempt at variation, even if in this humble sphere, and give encouragement where we can—not simply squash them.

I repeat that which appears in our 1927 report, which will equally apply to other associations:—

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. F. KNIGHTS.

A LINK WITH OLD NORWICH RINGERS.

An outstanding personality in the Exercise, Mr. Frederick Knights, passed away at his residence, Heigham Street, Norwich, on November 27th.

Born at Catfield, Norfolk, December 12th, 1851, he was employed, at the early age of five, in searing crows, being rewarded for this at the rate of 1s. per week. At a still early age he found employment in a bakehouse at Diss, and it was here he learned to ring, the writer having heard him say that he could ring when he was twelve years of age.

In 1866 he came to Norwich, and very soon made the acquaintance of the old company, then practising at St. Peter Mancroft, the late Mr. James Trueman being head man and conductor, and he was asked to take part in the ringing for a visit to Norwich of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII.) during that year.

He continued practising with the Mancroft company until 1873, when he transferred his activities to what were known as the 'Stags,' the rival company to the Norwich Scholars (Mancroft company).

In 1876, a vacancy having occurred in the Mancroft company by the death of Robert Burrell, and Mr. Knights being the only ringer in Norwich at the time with the necessary qualifications, he was asked to fill the vacancy, which he did.

In 1882, when the late Mr. James Youngs, who had succeeded Mr. James Trueman as head man, became incapacitated, Mr. Knights took over the leadership and continued to fulfil the duties until the old company ceased their connection with St. Peter Mancroft.

Mr. Knights was an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Besides this, he was the last link with the old Norwich company, having known Thos. Hurry, James Trueman and Charles Middleton. But, most of all, Mr. Knights will be remembered for his charming personality. Meeting him for the first time one would instinctively call him a gentleman; as a ringer he was a superb striker at either end, and maintained to the full the Norwich tradition of easy and correct manipulation of a bell.

Perhaps his outstanding performance was the ringing of the tenor to the back eight at Mancroft to Oxford Treble Bob Major, on November 20th, 1890, which he also conducted.

Mr. Knights built up a prosperous business as a baker and confectioner, and brought up a large family, only one of whom is a ringer, the eldest son, Mr. F. H. Knights.

Very musically inclined, Mr. Knights took in hand the teaching and training of the Albert Street handbell ringers, whose services were in great demand during the last twenty years of the last century. Norwich being a city with a reputation for music, the success of these handbell performances was something to be proud of; in fact, the whole of his family are very expert tune ringers.

His peal total was 129 on tower bells, on all numbers from six to twelve, and three handbell peals. He conducted many of these, and it is safe to say that those peals were rung; if the striking was rough, Fred Knights would not stand for it.

His name is not so well known to the present generation, but many will remember him and many will be proud to have known him and to have rung with him, for he was one of those who have helped more than a little to build up the Exercise. Deceased was a widower for many years, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the family in their bereavement.

He was interred in the City of Norwich Cemetery on December 4th. May he rest in peace.

B. S. T.

(Continued from previous column.)

'It would be well if all branches of the M.C.A. actively realised that there are in nearly every county more than three times the number of five and six-bell towers to those of higher numbers, and much good might be done, many members interested and secured, and the art considerably increased if these towers were not isolated so much, but brought into line with their more fortunate confrères of greater numbers.'

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

THE PEAL AT BROUGHTON ASTLEY.

Dear Sir,—We thank you for publishing our peal rung at Broughton Astley. Its publication, together with the correspondence arising therefrom, has somewhat relieved the shock we experienced from your leading article in the preceding week's issue. Unfortunately, owing to the bad go of the bells, especially of the tenor, peal ringing here is not altogether a Saturday afternoon's holiday. As far as is known, only two previous peals have been rung, one in 1915 and one in 1921, both by well-known ringers, with the inclusion in the former of our captain, Mr. John Braud, who has been a ringer here for 56 years. Several of these ringers have congratulated us on our achievement, and some are prepared to argue on the point raised, but it is not our wish to enter into any controversy on the matter. We are naturally proud of obtaining a local peal, and we shall watch with great interest any further development on the subject.—Yours, etc.,

Broughton Astley.

H. BIRD.

NAMES AND MEANINGS.

BY REV. H. DRAKE.

The article by 'Minormania' has said just what needs saying. It is all of it excellent. The only sentence I do not understand is that in which he speaks of 'my expressed opinion of "one method, one name."' In the first place, I do not see how it conflicts with his argument; and in the second place it is hardly my opinion more than anyone else's. It underlies all that the Council and its committees have done with regard to methods. For example, why publish a list of names, if one method could have two names, or several methods had to share one name?

What I have pressed is the fact that it is the duty of the Council to express itself definitely on one side or the other on this and similar elementary questions. It does not matter so much which side they take, as that they take one side or the other, so that we can get on, and put an end to these interminable disputes about so elementary a matter as the nomenclature of method extension. Had our resolutions, or other alternative ones, been passed, I should have seen to it that either our committee or some other applied them to the resolution of this and other matters. One thing is certain: it is a piece of work that has got to be done. We have elected the Council to do such work as this, but if it continues to refuse to do their job, it will have to be done in some other way. It is not likely that ringers will continue much longer to be under the thumb of three experts who can only repeat 'non possumus.'

Methods, as they extend, branch out and interlace, like the branches of a tree. They may be difficult to trace, but artists do not for that reason say they cannot draw a tree, though they may occasionally find that for their purpose a conventional form is better than one which is literally exact.

One can answer both Mr. Bixby's and Mr. Trollope's questions together. In teaching a beginner to prick changes, it is quite easy, and may be advisable, to point out to him a 'move,' 'movement,' and 'motion,' in the changes. Such way of teaching is at the same time simple and scientific. It is, however, neither simple nor scientific to call these elementary ideas by the confusing name of 'shunt' in 'the more abstruse part of the science of method construction'—to use Mr. Trollope's words, which are in the best style of obscurantism. In the same way it does not help a learner to be told that a method is named after Bowdon, and is called Bogeytown, and spelt Bogedone. Mr. Trollope tells us that he has learnt how to pronounce this word. He has, therefore, beaten me, as I never could pronounce Anglo-Saxon. But, then, I was always bad at languages. The only thing I remember is that there is no 'e' mute in Anglo-Saxon, so the word must have four syllables. By the way, no one seems to have owned up to the Cuneastre joke, or to have told us how to pronounce it. Will all who ring these methods have to take a preliminary course in Anglo-Saxon from Mr. Trollope? Is this another piece of obscurantism from the high priest of 'the more abstruse part of the science'?

However, it is clear that I must unreservedly withdraw the word 'pledge.' I used the word to show that I was referring to an informal arrangement, and not to a definite resolution; but the word can, of course, mean a solemn promise, in the sense in which Mr. Trollope takes it, and this I did not mean.

Mr. Trollope had said that I had my opportunity at Hereford and did not take it; all I was concerned with was to show that I did take it. His words implied that the Methods Committee considered that they had no power to make further changes. But he now says they still have the power. Well and good. What I want to make clear is that it is not my funeral. The committee must take full responsibility for these follies, and not try to make me or the Council responsible.

I did not mean to imply that he expressed any opinion about these names, much less that he did not think them 'sensible.'

It is very strange that Mr. Trollope not only denies that this list was a report from the Methods Committee, but even denies that the committee presented any report. This is neither in accordance with my memory, nor with the published accounts in your columns.

The word 'report' means to bring back. The Methods Committee were 'sent out' again last year, and this year, among other things, they 'brought back' this list. Therefore, I am absolutely correct in calling it a report, which it is. Even if it were not technically a report (which I do not believe), I should still be justified in calling it one, as it was brought forward when they were asked for their report. To disown it as their report, only means that they are ashamed of it.

Now, although we understood that we were passing the list ready for the printer, Mr. Trollope gives us to understand that it will not be printed. This seems strange. Will there not even be a contents table?

I notice that Mr. Trollope says himself that 'Immanuel' was condemned by the general feeling of the Council, although no formal vote was passed. My point is that the same applies to 'Bogedon' and 'Cuneastre,' only much more forcibly: for several voices were raised then, and since, in support of the one, while no one has ever spoken in support of the other two—nor ever will.

In conclusion, I may point out that the committee have not followed the rule he says they have, of keeping to the names given by (Continued in next column.)

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, when about 30 members were present from Aheravon, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Llanelly, Gorseinon, Tenby, with the local band, and Mr. G. Popnell from Bedwellty, and Mr. W. Williams from Blackwood, Mon, who were very welcome visitors. The bells (a peal of eight) were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. T. Havard. Tea followed in the Market Restaurant, kindly provided by the Vicar, and was very much appreciated. At the business meeting the Vicar kindly presided. Officers elected for 1929 were Mr. E. Stith, hon. district secretary, and Mr. G. W. Hollis, auditor.

Morriston was chosen for the place of next meeting. One new member was elected, and the Vicar became an hon. member.

A collection was made for the Bates appeal fund, the amount collected being 15s.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for the splendid tea, and for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist for his services at the organ.—The Vicar (who is a true friend of ringers) said how very pleased he was to do his best to make them all happy, and he hoped they would come again soon.

The tower was again visited, when the four standard methods were rung and rounds for the beginners. The bells were lowered in peal about 8.30 p.m., bringing to a close the best meeting ever held in Swansea by the Guild.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Bletchingley on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Godstone, Redhill, Reigate, Merstham, Horley, Buckland, Burstow, Limpsfield Chart, and Mr. H. Wren, Bletchingley, with visitors from Crawley and Croydon. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and continued until five, when a short service was conducted by the Rev. A. Aitken, Crawshaw, who gave the association a warm welcome. Afterwards the party, numbering 26, sat down to tea, and this was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rev. A. Aitken, Crawshaw, presided.

The company stood for a few moments as a token of respect to the late Master, Mr. J. D. Drowitt, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the relatives.

The usual business was transacted, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting (which is the annual district meeting) at Charlwood.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the services, and for presiding at the meeting, also to Mr. Bashford, jun., for presiding at the organ. Ringing was afterwards enjoyed up till 8.30 in the standard methods, including Cambridge Minor.

BELFRY ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with much interest a letter by a prominent Yorkshire Association official calling attention to Joseph's 'mental aberration.' Has he only just become aware of it? Joseph has been very fond of telling the story of how three Yorkshire ringers went up to a big city and got together some others from round the district for a peal. Before starting they found that no association had a majority among the members present, so went for a friendly peal and got it. After the peal, the gist of the conversation was: 'It's a pity it can't be published as rung for some association or other.' Whereupon one of the Yorkshire men made a suggestion that it be published as a Yorks Association peal, and he would pay all subscriptions. This met with the approval of the four or five present (the rest having gone), and would Mr. So-and-So please tell the others that Mr. — was kindly paying their subscriptions?

This is typical of the way many ringers are elected to membership in lots of places to-day. I myself have rung in two peals with 'Uncle' in which non-association ringers took part, his idea, like mine, being that a non-member in standing in for a peal with a majority of members of an association, automatically becomes a member of same. Why bandy words? 'I propose So-and-So,' and 'I second him.' It's all right at a meeting, because it's in keeping with the dignity of the meeting, but it seems out of place before a peal. 'Don't be silly; we haven't met for just a friendly peal, and so long as the secretary gets his subscription he's just as much a member of the Guild as you or I.' Any way, these are the ideas forced upon him by the experiences of

A YOUNG PEAL SNATCHER.

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the bands who first rang them. This is the part of the country where Plain Bob was first rung, and here it is always called 'Plain.' I know that in some parts of the country it is called 'Bob,' but to call this one method 'Bob' is not only to break the vital rule to start with, but it makes meaningless the use of the same term as the name of a class. I admit that 'Reverse Plain' is not very elegant, nor logical, but it is far better, from both points of view, than 'Reverse Bob,' which is, when you come to think of it, really ridiculous.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A SMALL, BUT USEFUL, MEETING.**

Cobham, a Surrey village on the banks of the River Mole, was the venue selected for a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held on Saturday, but it was rather poorly attended, only about twenty members being present. Although on the main road from London to Portsmouth, and within about twenty miles of the Metropolis, Cobham is not easy to get to from other places in the Leatherhead District, as instance the fact that it took the district secretary over two hours to reach the village from his home, eight miles away as the crow flies. It may have been this inaccessibility that in part led to the sparse attendance, but it did not account for the absence of those who promised to come but did not put in an appearance. A counter-attraction in the shape of a Surrey Association meeting at Croydon may also have been responsible for the absence of some whose homes are nearer to the bell foundry town than to Cobham. But what was lacking in numbers was made up in interest. The four hours during which the bells were utilised enabled some sound practice to be put in, and the eight-bell men had their ringing education improved—which is as it should be when they visit a six-bell tower. 'You don't get half the fun out of eight, ten and twelve-bell ringing, that you do out of six-bell ringing,' said one of them, after his experience. 'Fancy ringing Stedman Cinques all your life, when you can go to a six-bell tower and ring hundreds of methods.' If he was exaggerating a bit, he had, at any rate, grasped the interest which enterprising six-bell ringers can get out of the art. The ringing during the afternoon included Grandsire, Stedman, and St. Simon's Doubles, Bob, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The bells are a musical ring, with tenor of 9 cwt., three being by Taylor and the rest tuned by that firm.

The Rector (the Rev. J. du V. Brunton) conducted the Guild's service, and, led by the choirboys, was fully choral. The Leatherhead District ringers have among them some excellent vocalists, and the singing was therefore equal to that which might have been expected from a much larger congregation.

The Rector gave a homely address, in which he referred to the contribution of skill, patience and time which ringers give to their work, and suggested that their meetings should be made the occasion of the rededication of their services to the Church.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presiding, supported by the district secretary (Mr. E. G. Woodiss), the District Master (Mr. A. Harman), and the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith).

The election of six compounding members prior to peals was confirmed, and the District Secretary reported that the district committee had decided to suspend the weekly combined practices during December, but to resume them in the New Year. The committee had also had before them a suggestion for a combined meeting with the Surrey Association in the district early next year, and he (the secretary) had asked their Surrey friends to select the place they would most like to visit for the gathering.

The question of the meetings of the district clashing with those of the Central and Southern Districts of the Surrey Association was discussed, it being pointed out that all three districts were meeting that day. The Guildford Guild has adopted the practice of drawing up and issuing its programme of meetings for the year, to avoid the clashing of meetings in its own districts, and it was resolved, when next year's programme had been decided upon, to send a copy to the Surrey Association district secretaries, so that they may be able, if they are willing to do so, to select dates to avoid clashing.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to the choir. This was seconded by the district secretary and carried by acclamation.

A specially cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. James, the local secretary, for having made all the arrangements at Cobham, and for having, out of his own pocket, paid the choirboys for their attendance.

AN AUGMENTED RING.

On Saturday, the Farnham District held a combined practice at Farnborough to give the local band a good send-off into the practice of Minor, now that they have had their bells augmented from five to six by the addition of a new treble, which was dedicated on Tuesday week. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have made a very good job of the addition, the splice being perfect, and, by reason of its being hung on ball bearings, the bell practically rings itself. During the afternoon and evening several ringers found it rather unmanageable.

Twenty-five ringers from Aldershot, Farnham, Farnborough, Seale, Guildford (Holy Trinity) and Sandhurst, attended, and ringing commencing about 3.30 p.m., continued, with a break for tea, until nine o'clock.

During the evening the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Challacombe) visited the belfry and said how pleased he was to see so many ringers at Farnborough, and expressed his disappointment at being unable to invite them to tea at the Rectory, but he also invited all the ringers to come again in the summer and bring their wives and friends.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH AT HOLYWOOD.**

The November quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held on Saturday, the 17th, at Holywood. There was an excellent attendance of members, and Mr. G. Lindoff travelled from Dublin specially for the meeting. The visiting members took full advantage of this pretty peal of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.), and got through several extents of Doubles.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Manning (Vicar), who also gave a very inspiring address from the text, 'Whatever ye doeth for the Lord, do it with a good heart.'

A very substantial tea had been provided by Mrs. Manning in the Parochial Hall, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to her for the tea, and to the Canon for the use of the bells and conducting the service in the church.

Mr. W. J. McCarthy, one of the churchwardens, was made a 'life member' of the association, and presented with a membership ticket by the president, Mr. W. Young, who complimented Mr. McCarthy on becoming the first life member from Holywood.

Mr. Lindoff, after being introduced to the members by the Vicar, and welcomed to the meeting, gave a most interesting lecture on the art of change ringing on five and six bells, and this brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

After the meeting the Holywood band rung 600 changes of Hob Minor on the church bells, and for Sunday morning service Mr. Lindoff stood in with the local team, who rang three extents of 'Doubles' and 180 changes of Minor.

This was the fifth quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch, which was inaugurated in October of last year. There were forty members present, including the local band and ringers from St. Thomas', Belfast, and St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Shaw on Saturday, November 17th. Service was conducted by the Rector of Shaw (Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), assisted by the Rector of Newbury (the Rev. L. R. Majendie), an address being given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

Tea, served in the Parish Hall, was kindly given by the Rector of Shaw, and a company of 48 sat down.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. L. R. Majendie presided, supported by the Master, the general secretary (Mr. T. Hibbert), the general treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), and the hon. branch secretary and treasurer.

Mr. H. W. Curtis gave a report of meetings held during the year, which had been well attended. Four peals had been rung in the branch year. The balance sheet was also presented, and showed a balance in hand of £13 12s.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie was re-elected chairman, Mr. H. W. Curtis re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Miss S. Davis, Messrs. T. Curtis, S. Quintin, and F. Owen were elected as representatives on the general committee.

Three new ringing members and one hon. members were elected. The Master said he was very pleased to know Newbury bells were going to be rehung. Thatcham bells were also badly in need of repair.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert congratulated the branch on their progress during the year.—Mr. A. J. Wright congratulated Newbury on their large balance in hand.

£5 was voted towards Newbury bells.

Mr. H. W. Curtis moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford for welcoming the members and also for entertaining them to tea, to the Rev. L. R. Majendie for presiding, to Miss Love for playing the organ at the service, to the Master for his address, and to the ladies for undertaking the catering.

The next meeting of the branch was fixed for Compton on Saturday, February 16th.

A collection taken up at the close for Newbury bells, and amounted to £1 12s. 6d.

A HALF PEAL.

At Brookfield Church, Gorton, on November 10th, 2,520 Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins.: T. Jones 1, A. Barnes 2, H. Shuker 3, K. Gaskell 4, C. Ollier 5, J. Fearnhead 6, B. Thorpe (conductor) 7, G. Eaton 8. Longest length of Stedman by the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

This was a peal attempt as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, but was brought home at half-way owing to the heavy going of the bells, coupled with a late start.

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On the proposition of the hon. secretary (Mr. B. Clark) the Rector was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in issuing such a wide invitation, and for the use of the bells.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and everybody voted it one of the most successful meetings held in the Farnham District.

This is the first augmentation of a ring of bells in the area of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation.

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

The third list of donations to the fund which is being raised to assist Mrs. E. Bates, of Dartford, who has been left in straitened circumstances with three small children (one aged four and twins of six months) by the fatal accident to her husband, one of the Dartford ringers, is printed below. The great help which can be given by collections in the belfry or at meetings is emphasised by the sums which have this week been added by this means, and we hope that bands everywhere will assist in this way. As we mentioned last week, there may be many who are willing to give a small contribution but who would yet hesitate to forward it as an individual gift. If it goes 'into the hat' the collective result is of great assistance. It need not prevent anyone from sending a separate donation, but these small contributions are too valuable to be lost.

Contributions to the fund should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in these columns.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	13	14	6
Miss E. M. Outforth	2	6	
Mr. J. Newman	2	0	
Mr. and Mrs. T. Newman	10	0	
'Anon.'	2	0	
'Unattached, Epsom'	5	0	
'A.H. and W.J.'	3	0	
Mr. William Pickworth	5	0	
Mr. Harry Miller	2	6	
St. John-the-Baptist's, Leytonstone (per Mr. W. Miller)	10	0	
Mr. F. E. Dawe	10	0	
Mr. A. Pye	2	0	
St. Mary Cray band (per Mr. G. H. Lovelock)	10	0	
The Ancient Society of College Youths (grant from gift box)	1	0	0
Mr. E. A. Young	10	0	
Mr. John Clark, London	2	6	
J.H.	2	0	
Mr. W. H. Fussell	5	0	
Collection, Worcester Association Southern Branch quarterly meeting at Eversham (per Mr. F. T. Johnson)	11	0	
Mr. E. Barnett, sen.	5	0	
Elham (Kent) band (per Mr. F. Verney)	10	6	
Mr. G. Edwards	2	0	
'Single Court'	2	6	
N.R.	2	0	
Midland Counties Association, Derby District meeting at Derby Cathedral, collection (per Mr. W. Wallace)	10	0	
J.G.	1	0	
Fred Groombridge	1	0	
St. Andrew's band, Farnham (per Mr. R. Hasted)	10	0	
Total	221	13	0

DEVON GUILD.

EXETER BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, preceded by service in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Rev. G. B. Nicholls) gave an address. About 100 sat down to tea in the Buller Hall. The chairman (Rev. E. V. Cox) was supported by the president and Mrs. E. S. Powell.

A slight decrease in membership was reported, but activities had been maintained and considerable progress made in learning even-bell methods.

A suggestion to incorporate the words 'Exeter Diocesan' in the title was not approved.

Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected chairman, Miss E. Lomas was elected hon. secretary and treasurer in place of Mr. Stokes who resigned with great regret, and Miss G. Davey was elected assistant. Several speakers paid tribute to the work done by the retiring hon. secretary.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newton St. Cyres on February 9th.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Saturday, November 24th, at Higham Ferrers, Northants, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it was lost in the 13th part, owing the 7th rope breaking: J. Ward 1, L. Chapman 2, J. Garratt 3, A. Y. Tyler 4, J. J. Mawby 5, D. Deacon 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, C. Croft 8. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Mr. W. Hall, who was a member of the Higham Ferrers belfry.

At Lavenham, on Monday, November 12th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Brook's): A. Symonds 1, F. A. Poulson 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, L. Poulson 5, W. Faiers 6, F. A. Turner 7, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 8. Rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Denis H. Lennox-Conyngnam, elder son of the Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngnam, Rector, who was interred the same day.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Advent Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins.: G. Comer (first 720) 1, F. J. L. Brown 2, W. A. Young 3, R. T. Clark (conductor) 4, J. Fear 5, Wm. Young 6.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 2nd, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Chalk 1, S. R. Linnett (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 2, J. Amos 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, F. White 5, A. South 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, J. Ford (first quarter-peal) 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Mathers 1, W. Williams 2, F. E. Stone 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Norton 5, C. Hughes 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weatherby 8.

CHERTSEY.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Stevens 1, H. Chaffey 2, G. Warrington 3, Miss N. Stevens 4, F. Allen 5, J. Crocker 6, J. Hessey (conductor) 7, P. Percy 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor. First quarter-peal as conductor in the method. First quarter-peal of Stedman by an entirely local band.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: E. S. T. Farr 1, W. Welling 2, Miss P. Moss 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. Gilbert 5, L. Stilwell 6, W. Henley 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1st and 6th, and on the bells.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, F. C. Newman 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, R. Fenn 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, G. E. Cottis 8. Rung after the confirmation service, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cottis (parents of the ringer of the tenor) on the occasion of their 57th wedding anniversary.

LINSLADE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on December 2nd for Confirmation service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *W. Inley 1, F. Buttrum 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, R. Oliver 4, F. Dedman 5, T. Dixon 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, *R. Keep 8. * First quarter-peal.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on November 25th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins. for evening service: C. Nicholls 1, P. Jones 2, R. Warnett 3, E. G. Swift 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, J. Lucas 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3rd and 4th, and first away from tenor by treble ringer.—For St. Andrew's Day (November 3rd) a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 36 mins.: T. Smith 1, R. Warnett 2, C. Nicholls 3, F. Corke 4, R. Carter 5, J. Lucas 6. First quarter of Doubles by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On November 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams, W. S. Lawrence, S. Head, A. Phillips, S. Carter, W. H. Lawrence (conductor).—For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams, W. S. Lawrence, S. Head, W. H. Lawrence, S. Carter, A. Phillips (conductor).

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): O. Sippetts (conductor) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, K. Snelling 3, B. Wells 4, C. Smart 5, R. V. Johnson 6, C. Nice 7, N. Elliott 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, November 18th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Phipps 3, T. Smith 4, R. Gale 5, L. Stilwell (conductor) 6, W. Henley 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. P. Cross.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 18th, at St. James' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Evans (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, E. Aylett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, J. J. Allen 3, P. Parsloe 4, F. A. Smith 5, W. Seeley 6, M. Hibbert 7, H. Dale 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 18th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, J. E. Davis 3, H. S. Ellis 4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, G. H. Cross 8, W. J. Nudds 9, R. Sanders 10.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: E. Rivett 1, Sergt. Steers 2, W. A. Martin 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, P. C. Davis 5, P. C. Elliott 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Benington 8. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers, and the ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th are members of the 'R' Division Metropolitan Police Force.

LATE NOTICE.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Sat. December 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (special business) on the 18th; 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.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE (2 miles from Bicester). The Rt. Rev. E. D. Shaw, B.D., Archbishop of Oxford, will dedicate 2 new treble bells, to complete the octave, on Friday, Dec. 7th, at 6 p.m. The tenor bell has been recast and the whole peal rehung in a modern iron frame. Tenor 20 cwt. All ringers welcome.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 2.45. Other arrangements as usual. Every ringer welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears, M.A.).—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The recast bells of St. Martin's will be dedicated and opened at 3 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Social evening later at St. Martin's Hotel. The bells will be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 8 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The eighth annual social of the above branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. The bells, 8 (newly rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea on tables 4.45. Tickets 2s. 6d. each adult; children half-price. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Rev. H. B. Woolley. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. — H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30 in Parish Hall. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford or Bushey. Buses stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Sat., December 8th. Tower open 3 o'clock.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Ruddington. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Collin Street, Nottingham.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Those intending to be present notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Special attention Oxford Bob Triples. A good muster is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Towers available: Blandford (8), Bryanston (6), Durweston (6), Stourpaine (5). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. —A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Collingbourn, Kingston. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify the secretary, 4.15. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 6 till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Parish Room at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ACTON.—St. Mary's.—Ringing, Sunday evenings at 5.30 p.m., and weekly practice Wednesdays at 8 p.m., commencing Dec. 12th. All ringers welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A Wednesday meeting of the association will be held at Chester-le-Street on Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available after

2.30. Tea at the Lambton Arms at 5, 1s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present please notify me before Saturday, Dec. 8th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea after service, at 1s. per head, at the Parish Room. Kindly notify not later than Tuesday, Dec. 11th.—C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present at tea notify me before Dec. 12th?—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hintlesham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea, 1s. each, at the George, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Every ringer welcomed. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Mission Room at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, Dec. 13th. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CEFN COED.—Rededication of the ring of 6 bells, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will take place on Dec. 15th at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Dec. 15th, Saturday. A meeting at Marsh Gibbon 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Please send numbers to the secretary, the Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, by Tuesday, Dec. 11th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Southern Division and the Sheffield District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by Dec. 12th, so that provision may be made?—F. Clark and R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, and not Nov. 24th, as first arranged. Fuller notice later.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Business meeting in the Bellfoundry Tower at 6 p.m. Stanfords-on-Soar bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. Foundry bells from 6 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Loughborough to Stanford at frequent intervals.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Davenport (8) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Davenport.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

SAFFRON WALDEN. — The dedication of the four trebles by the Bishop of Colchester will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Tea will be provided to all those who notify me by Thursday, Dec. 13th.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbree Road, Blackpool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The last meeting of 1928 will take place at Redbourn on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Buses from St. Albans, Luton and Dunstable. Usual arrangements. Let me know if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Old Brampton, Chesterfield (6 bells) on Dec. 15th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea should inform the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Mackenzie) not later than Dec. 12th. Buses leave Markham Road at 2, 3.15 and 4.15.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The December meeting will be held at Bulkington on the 15th inst. The 6 bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Charing on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 2.30. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Will all members who have not already paid their subscriptions please do so?—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Branston (6), Saturday, Dec. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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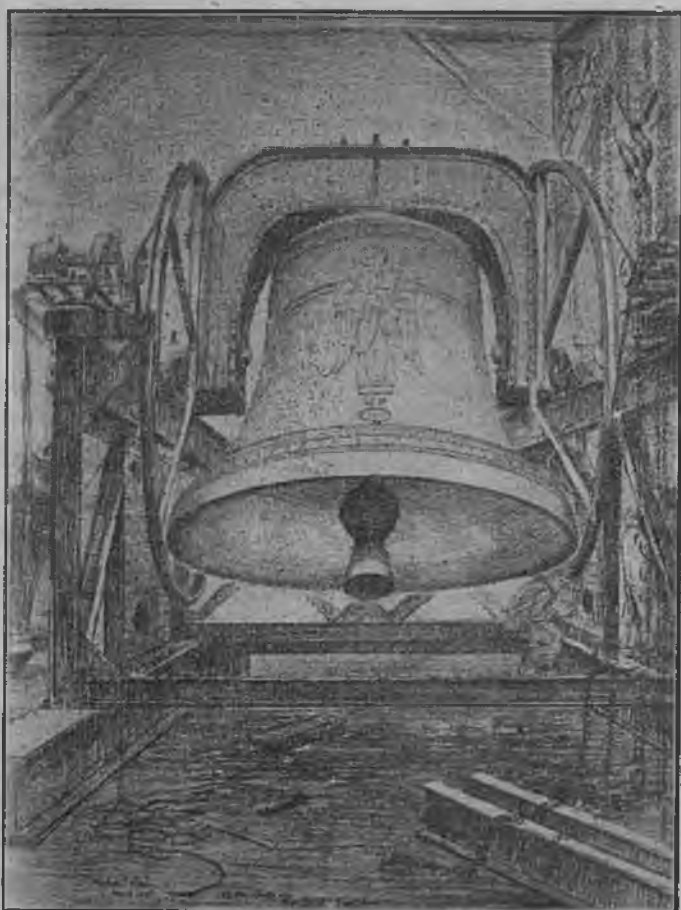
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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS 2	*ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
*GEORGE TALBOT 4	WILLIAM MELVILLE 9
ALFRED H. WINCH 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Major Hesse, also on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Melville.

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REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	RONALD BULLEN 6
MISS FREDA ORR 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	*GEORGE F. HOAD 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 5	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALBURGH, SUFFOLK

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER MOBS... .. 5
BENJAMIN THOMPSON 2	GEORGE HOWLETT 6
GEORGE CURSON 3	*ALBERT HARRISON 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* 50th peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
*THOMAS LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT 4	*FREDERICK GILES Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

* First peal at first attempt. First attempt for peal as conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

STANLEY R. COCKELL Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ROBERT H. LEGG... .. 4	WALTER S. BORRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung on the eve of the enthronement of Dr. Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury. Also on the occasion of the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 3rd. W. S. Burbridge has now 'completed the circuit' in the tower.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HATFIELD GUILD OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, December 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*FREDERICK CULL Treble	LEONARD SHEPHERD 5
*GEORGE H. AUSTIN 2	JAMES G. DONHAM 6
WILLIAM NASH 3	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 7
RICHARD E. RICHARDSON ... 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung to commemorate the enthronement of Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang as Primate of All England.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
CHARLES DRAPER... .. 2	PERCY DUDLEY 6
MAURICE SWINFIELD 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	HENRY FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Lang as Primate. Also to celebrate the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Cooper, as a Canon of Derby Cathedral.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	HECTOR BIRD 5
*JAMES MARSHALL 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
WALTER MASTERS 4	*ERNEST PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. All are members of the local band except the 5th ringer, who belongs to Old Hill.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER... .. 5
JOHN KING 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
HARRY CHAMBERS 3	JOHN R. MAIN 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

Rung as a birthday compliment to James T. Ward and T. R. Hensher.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	*FRANK DEWEY 5
FRED A. HOLDEN 2	ARTHUR DIXON 6
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 3	WALTER H. WOOD 7
*FREDERICK LEGGOTT... .. 4	GEORGE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells since they were rehung recently by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, the 'go' being all that is desired.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALBERT WORMALD Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL... .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	*HARRY MARSDEN 6
HARRY WARD 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 7
PERCY MASSAN 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Stedman. Ringer of 6th from Bailley, of tenor from Birstall, the rest from Rothwell. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second, who was married on November 24th to Miss Eva P. Graham, of Halifax.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

R. B. LAMBERT (Frant) Treble	R. T. LAMBERT (Horsmonden) 5
W. H. LAMBERT (Benenden) 2	R. E. LAMBERT (Horsmonden) 6
F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. (Horsmonden) 3	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. (Burwash) 7
G. LAMBERT (East Grinstead) 4	T. LAMBERT (Horsmonden) Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.

First peal as conductor on eight bells, also his 100th peal, rung in forty-one different towers. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Weller, sister of the ringer of the 4th, also for Mrs. F. J. Lambert, sen., and Mr. W. H. Lambert.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
CHARLES J. CHOUBET 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	EDWARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd; also a farewell peal to Mr. C. Edwards, late steeplekeeper at the above tower.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by THOS. W. LAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Gooch and in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex. Leslie Brett has now 'completed the circle' in the above tower.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
FREDERICK WHITE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells and first as conductor in the method. Mrs. Baker received the congratulations of the band after obtaining this, her 100th peal. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JAMES FLEURY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. The band desire to tender their best thanks to Mr. Nevard for his kind hospitality at the finish of the peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANFORD J. WOLFE Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
GEORGE CHESTER 3	HAROLD MARCON 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

First peal in the method by all. First peal in the method by the Guild, and supposed to be the first peal in the method in Lincolnshire. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

The peal was rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. John Fitton, of Milnrow, who has been a ringer at that church for 58 years.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	* GEORGE AMBLER 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
ROLAND MYERS 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (156). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	* ROBERT RICHARDSON 5
CHARLES I. COLES 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED LITTLE BOB AND BOB MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	* ROGER W. DANIELS 5
CHARLES H. BAKER 2	TOM CLARK 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER 7
JOSEPH DIXON 4	C. ALAN HEWETT Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal of Major. First spliced peal by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd on attaining her 80th birthday.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... 5
THOMAS JONES ... 2	CHARLES OLLIER ... 6
WILFRED J. MOSS ... 3	FRANK STONELEY ... 7
BENJAMIN THORPE ... 4	ROBERT DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by S. Wood.

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

* First peal on eight bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES F. DOFFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 5
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 2	CHARLES LOVETT ... 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	WILLIAM L. DOFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by J. F. DOFFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Mr. Fredk. Knights.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4
†STANLEY MOSS ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Minor. † First Surprise peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor in Colchester.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS MARJORIE COOKE ... Treble	JAMES F. SMITH ... 4
*JOHN GORST ... 2	THOMAS ROGERS ... 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 3	JOHN COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. COOKE.

* First peal and first attempt; the ages of these two ringers are 13 and 15 respectively, and it is the first peal in which a lady member of the Wirral Branch has taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on attaining his majority, also to Mr. J. H. Cooke.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, December 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR M. BLAKEWAY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. DAVIES ... 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 2	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM TOPLEY ... 3	HARRY CORFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by Wm. J. BENIAMS.

First peal by all except the conductor.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent called differently.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS ... Treble	CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 4
HARRY MEADOWS ... 2	WILLIAM STIFF ... 5
STANLEY G. MOSS ... 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. MOSS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of the Myrtles, Great Bentley. Mr. Nevard is the highly-esteemed Master of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of Stedman and Plain Bob, and 34 of Grand-sire. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD FOSTER ... Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3
GEORGE FOSTER ... 2	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 4

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS H. PAYNE ... Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
JOSEPH NORTON ... 2	ARTHUR N. GEARY ... 5
JOHN G. GEARY ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. GEARY.

WELTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... Treble	†C. BERT CHESTER ... 4
*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 2	WILLIAM A. BTTLES ... 5
WALTER WILSON ... 3	HERBERT LOWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LOWMAN.

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

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Bankes James' composition. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN ... Treble	JOSEPH G. BLOW ... 4
ALBERT B. HALSEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
THOMAS A. BLOW ... 3	HORACE B. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in this city. The band represent all the towers in St. Albans—treble (St. Stephen's), 2 (St. Michael's), 5 (St. Peter's), 3, 4 and tenor (the Cathedral).

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BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES MORTIMER ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	EDMOND J. HOBBS	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	HENRY STAPLETON	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GATWG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* JACK BLOKHAM ... ..	... Treble	GWYN T. LEWIS	4
† GWYN EVANS	2	HARRY BOYCE	5
TERRANCE DAVIES	3	ARTHUR PYNES	Tenor

Conducted by H. BOYCE.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Neath, the rest are local.

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

We are glad to acknowledge the following further contributions to the fund for Mrs. E. Bates, of Dartford, and her young family. The assistance which is being given by members of the Exercise, and which was quite unexpected by Mrs. Bates, has considerably lessened her load of sorrow and care by easing some of her financial worries during these critical months.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in these columns.

If 'Rufus' will kindly send his address to Mr. Groombridge, he will be pleased to answer his letter.

Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, writes: 'Could you kindly allow me, as Christmas is drawing nigh, to presume to add a word for the Mrs. Bates Appeal Fund? If all our 'brother strings' would co-operate, what a handsome sum could be got. There are a very few of us who could not afford "a bob."'

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Previously acknowledged	21	13	0
St. Peter's band, Nottingham (per Mr. H. R. Cobbin)	1	1	0
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W. J. N.	2	6	
Mr. M. M. Webb	2	6	
W. A. W.	5	0	
Mr. A. J. Driver	5	0	
H. W. B., Norwich	5	0	
Tring Parish Church ringers (per Mr. F. J. Reeve)	5	6	
St. Peter's, Thanet, band (per Mr. W. J. Fairhead)	10	0	
Anonymous (Hull)	1	0	0
W. H. L. L. M.	5	0	
Mr. J. A., Devon	5	0	
Bromley (Kent) Parish Church (per Mr. P. J. Spice)	11	0	
Holy Trinity band, Dartford (per Mr. R. A. Jenkins)	17	6	
St. Martin's (Birmingham) Bell Restoration Social (per Mr. Albert E. Norman)	2	15	0
	£31	15	6

HANDBELLS PRESENTED TO WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

At King Alfred's College, Winchester, on Sunday, December 9th, 12 extents (1,440 changes) of Grandsire Doubles (five callings) in 39 mins. on the handbells (22 in all) presented to the College by Canon Brithwaite, tenor size 16 in B flat: Reg. M. Mallett (Geldston, Norfolk) 1. Robert C. Day (Compton Abbas, Dorset) 2. N. Golden (Northrepps, Norfolk, conductor) 3.4. Jesse Peyman (Fairford, Glos) 5. James W. Collins (Hastings, Sussex) 6. The company has practised only for a fortnight, and it was the longest length by all excepting the conductor. Courses of Bob Minor have also been accomplished.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SUGGESTED COMBINED MEETING WITH OXFORD GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Andover District was held at Wootton Hill on Saturday week, when good practice was obtained in a variety of methods on the light ring of six.

During the afternoon the bells at East Woodhay were also available, and a party went over there and rang several six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles. It is interesting to note that this old ring of five were cast at the Aldbourne (Wilts) foundry in 1728 by John Cox.

At the service, at which the Guild form was used, the Vicar (Rev. B. Utterton) gave a very interesting address from the text, 'Labourers working together for God.'

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar being voted to the chair. He was supported by Rev. F. C. Sear (district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. Curtis (Oxford Guild), and ringers from Highclere, King's Somborne, Newbury, North Stoneham, St. Mary Bourne, Winchester, Wootton Hill and Wootton St. Lawrence.

A suggestion was made that combined meetings should be held with the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild at some of the border towers, and Mr. Curtis (Newbury District secretary) said that he was very much in favour of the suggestion being adopted, as he felt that it would be for the good of both Guilds. He would bring the matter before his members.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Rex on the recent death of his mother, the members standing in silence.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting, which would be the annual meeting, would be at Whitechurch on February 2nd, 1929.

During the evening the new ring of eight at Highclere were also available for ringing, and a good number availed themselves of this privilege.

ALTON DISTRICT.

An enjoyable meeting of the Alton District was held at Ropley on Saturday, November 24th, over 30 members attending from Blackmoor, Binsted, Selborne, Ropley, North Stoneham, King's Somborne and Winchester. The church tower contains a very musical ring of six bells (with a 15½ cwt. tenor), in good going order, recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringing chamber is small, and because of this was rather crowded during most of the time. A variety of methods were rung in the afternoon and evening, but most of the time was given over to ringing Bob Doubles for the beginners.

Tea was enjoyed in the Coffee Room, and the business meeting followed, presided over by Rev. F. G. Eyres, who was supported by Rev. B. C. Taylor (district secretary), Mr. G. Williams, Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. A. E. Smith, etc.

The Ropley band joined the Guild, and arrangements were made for them to have a course of instruction.

Mr. W. Read (Blackmoor) reported on the instruction that is being given at Selborne, and satisfaction was expressed at the progress made.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting would be at Alton on February 9th, and it was hoped that the bells at both St. Laurence's and Chayton Churches would be available.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this district was held at All Saints' Church, Ryde, on Saturday, Nov. 24th, when ringers from Brading, Carisbrooke, Freshwater, Godshill, Newport, Portsea and Ryde met together and made good use of the bells. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. A. Johnstone) conducted the Guild service, and the president, the Rev. H. C. Stokes, delivered a short but interesting address to the members. Tea was afterwards served at the Welby Institute, and at the business meeting, at which the president presided, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, February 2nd. It was also agreed to hold combined practice meetings at Whitwell on December 8th, and at Godshill, January 12th (subject to the bells being available), solely for the practice of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

The district secretary, Mr. B. J. Snow, on behalf of the Island ringers, extended a welcome to the Mainland ringers, and thanked them for attending the meeting on such a stormy day.—Mr. J. Harding responded on behalf of the visitors from Portsea.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service, also to the president for his address and for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business.

Touches were then rung on the handbells, and further ringing on the church bells was indulged in.

GOSCOTE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT MARRIED.

At the Parish Church, Syston, Leicester, on Tuesday, November 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins., by: S. H. Payne 1, T. H. Payne 2, G. T. H. Walker 3, T. H. Lewin 4, E. F. Payne (conductor) 5, W. Wright 6. This was rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. M. B. Bird, of Walton-le-Wolds, president of the Goscote Society of Ringers.

POLICEMEN RINGERS.**REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING IN THE MIDLANDS.**

On Saturday, December 2nd, a meeting of police ringers from the various forces of England was held at Loughborough and Leicester, when some thirty police officers attended. The party included eight Metropolitan police, seven Manchester City, three Birmingham City, three Northampton, three Surrey Constabulary, three Leicester City, and Sergt. W. Lawrence, Hatfield. Inspector Ridgwell, Saffron Walden, Sergt. Smith, High Wycombe, and P.C. Peter Crook, Bolton, were unable to be present owing to duty. Inspector Bottrill was responsible for the London arrangements, Sergt. Dowding for Birmingham, P.C. F. Page for Manchester, whilst Sergt. H. Jenney and P.C. Harold Poole looked after matters on the spot.

The company met at the Foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, at 11 a.m., where Mr. Horace Stubbs conducted them over the premises. Great interest was taken in the carillon, nearing completion, for abroad, and in the peals for Walsall and St. Helens, which were in the foundry. Touches were rung on the foundry ten, some amusement being caused by the antics of the treble men on this light but musical ring. The party then visited All Saints', Loughborough, where Mr. Colin Harrison had the bells ready, and good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round, Mr. William Willson and Mr. Percy Harrison assisting. The quality of this peal is too well known to need comment, and was much appreciated. By this time the whole of the expected party was present, and a move was made to Leicester, where St. Margaret's twelve were soon set going, whilst a selected band visited St. Peter's, Belgrave, to try Cambridge Surprise. A good course was brought round, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples. All again met at St. Margaret's, where a course of Stedman Cinques and touches of Caters were rung. A meat tea was provided at a local cafe, after which St. Martin's ten were set going to Stedman and Grandsire, and a course of Superlative Major by a band of all police officers was brought round.

At the kind invitation of the Leicester City Police Recreation Society the company then proceeded to the Police Recreation Rooms, where excellent arrangements had been made for their entertainment, and refreshment was provided.

Supt. Choyce, Leicester City Police, presided, supported by Insp. Ashburner. Supt. Choyce welcomed the visitors in a few well-chosen words, speaking of his interest in church work as a chorister and churchwarden, and of his interest in music and bells, which he regarded from a musical standpoint.

Insp. Bottrill responded, thanking the Leicester City Police Recreation Society for placing their rooms at the disposal of the party, and for their cordial welcome, Supt. Choyce for so kindly presiding and for his words of welcome, Mr. Josiah Morris, St. Margaret's, and Mr. Fred Dexter, St. Martin's, for the arrangements at those towers, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., Mr. Horace Stubbs, and Mr. Colin Harrison, Loughborough. He pointed out the difficulties of organising a meeting such as this, due to the area involved, and the obstacles sometimes met with in obtaining absence from duty, which could not always be avoided. The meeting not only provided a means of meeting as ringers, but was a step towards fostering good fellowship between the various forces.—Sergt. Jenney replied on behalf of the Leicester City Police Recreation Society, and expressed a hope that this meeting would be the first of a series and would become an annual event.

The programme included selections on handbells by the Leicester handbell ringers, who are very clever, and were much appreciated: songs by Supt. Choyce, Mr. Ernest Morris, and two by an unexpected visitor, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the company. A course of Caters was rung on handbells.

The standard of ringing throughout the day was good, and it is hoped that it will be the means of exciting interest among other police officers as ringers, and will result in the ringing of police peals in the higher methods in the near future.

DEVON GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on December 8th. About sixty ringers were present, nine out of the ten towers being represented, and visitors coming from Talaton, Exmouth, Exeter, Chipstable, Yeovil, Sowton and Christow. The Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild), and Mr. T. Laver (general secretary) were among those present. The Branch now numbers 99 members and three certificates were awarded during the year.

After tea, business was transacted. The officers were re-elected and the next meeting fixed for Saturday, April 20th, at Bampton (subject to the Vicar's approval).

Mr. Selley (Silverton) proposed that mixed practices for learning methods other than Grandsire should be held.—This suggestion met with good support, and it is hoped next year to have fortnightly practices for ringers anxious to learn Bob Minor, etc.

Heartly thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. E. Chapman (Rector of St. Peter's), to Mr. Dyer (organist), and to Mrs. Knowles, and all her helpers at the tea tables.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal of twelve at Lincoln Cathedral, which have been completed by the addition of four trebles given by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild as a memorial to the members of the Guild who fell in the war, are to be opened to-morrow (Saturday). This is a Taylor twelve.

The four recast trebles at Saffron Walden are also to be dedicated to-morrow. These have come from the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 5th, desire to thank all their many friends for their congratulations. These have been so numerous that they find it impossible to reply individually, and hope that all will accept their grateful thanks through 'The Ringing World.'

The new Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Mosley) has promised to be present at the William Doubleday Crofts Commemoration Dinner, to be held at Nottingham on Saturday, January 26th.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, have added another performance to their record of Maximus peals by ringing the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Saturday last. An attempt failed on November 24th after ringing two and a half hours. This brings their total of different Maximus methods to nine, made up as follows: Treble, plain hunt 2, Treble Bob 2, Principles 2, Surprise 3.

A peal of Triples has been rung by the Lambert family at Brenchley, Kent. It is a notable performance, especially when it is borne in mind that the ringers are scattered over a wide area, and their opportunities for practice and peal attempts have been very few. Some time ago they rang a 'family' six-bell peal, ~~but the method was not put on eight bells.~~

This performance recalls the peal by the celebrated Leiston family of Baileys, who have scored a peal of Major by eight brothers.

The first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock on December 15th, 1904.

Forty years ago next Monday the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, where not long afterwards a peal of 13,440 in the same method was accomplished.

The first peal of Stedman Caters at Southwark Cathedral was rung by the Junior College Youths on December 20th, 1836.

Mr. E. R. Whitehead would like to thank all the ringers and friends for the sympathy and good wishes expressed to him after his recent accident. He writes that as he knows less about it than anyone, he thinks that it has been more trouble to all concerned than it need have been. He knows nothing at all about the mishap, and the police are still in ignorance as to who was the cause of it.

AN ANCIENT PEAL RECALLED.

A DREAM THAT CAME TRUE.

'Berrow Worcester Journal' of September 18th, 1828, recorded among the deaths of that week, the following: 'On Friday, in his 85th year, John Bristow, of this city. He was much respected, and well known as a Bell Ringer. We understand that he was the last surviving ringer who was engaged in a memorable peal, rung at All Saints' Church, in this city, November 28th, 1774, which is thus recorded in the "Worcester Journal": "Last Monday was rung at All Saints' Church, in this city, by the Society of All Saints' Youths, a complete peal of 7,326 Grandsire Caters, in 4 hrs. 36 mins., supposed to be one of the most musical peals ever rung of so great a length. A person concerned in this peal, dreamed the preceding night that the Tenor Clapper fell out, as the Bells came round, which really happened, to the great surprise of the company, the person having declared it before they went into the Tower." Bristow was the only person who ever rang the tenor bell of All Saints' singlehanded to a peal.'

LADY RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with sincere regret that we report the death of Miss B. E. Stilwell, which took place at her home, Mooreside, Yateley, Hants, on November 29th. Deceased was a life member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and president of the local band for the last seven years.

She commenced her ringing career in 1907, and for over 20 years has been a most regular member of the band.

She was laid to rest on December 1st, within sight of the tower she loved so well, and in the presence of the local band of ringers. After the service the 'whole pull and stand' was rung with the bells muffled, followed by a 504 Grandsire Triples as a tribute from the ringers and also the parish, to which she had so unselfishly given of her best.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to withdraw the 5,003 of Double Norwich Caters, rung at Wednesbury on June 9th last, as I find that, through a careless oversight on my part, the composition is internally false. I tender my apologies to the band, and hope to meet them in the near future to replace it.—Yours truly,

Smethwick.

J. PIGOTT.

BIRMINGHAM BELLS.

LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS WELCOME THE NEW RING.

Birmingham upheld its ringing traditions and great reputation on Saturday, when the dedication of the recast ring of twelve bells at St. Martin's Parish Church was performed by the Rector (Canon T. Guy Rogers). It is over a hundred and fifty years since the famous church in the Bull Ring first had a peal of twelve, and much history has been made beneath that towering spire. Generations of ringers have come and gone, but the service rendered by the bells has been unbroken. There is probably no church in the country with a longer continuous history in ringing than St. Martin's, and throughout the century and a half during which, in some form or another, St. Martin's Guild has existed, the church has had a regular band of ringers, which has always been looked up to by the Exercise for the standard set in that first quality of ringing—good striking. St. Martin's has also been throughout that time a stronghold of change ringing, and while in many other places the art has flourished only to fade away, in the Bull Ring it has been maintained throughout the years at a high level, and never were the traditions in safer or



BIRMINGHAM'S FAMOUS PARISH CHURCH.

better hands than those of the present band, who are responsible for the service ringing to-day. The bells themselves had a great reputation in the past, but the proud place which they occupied among the principal rings in this country was rapidly undermined with the coming of harmonically tuned bells, and therefore, true to tradition that nothing but the best would suffice, it was resolved that St. Martin's must have a new ring of bells.

As is now well known, the work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who, at their Whitechapel Foundry, recast the bells on the very spot where the original ten were cast in the year 1758. Thus this ancient firm have retained their long connection with St. Martin's, and have discharged their responsibilities to the eminent satisfaction of the church authorities and the ringers. The old frame has been again utilised, but the bells have been hung in the

most modern type of fittings, which has made the 'go' a delight to all who handle them.

The bells themselves are tuned on the harmonic principle, but the 'Simpsonising' having been carried out with excellent discretion there is no overwhelming hum, which has been found in some cases to destroy, from the ringers' point of view, the pleasure of ringing, and gives the public a confusion of harmonies from which the note of none of the bells emerges with definiteness. The result is that in the ringing chamber every bell can be clearly and distinctly heard, while outside, when the necessary adjustment of the louvring has been effected, the results will be equally pleasing. As a matter of fact, the tower presents certain difficulties in regard to the even regulation of the sound all round the church. The back eight bells are hung well below the eills of the louvres, while the front four are hung in a raised tier on a level with the louvres. The new trebles are wonderfully powerful, and are quite distinctive even when striking among the big bells. They give a character to the peal, which is at once striking and pleasing, and the complete ring is one of which all concerned may well be proud.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

A large congregation attended the dedication service, which began with the National Anthem. Special sentences were recited, and the hymn for the City of Birmingham, 'The fathers built this city in ages long ago,' was sung. Prayers and the lesson from Numbers x. 1-11, followed, and during the singing of the hymn, 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' the Rector, accompanied by the curate and the two churchwardens, proceeded to the baptistry, which is at the foot of the tower. Here the Rector, having chimed one of the bells, dedicated them to the glory of God, and offered further prayers, at the conclusion of which the new bells rang out from the lofty steeple in some well-timed rounds. The ringers who had the privilege of thus taking part in the first ringing were Messrs. A. E. Norman, J. F. Smallwood, E. T. Aliaway, T. H. Reeves, J. E. Groves, M. J. Morris, F. Price, J. George, E. Mansell, J. Neal, A. Paddon Smith, and A. Walker, all of whom are associated with St. Martin's Sunday band.

The Rector gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he showed how in the history of church bells, as revealed in the inscriptions upon them, they could trace to some extent the life of the church itself from mediæval times. He also paid a glowing tribute to the services rendered to St. Martin's Church by St. Martin's Guild.

The service ended with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the sky,' during which an offertory was taken on behalf of the Thanksgiving Day Fund.

The band, who opened the bells, then rang a touch of five courses of Stedman Cinques, while the visitors heard the bells from outside the tower. They gathered in knots at various vantage points, and there were many expressions of delight at the excellent work done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The public, too, gathered in large numbers in the busy market place to listen to the sound of the new bells. Afterwards, the bells were open to the visitors, scores of whom availed themselves of the opportunity of testing the new peal. Among those who were present were Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the founders), Mr. J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (Reading), H. W. Wilde (Chewter), P. O. Ladin (King's Norton), H. Knight (Wolverhampton), W. T. Elton (Walsall), J. W. Jones (Newport), A. Ward (Derby), W. Northover (Bridport), T. H. Beams (Bradpole), F. E. Dawe (Woking), F. Perrins, F. Perrin and J. H. White (Coventry), T. W. Chapman (Master of the Warwickshire Guild), W. Jeffries (Worcester), W. Short (Glent), W. Lawrence (Little Munden, Heris), J. Austin (Gloucester), C. S. Burden (London), G. Holfield, sen., G. Holfield, jun. (Appleton), W. Whitehead (Leicester), etc. These are a few of the visitors who were attracted by the occasion, but there were many others. Also among the listeners were some of the Birmingham veterans, including Mr. C. Stanbridge, who rang the 9th to the record peal of Grandsire Cinques more than forty years ago, and those other links with the days of Henry Johnson, Mr. Tom Miller and Mr. Tom Russam.

A HAPPY EVENING.

In the evening a social gathering took place at the Guild's headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, when over 150 were present and spent an exceedingly enjoyable time under the genial chairmanship of the Guild's secretary, Mr. A. Paddon Smith. The impromptu programme was organised by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Walker), and there was no lack of fun and good fellowship. The musical items included handbell selections by Messrs. H. Williams, P. Ladin and H. Withers, songs by Messrs. W. C. Dowling and H. Withers (who sang a celebrated Midland ringers' song, 'Sweet Job Major'), a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells by Messrs. P. Ladin, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris, and another in which Messrs. F. W. Perrins, J. E. Groves and J. Thomas took part.

During the evening the chairman took the opportunity of informing the company of the presence among them of the three veterans already referred to, and said they also had with them Messrs. F. E. Dawe and T. Miller, who were probably the only two men living who could claim to have rung with the three old celebrities, Haley, Johnson and Cox; also with them was Mr. James George, who had

recently rung his one thousandth peal, and was now well on his way for his two thousandth (laughter and applause).

Mr. Richard Wassell, the organist of the Parish Church, and conductor of the famous Birmingham Police Band, spoke from the musician's point of view in regard to the new bells. He said there was a remarkable difference between the old and the new bells in the accuracy of their pitch. He congratulated the founders upon having solved a most difficult mathematical problem, so that the pitch of the bells was exact. The relative pitch of these bells, he added, was quite remarkable (applause).

ACOUSTIC DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Albert Walker spoke of the excellent work done by the founder, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and Mr. Macdonald and the men who had been employed on the job. It was, he said, about two years ago that he (the speaker) brought up the question of giving some attention to St. Martin's bells. The matter was taken up by the authorities—the Rector and churchwardens—with vigour. The three chief founders were asked for reports, and it was only fair to them to say that in one respect they were identical. Not only did the bells seriously want seeing to from the ringing point of view, but also from the tonal point of view. The choice of the authorities fell upon Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who, he was glad to say, had fulfilled all their expectations (hear, hear). From the tonal point of view, and in their balance, which was most important, the bells were absolutely perfect for their weight, and he asked those ringers who were inclined to make comparisons always to take weight into consideration. He felt certain that for their weight, 35 cwt., they had as fine a peal of twelve bells as it was possible to get (applause). The founders had not yet finished. There were adjustments to make in regard to the sound. Inside the ringing room the effect was perfect, and the difficulties of the balance of sound outside would, he was quite sure, quickly be solved. Mr. Walker specially thanked Mr. Radcliffe, who had been chiefly responsible for the hanging, for the enthusiasm which he had put into the job and the speed with which the work in the tower had been done. He thanked the founders for giving them a beautiful peal of bells, and he was satisfied that they had one of the finest peals of twelve at 35 cwt. that it was possible to get (applause).

Mr. Hughes, in reply, said they realised the difficulties of getting an even effect outside the tower, because there were eight bells tucked below the louvres, while the four smaller ones swung right into the louvres. He could assure them, however, that when the necessary adjustments had been made the whole twelve would be heard in perfect balance outside. Mr. Hughes went on to thank Mr. Walker for his remarks about the way in which the work had been carried out. He could say with all sincerity that the work had been a very great pleasure to him. The Rector, the wardens and St. Martin's Guild had made it one of the most pleasurable restoration schemes carried out by his firm within his memory (applause).

During the evening a collection was made for the Bates' Fund, and realised £22 15s. The enjoyable proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

Many of the visitors stayed overnight in Birmingham, and there was a considerable amount of ringing on Sunday, which was Thanksgiving Day in connection with the Parish Church. In the course of the morning service, when the Archdeacon of Bradford was the preacher, the Bishop of Birmingham dedicated a new Holy Table, given by the parishioners in memory of the late Dean Willink, who was their former Rector.

The bells were rung for an hour before morning service and for an hour and a half before evening service. The latter spell was due to the trials which the R.B.C. required, before a broadcast which was to take place later. Hitherto the microphone for the bells has been placed on a turret at the east end of the church, but the difference in the resonance of the bells was such that eventually the microphone had to be placed ten steps down the staircase of the turret. From that position, as all who heard the broadcast at eight o'clock are aware, the bells 'came over' perfectly.

This broadcast service was in some respects unique, for it was devoted specially to the celebration of the recasting of the bells. Among the hymns was 'Ring, wild bells, to the wild sky,' based upon Tennyson's famous poem, and the bell carol, 'In every town and village the bells do ring.' There was a reading from Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and an address upon bells by the Rector. Mr. Richard Wassell was Master of the Choristers.

The broadcast ringing, which included a full course of Stedman Cinques, was done by: T. H. Reeves 1, P. Ladin 2, A. E. Norman 3, J. George 4, F. W. Perrins 5, J. Neal 6, J. S. Goldsmith 7, J. F. Smallwood 8, E. Mansell 9, G. Yendall 10, A. Paddon Smith 11, A. Walker 12.

The tenor is a bell of 35 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb. in C, and the total weight of the peal is 156 cwt. Part of the old inscription was transferred to the eleventh, which had no inscription. The old inscription reproduced on the tenor is:—

The Rev. Richd. Davey, Rector. Carter Barton and Chrstr. Stidman, Ch. Wardens. Lester and Pack. of London. Feclt 1758. The new inscription added is:—

To the Greater Glory of God,

these twelve bells were recast and rehung at a cost of £1,025 by Mears and Stainbank, London, A.D. 1928, the cost being provided

by the Bell Rope Croft Fund of the Parish Church, Birmingham. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake, Churchwardens. E. G. Albert Walker, Ringing Master.

Possess'd of deep, sonorous tone, this belfry king sits on his throne,
And when the merry bells go round, adds to and mellows ev'ry sound.

So in a just and well-poised state, where all degrees possess due weight.

One greater power, one greater tone is ceded to improve their own.

Messages have come in to the Whitechapel Foundry from many parts of the country congratulating Messrs. Mears and Stainbank upon the bells. Here is one received from Swindon, which is characteristic of them: 'Have just heard new ring of 12 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, broadcast, and must heartily congratulate you upon what I consider a masterpiece in bell founding—musical and perfectly in tune. I think you have created the finest ring of twelve in the country for their weight. Birmingham have something to be proud of, and so have you.'

THE WIRELESS EFFECT.

Dear Sir,—May we, through your columns, express our appreciation of the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which we heard on the wireless last Sunday evening.

They came through beautifully, and the striking was, on the whole, excellent. The bells are of very fine tone, and, unlike York Minster, the 'nasal twang' was absent.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon their excellent work.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPEN.
FRANK. E. DARRY.

Beddington, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON BRANCH SOCIAL.

The eighth annual social in connection with the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, December 8th, when between sixty and seventy ringers and friends were present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and for about an hour after tea, in various methods.

A short whist drive was then held in the schoolroom, and was followed by dancing, with intervals for singing and reciting. Messrs. J. and A. Knowles delighted those present with various solos and also a duet, while Mr. J. Harkin kept the audience roaring with laughter by his humorous recitations.

Mr. E. R. Martin, on behalf of the visitors, moved that the heartiest thanks be accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to all who had assisted in entertaining them and looking after them at tea. He was rather sorry that the number present was rather below the usual average, but he would like to congratulate them on the splendid tea and entertainment. He thought they had been as good as, if not better than, most of the previous ones.—Mr. J. Taberner replied on behalf of local ringers, and said they were satisfied as long as those present had enjoyed themselves. Mr. Taberner presented the winners of the whist drive with prizes, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO A SHILDON RINGER.

On Saturday, December 1st, members of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held their meeting at Shildon, there being about twenty present, the following towers being represented: Darlington, St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity, Hurworth, Staindrop and the local tower. Touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. After tea the unveiling took place of a photograph and peal board to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin J. Titt, of Shildon, who was the first conductor in the tower since its erection. The deceased had been a member of the above association since 1887, and also a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Watts, paid a splendid tribute to the late Mr. Titt, for his work in the tower and other church work.

Two of the oldest ringing friends of the deceased performed the unveiling ceremony, namely, Mr. T. Wick and Mr. E. Hind, and each spoke of their close association during the last forty years with Mr. Titt.

There was also present Mr. J. W. Shipp, of Staindrop, who well remembers many happy occasions in the belfry with the deceased, extending over a similar period.

The Vicar then performed the service of dedication, closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which all present joined, and brought a very touching ceremony to a close.

This memorial has been erected by the Vicar and members of the local tower, which shows the good feeling which has always existed there.

The ringers afterwards rang other touches on handbells and on the tower bells, with thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells.

AN OXFORDSHIRE OCTAVE.

AMBROSDEN'S AUGMENTED BELLS DEDICATED.

On Friday last the Right Rev. E. D. Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford, dedicated the ring of bells which have just been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have also recast the tenor and hung the whole ring in a modern heavy cast-iron side frame, with modern fittings, including ball bearings.

A large congregation assembled, among whom were many ringers, some having come from a considerable distance. Prior to the service the five old bells were rung up singly. The Bishop, clergy, ringers and choir robed in the Vicarage, and entered the church by the south door, and proceeded to the chancel singing the hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England.'

The special service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. David Oake, M.A., and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. Last, Rector of Launton, and Rural Dean. Seven other clergy were present.

The prayers ended, the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and ringers proceeded to the belfry, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of the church, and the churchwardens, Messrs. W. P. Hadland and A. E. Hepworth presented the rope of the recast tenor bell to the Archdeacon, requesting him to rededicate that bell and the restored bells to the praise and glory of God. After the dedicatory prayers had been offered, the rich, mellow voice of the recast tenor was heard as it was rung up by Messrs. Arthur Turner and George Taylor, who were representing the Ambrosden ringers. The churchwardens then presented the rope of the new treble bell to the Archdeacon, and requested him to dedicate it to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of all those His servants from the parish who fell in the Great War, and, after the dedicatory prayer, this bell was rung up by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Launton.

The rope of the new second bell was next presented to the Archdeacon with the request that it should be dedicated to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of William White Kennett, Bishop, formerly Vicar of Ambrosden. This having been done, the bell was rung up by Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co. After the dedicatory prayer, Bishop Shaw presented the ropes of the bells to the Vicar, and gave the following charge: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

A beautifully struck course of Stedman Triples was then rung as the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel by the following: Frederick Sharpe, Launton, Oxfordshire, 1, John P. Fidler, Loughborough, 2, Victor Bennett, Oxford (Master of the Oxford Society), 3, Maurice Smith, Banbury, Oxfordshire, 4, John Oldham, Loughborough, Leicestershire, 5, Edwin Hims, Bicester, Oxfordshire, 6, Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), 7, Harry Miles, Shipton-under-Wychwood, 8. The ringers returned to the chancel while the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' was being sung.

In his excellent sermon Bishop Shaw explained to the congregation the many uses and customs of bells, past and present, and showed how very largely bells entered into the lives of Christian men and women. He expressed the devout hope that the bells he had just dedicated would further the work of God in the parish. A no mean judge of bells himself, he was very lavish in his praise of the beautiful tone of the recast tenor, and also said that the treble bell was the first bell he had dedicated as a war memorial. He thought that it was most appropriate, and would often serve to remind the parishioners of the great sacrifice which had been made by those whom they loved during the dark days of the Great War. He also mentioned the great work of William White Kennett, who afterwards became Bishop of Peterborough, during whose incumbency the former ring of five bells was recast into six by Richard Keene, of Woodstock. In concluding, the Bishop remarked that although the large sum of £400 had been raised since February last, there still remained a balance of £250, and he hoped that the collection to be taken during the hymn following would considerably lessen the debt.

'The hanging God Who livest' was then sung, and, after the Blessing, the ringers proceeded to the belfry during the singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and immediately the Bishop, clergy and choir had left the church by the south door, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the same band, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, followed by round ringing by the Ambrosden men, after which the bells were open to all visiting ringers, and ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m.

The 'go' of the bells was proved to be excellent, and it was evident that they were in no wise difficult to handle by the fact that during the first two courses of Stedman Triples the ringers wore cassocks and surplices, and two were wearing robes. Everyone agreed that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had made a most creditable job of the casting and hanging, and deserved the highest possible praise.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follow:—

Treble, E flat, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16lb.—+ In undying memory of all those of this parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. + (Crest of Taylor and Co.). 1928. George Aldridge, Charles Austin, Percy Bushy, James Cherry, Percy Deeley, Harry Eaves, Edwin Edmunds,

Thomas Gaskins, Sidney Hopcraft, Rowland Knapton, Joseph Markham, Charles Robert Sharp, Henry Shaw, William Tuffrey Turner. + Their name liveth for evermore.

Second, D, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.—+ Popvls Ambrosdvi me dedicavit. Ad maiorem gloriam Dei. Et ad honorem Sanctae Mariae. Et in memoriam Gulielmi White Kennett. Olim vicarius hirs parochiae. Postea episcopus Petroburgensis. Qui abiit. MDCCXXVIII. + (Crest of Taylor and Co.). 1928. C. C. David Oake, M.A., Vicar. W. H. P. Hadland and A. E. S. Hepworth, Churchwardens. W. P. P. Hadland, Deputy Warden.

Third, C, 6 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.—1697.

Fourth, B flat, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.—Thomas Harris, Samuel Smith, Richard Carter, Churchwardens, 1716. Bee it knowne to all that doe mee see. H. Bagley made mee.

Fifth, A flat, 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.—Thomas Jones, Thomas Smith, William Sylstone, Henry Honor, Churchwardens. Edwin Hemins, fecit, May the 28th, 1745. Vox mea sonat. John Cherry, Clerk.

Sixth, G, 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.—W. H. Hadland and A. E. Hepworth, Churchwardens. Charles Bayfield, Vicar, 1895. F. White and Sons, Bellhangers, Appleton, Berks. (Crest of Taylor and Co.)

As I for use am raised above the earth,

So may my voice to Heavenly thoughts give birth,

If men who hear me come and praise their King,

I am content, for not in vain I ring.

Seventh, F, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.—W. Tub, J. Hazel, T. Hickman, J. Dicks, Church Warden. Rev. L. C. Dryden, Vicar. Ann. Dmi: MDCCCXLV.

Tenor, E flat, 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.—Tho Harris, Hen Cooper, Oliver Pangborn, C.W., 1703. + I was recast A.D. 1928. + (Crest of Taylor and Co.).

Sanctus.—+ PETRVS: DE: VESTON: ME: FECIT.

The Sanctus bell was cast by Peter de Weston of London, 1336-1347. Traditionally the four largest bells hung in the old central tower at Bicester Church some time prior to 1420, and were taken to Ambrosden because they were too heavy for the tower.

They were augmented to five between 1552 and 1697, in which year the whole ring of five bells was recast into a ring of six by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, whose wife came from the parish. In 1703 he recast the tenor, this being the last bell he cast. In 1716 Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, Northants, recast the present fourth, and in 1745 the present fifth was recast by Edward Homins, who had a foundry in Bell Lane, Bicester. In 1845 J. W. Taylor, of Oxford, recast the present seventh, and a few years later the bells were rehung by Alfred White, of Bessieleigh, Appleton, Berks, but the old frame was only repaired. It is interesting to note that Richard Keene in 1697 only repaired the frame, and altered it to take six bells. In 1895 the sixth was recast by J. Taylor and Co., and new, in 1928, the whole ring has been retuned and rehung, the tenor recast, and two trebles added. The canons have been retained on the third, fourth and fifth bells.

F. S.

RESTORATION OF RUSHMERE BELLS, IPSWICH.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has just put into excellent order the ring of six bells at St. Andrew's, Rushmere, Ipswich, by a general overhaul of the fittings, with new gudgeons and bearings.

The bells are a light ring of six. The tenor, which is 8 cwt., was added to the other five in 1885, when the whole peal was hung in a new oak frame. Through constant neglect, however, the bells became unringable, and in 1914, the then Vicar (himself a ringer) made efforts to get them put into order. There was a woeful lack of interest among the parishioners, and the Vicar, therefore, determined to bear the cost himself. Then came the war, the Vicar left the parish, and the scheme fell through. Since that time the village has been brought within the borough of Ipswich and has doubled in population. The new parishioners have shown greater interest than the old, and a restoration of the bells was decided upon. The Parochial Church Council sought the advice of experts, who frightened them by the costly suggestions that were made. Later, however, Mr. Bowell was called in, and he has put the bells into good ringing order, at moderate cost, for many years to come.

There being no regular ringers and only short notice, Mr. Bowell and his men were called upon to ring the opening touch on November 30th, this being the 43rd anniversary of the opening of the six bells in 1885. The foundry staff rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and, later, ringers from Ipswich and Little Boalings turned up, and Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob were rung. The visitors expressed their entire satisfaction with the 'go.' Now that the bells are in order it is hoped that assistance may be obtained to instruct a change-ringing band, and that the Suffolk Guild will interest itself in the tower.

MUFFLED BELLS

At the Parish Church, Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: 1, Flitton 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, E. Flitton 4, W. Huxley 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. Lilley 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. W. F. Beddoes, J.P., who was interred in Ickleton Churchyard. He was a supporter of the ringers for many years. The bells were also rung muffled for morning service on the following Sunday, when 630 Grandsire Triples was brought round.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

'TRUE, BUT NOT COMPLETE.'

The question of the admissibility of the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor as a peal raises an interesting point. The 720's which comprise the peal are true, but are they complete? The same question is raised in regard to Mr. A. J. PHIMAN's arrangement of Doubles.

The following are the views of Mr. J. A. Trollope, expressed in a letter to the Editor:—

The 720's in the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge are all true, but they are not (save one) complete. Now, it is true that if you count the first 'Rounds' you will have 720 rows all different, followed by another 720 all different, and again by another all different, the third ending with rounds. You may say that since there are 720 rows, no more and no less, and you have them all, why is it not complete? This is my answer: I had been thinking of your recent leader, and I asked the Rev. H. Law James what he considered a complete 720. He replied, after some thought, 'One which is true and which has all its Q sets intact,' or words to that effect. I replied that I was very glad to hear him say that, because it was just what I had been thinking. Now the Q sets of the Rev. E. Bankes James' 720 are not intact. But you may say, 'What of that? There is the fact that the 720 rows are there, and what more do you want? This is nothing else but another of those fads which people called "experts" want us "plain" or "practical" ringers to swallow.'

Well, let me say first of all, and as strongly as I can, that no fact of the theoretic side of ringing is of any real value at all, except so far as it concerns the practical side. The thing that matters is the actual ringing in the tower. But ringing is an art which is founded on and controlled by an exact science, and we can only understand it if we study that science. Now the law of 'Q sets' is one which is proved to be at the very foundation of ringing. Shipway saw it partly; Thompson established it, so far as composition goes: I may claim to have shown it to be the one foundation law on which all changes are based. Now it has been abundantly proved that you cannot have extents unless you keep your Q sets intact. The law works in many apparently different ways, but it is always there.

In the Rev. E. B. James' 720 the Q sets are not intact, and therefore they are not extents. 'Not extents!' you will say, 'where there are 720 true rows and 720 is the full number. That is impossible!' I will ask you to follow me into a little argument.

FIGURES NOT THE METHOD.

First, we must get rid of the idea that a set of figures is a method, or a number of figures is an extent of Minor. Figures are only symbols which represent to our minds something behind them; just as the letters I am writing represent ideas. Figures are a convenient method of expressing what we call a method, or a 720, but they are a limited method of doing so. The temptation is to take them as being the thing itself. But just think how limited is their use in actual ringing. Many ringers (I should say the great majority of ringers) never use figures at all. Some of the more active ringers may do, but their use of them is very limited. If they were asked to stand in a peal of a new method, and were given a lead of it, the first thing they would do would be to make a skeleton course either on paper or mentally. They would then drop the figures altogether and would come into the tower, not with the figures in their head, but with something which they had got from the figures. That something is what we call the 'work,' and which is actually the method. Do the same thing with these 720's. You have the figures, and from them you get the calling. Now go into the tower and ring them, and then answer the question in dispute. If we were ringing Cambridge Minor, and at the hand-stroke of the 30th lead-end 143265 stand was called, and the bells set up, would you say we had rung a complete 720, although every one of the possible rows had been rung? Of course, you would not. You would know that there was something missing. And the reason is that though you have rung 720 rows, you have not rung 720 changes, as the word change was understood in the beginning and always has been understood, and now is understood.

People who call themselves 'plain' ringers or 'practical' ringers, and so forth, tell me that there is no difference between a row and a change. They don't think. If they did they would realise that what concerns us in the tower is not the actual order in which the bells strike, but the work, the hunting, dodging, place making. It is these that make up the method and actually are change ringing. Turn to Fabian Stedman and see how change ringing did begin, and see how he uses figures to express imperfectly the movement of the bells, which is 'ringing.' Consider, too, that you must work out your skeleton course before you can ring, and what is this skeleton course but movement? Ringing is movement! Just notice that nearly every term we use in practical ringing implies movement.

A 720 of Minor, then, is so much movement which produces the maximum number of the order of the bells. The movement is cyclical: that is, it is from a point to a point, and unless you return to the point from which you started it is incomplete. You can see this clearly if you put your 720 down in terms of a skeleton course instead of in terms of figures. The skeleton of the Rev. E. B. James' 720's are not finished, and, therefore, they are incomplete.

MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT OF DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—As author of the arrangement of Grandsire Doubles you extensively ventilated in your editorial on the 23rd ult., may I trespass upon your space to make a few observations? With all due respect to the Central Council for their efforts to obliterate falsification in composition and arrangement, I take strong objection to your editorial assertion that my arrangement is false. I quite concur that there is a repetition of the changes within each 120, but may I emphatically impress upon your readers that each of the possible 120 changes is only produced twice in each complete 240 or double six-score, rendering the whole arrangement perfectly true. As my friend and namesake, 'Ernest,' points out, it is high time our less fortunate brethren, whose activities are confined to the necessarily limited scope of five-bell performances, were given some consideration; and while you strenuously endeavour to suppress a humble contribution, having this object in view, it is a strikingly conspicuous fact that you astutely refrain from attacking similar arrangements in Minor methods, for six-bell ringers, whose scope for variety is already so extensive that an introduction of this nature is not by any means so greatly called for. It is idle to attempt to explain away the fact that the Central Council continue to recognise this mode of arrangement in Minor methods, solely for the purpose of keeping with the times. If this argument is to be accepted, the Council immediately lay themselves open to the grave charge of being a partial body, and, further, as the ruling of the Council definitely establishes that on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds, it is futile to argue that any one of the arrangements in this category (true in itself) can lawfully be suppressed, while others can lawfully be recognised.

I hope that, from the foregoing remarks, it will thus be understood by Grandsire Double ringers that they are perfectly within their rights to ring my arrangement in peals or otherwise, confident of its truth, until the Central Council stringently enforce the rule previously referred to discarding all compositions or arrangements on this plan.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MASTER.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Long Stanton on Saturday last, about thirty sitting down to tea, among whom were Rev. R. Copeman, general secretary, Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Woolley, Mr. C. W. Cook, churchwarden, and Miss G. Woolley. The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. B. Woolley, who gave an excellent address, appreciated by all. The business meeting followed tea, the Vicar being in the chair.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Andrew's, Chester-ton, Cambridge, some time in February.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, a discussion arose re advertising certain methods, and to overcome the difficulty Mr. A. G. Rivers moved that at the next annual meeting a rule should be added to enable the association to elect a Ringing Master.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Chinery and carried.

On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Abrams, the secretary (Mr. F. Warrington) was asked to act as Master until the annual meeting.

Mr. E. G. Hibbins stated he was in favour of advertising a special method for each meeting. This would enable those who attended the meeting to know what to expect and to be prepared. He added that this was not to say that no other method would be rung.—The meeting, however, was in favour of free methods, with a District Ringing Master.

Mr. B. Buttress proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for presiding.—The Vicar replied, saying it gave him much pleasure to welcome the association to Long Stanton.—Votes of thanks were also accorded the ladies, Mrs. Woolley for use of the Vicarage kitchen utensils, Miss G. Woolley for presiding at the organ, and Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. F. Warrington for tea arrangements.

Business over, a return was made to the tower, where Double Norwich, Stedman, Cambridge, Kenn and Grandsire were rung, finishing with the lowering of the back six in peal.

FIRST 720's.

At Tring Parish Church, on Tuesday, November 27th, 720 Bob Minor: F. C. Reeve 1, H. Bishop 2, J. Puppelt 3, H. Bull 4, C. Badrick 5, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 6, N. Brackley 8 (covering). First 720 by the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th. First as conductor and first by an entirely local band.

On Saturday, November 24th, some of the West Grinstead and Lower Beeding bands met at Cowfold Parish Church, Sussex, and rang 720's in the following methods: 720 Marple Treble Bob: V. Turrell 1, G. Warnett 2, W. Watts (first 720 in the method) 3, H. Turrell 4, R. Langridge (first 720 in the method) 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Norwich Surprise: V. Turrell 1, G. Warnett 2, W. Watts (first 720 in the method) 3, H. Turrell 4, R. Langridge (first 720 in the method) 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6. These were the first 720's in the methods on the bells. Touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were also rung, in which V. Gorchor and T. Adams took part.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: R. Mollon 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, W. Theobald 3, C. Hughes 4, *P. Avey 5, G. Dawson 6, E. Smith 7, *J. Bullen 8. *First quarter-peal.

PENDLETON.—At St. Thomas', on Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: R. Johnson 1, P. Laffin 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, W. Edwards 5, W. H. Shuker 6, H. Hollingworth 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8.

WASHINGTONBOROUGH, LINES.—At the Church of St. John, for evening service on Advent Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Croft 1, H. Knott 2, W. Walker 3, T. Kent 4, T. D. Clark 5, H. Walker (conductor) 6, J. Hufton 7, W. Clark 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: B. F. Farmery 1, E. F. Pryor 2, W. H. Pryor 3, C. H. Martin (composer and conductor) 4, R. Hudson 5, E. Aylett 6, C. J. Pryor 7, A. J. Carter 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Rogers 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, T. W. Taffender 4, H. J. Skell 5, E. J. King 6, E. R. Goate 7, G. A. Card 8, R. Bullen 9, G. Cross 10. Mr. E. R. Goate is from Beccles, Suffolk, and it was his first quarter-peal of Surprise Royal.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. G. Newman 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. N. Hardy 3, S. C. Moya 4, J. J. Lamb 5, E. J. King 6, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 7, J. R. Gammon 8, W. Rogers 9, H. H. Peters 10.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. Martin 2, J. H. Parrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. F. Parrott 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: F. Dodson 1, A. Woodrow 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. R. Pink 5, J. Gill 6, W. T. Beeson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, November 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, S. W. Crabb 5, H. Ellis 6, C. A. Rutton 7, E. A. Hull 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Wright 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, Thos. Marshall 8. Rung as a farewell to W. B. Kynaston, who is leaving the district for Swindon, Wilts.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: Miss D. I. Leatham (first 720) 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, T. Birch 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, November 18th, 720 of Double Court: E. A. Sneath 1, F. Otter (first in the method inside) 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, J. O. Landan 5, G. H. Wells 6.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith (conductor) 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, E. Redshaw 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for Armistice service: A. Holden 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, C. Smart, son, 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. V. Corden 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas' Cathedral, on November 11th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Shepherd 1, J. Cassidy 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, E. Martin 4, F. A. Burnett 5, E. Warner 6, P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—At the Church of St. John, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Charnock 1, H. Nelson 2, E. Cawson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, Adam Blogg 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, E. B. Coxhead 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday, October 21st, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: W. Crossley 1, G. Foster 2, J. E. Jones 3, E. Hookham 4, F. W. Elliott 5, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 6.

LATE NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (special business) on the 18th; 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea after service, at 1s. per head, at the Parish Room.—C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hintlesham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea, 1s. each, at the George, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Every ringer welcomed. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Mission Room at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Sat., December 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Southern Division and the Sheffield District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head.—F. Clark and R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Dec. 15th, Saturday. A meeting at Marsh Gibbon 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Business meeting in the Bell Foundry Tower at 6 p.m. Stanford-on-Soar bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. Foundry bells from 6 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Loughborough to Stanford at frequent intervals.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The dedication of the four trebles by the Bishop of Colchester will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 3 p.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pittsow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The last meeting of 1928 will take place at Redbourn on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Buses from St. Albans, Luton and Dunstable. Usual arrangements. Let me know if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Old Brampton, Chesterfield (6 bells) on Dec. 15th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Buses leave Markham Road at 2, 3.15 and 4.15.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Branston (6), Saturday, Dec. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Address by Rector (Rev. C. Egerton Williams). Tea 5.15, Church House, followed by usual business.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The December meeting will be held at Bulkington on the 15th inst. The 6 bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

CEFN COED.—Rededication of the ring of 6 bells, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will take place on Dec. 15th at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharrman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Service in St. John's Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of Forest Branch will take place at Lydney on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Bells (8) will be available all day. Arrangements have been made at Newnham (8), Tidenham (6), St. Briavels (8). Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, and meeting after in Church Room. Will those who require tea let me know by Thursday, Dec. 20th? All ringers and friends welcomed.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new diagrams to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner to the above will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tickets, 5s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. secretary, F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

DEATH.

DIGBY.—On Thursday, Dec. 6th, from cancer, Margaret, wife of P.C. Digby, Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers, aged 48 years.

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BREWOD, STAFFS.—On Tuesday, November 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief at the end of the sixth part of Thurstans' peal: H. Hood 1, J. Yerrold 2, A. G. Hunt 3, G. Warner 4, A. E. Winterton 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8. This was the longest length rung by the ringers of treble and second.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on November 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. A. Martin 1, H. James 2, J. J. Lamb 3, R. Steers (first in method) 4, F. W. Richardson 5, W. Anderson (first in method) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. Elliott (first quarter peal) 8.

WARFIELD.—On November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Simmons 1, F. Buxton 2, F. Webb 3, C. Collyer 4, W. Dyer 5, J. Brant, jun., 6, G. Higgs (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8. 4, 6, 8 covering.

USK, MON.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) (taken from Groves' Transposition of Parker's twelve part) in 45 mins.: G. Knight 1, G. Went 2, E. W. Luff 3, A. Hawkins 4, L. Jones 5, A. L. Lucas 6, D. G. Clift (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8.

BURTON-ON-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At St. James' Church, on Saturday, November 10th, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor (1,928 changes), being 368 of Violet, 120 Duke of York and 720 each of Kent and Oxford, in 1 hr. 4 mins.: J. R. Robinson 1, E. Jennings (conductor) 2, J. Holme 3, W. Bolton 4, J. Hayton 5, T. F. Taylor 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Friday, November 30th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Bradley (first quarter-peal) 1, V. Cousins (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Kew 3, L. Penfold 4, A. Bull (conductor) 5, H. Parsons 6.

HEREFORD.—On Friday, November 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. H. Symonds 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, W. E. Williams 3, G. W. Tayson 4, A. W. Davis 5, C. Edwards 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor rung in the city. First extent in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4, and 5.

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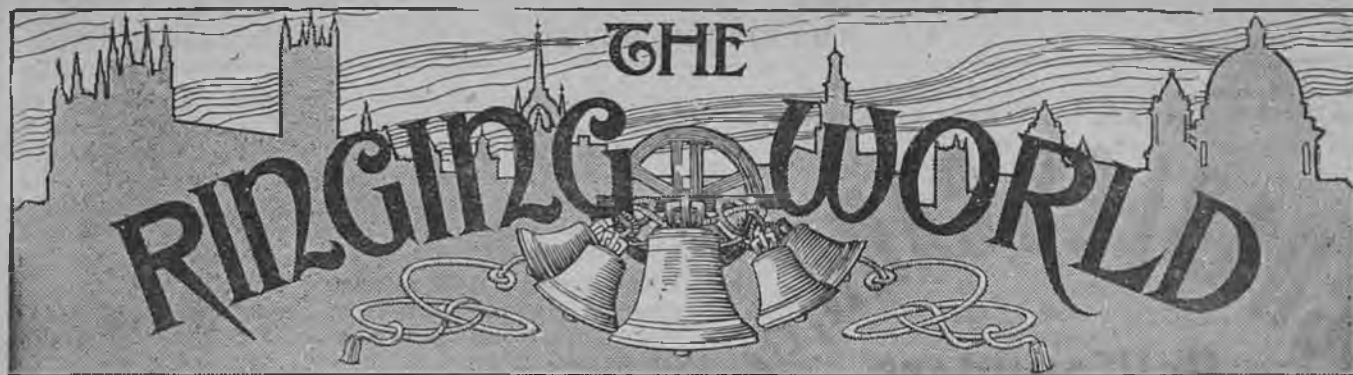
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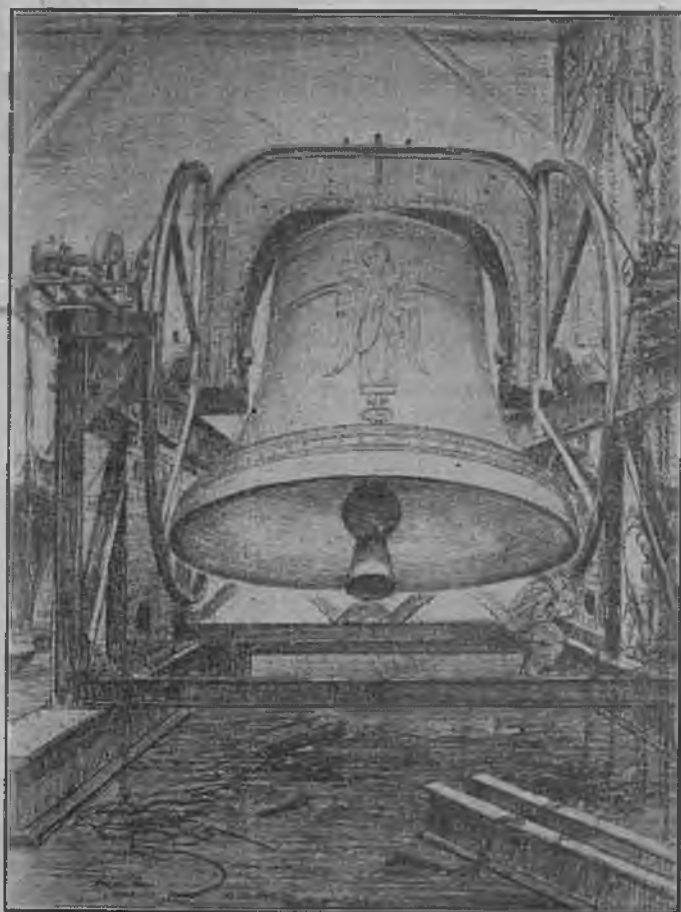
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LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	SAM W. CHAPMAN ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JAMES S. HUTCHERY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS R. FLINT ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
MISS FRIDA E. ORR ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	ALBERT DIERENS ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. H. HUTCHBY ... Treble	E. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
DAVID S. COLLINS ... 2	*J. FOWELL ... 6
H. WHITTLE ... 3	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 7
*C. A. BOLLARD ... 4	F. H. E. STUBBS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. WHITTLE.

* First peal inside.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
BERNARD WELLS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 19 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES TYLER ... Treble	THOMAS W. LAST ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
GEORGE FRYKE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
JAMES BRITTS ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

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

First peal by the ringer of the treble.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
*THOMAS ATKINS ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	ARTHUR SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ballard.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 5
GEOFFREY MILTON ... 2	HAROLD EDWARDS ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	WALTER THOMAS ... 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. W. Thomas. Mr. A. Pritchard is from Wellington, Salop, and was proposed a life member of the Guild.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD ... Treble	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRHEAD ... 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Treble	HENRY JENNINGS ... 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringer of the tenor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DALSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
JAMES BRUNETT ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

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GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ERNEST TOWNSEND Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*JOSEPH C. JENNINGS... .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
†FRANK HARRINGTON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES GROUNDS... .. Treble	†WILLIAM HORAN 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	PETER CROOK 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the 6th ringer. The ringer of the third was elected a member prior to the peal.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*THOMAS ENTWISTLE Treble	FRANK TWIGG 5
†RICHARD E. JONES 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mrs. Wilde, of Hyde, mother of the conductor.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
GEORGE EDWARDS 2	ERNEST EVEREST 6
PERCY G. DENTON 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	*ARTHUR MAYES... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rector's induction to the living of Penshurst, and at its conclusion, he thanked the band for the honour they had paid him.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, 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 24½ cwt.

HENRY E. COX Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
JOHN BUSHNELL 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of William Phillips, who died December 12th, aged 85 years, and was interred at Brampton, near, Ross, on December 15th. He was for over 60 years a ringer at Foy, and for the last eight years a member of the Ross band of ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM MILLARD Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
JAMES HUNT 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	PERCY MERSON 7
*ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILLIAM H. COLNS Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. H. Bosley, who died on the 8th inst. He was for thirty years a ringer at this church.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*PERCY AMOS Treble	PEARL INSKIP 5
JOSEPH SHARP 2	WILLIAM STOCK 6
HENRY GAYTON... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 7
WILLIAM SHARP... .. 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by HENRY GAYTON. Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.
* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells conducted by a local ringer.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH HARCASLE Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb

*WALTER SIMONS Treble	†JOHN ROOTES 5
EDWARD ASHEY 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
CHARLES COOK 3	CHARLES DYKE 7
GEORGE CHESHIRE 4	†HERBERT COCKRAM Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on tower bells.
† First peal. Messrs. W. Simons and Herbert Cockram were proposed members before the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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 Treble	THOMAS HILDITCH 4
THOMAS HURD 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
HARRY BOX 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. BOX.

Rung to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. F. E. Keay) on the day of his institution by the Bishop of Lichfield.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Thursday, November 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 20 mins.: A. G. Gaunt 1, Miss E. Lawrence 2, H. G. Grimwood (first 720 as conductor) 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, J. Hey 5, G. Moorhouse 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Loft-house on the birth of a son. Mr. Loft-house is secretary of the Leeds and District Society.

LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

JOE STRANGWARD Treble	JOHN BOURNE 4
W. E. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE HANKS 5
IVOR RAWLINGS 3	*REGINALD ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
*JOHN POTTER 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
STANLEY WALLIS 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 different callings and 22 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*VICTOR LOCKWOOD ... Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 2	CHARLES TAYLOR 4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal, and elected a member of the Guild prior to starting.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Grandsire (Pitman's). Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY OWENS Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
WILLIAM EVANS 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
GEORGE J. R. PRICE 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells in three methods. Rung for evening service and to commemorate the bi-centenary of the back five bells which were cast by the Rudhalls in 1728.

CHURCHILL.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's.

*H. HAWKINS Treble	E. SHALLISH 4
E. AVERY 2	G. GILLING 5
E. NORTON 3	R. DARE Tenor

Conducted by G. GILLING.

Checked by F. Fish. * First peal. Rung with the bells muffled after the funeral of Mr. T. Browning, for over 40 years a ringer at this church.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of Plain Bob, called differently, and thirty of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD ... Treble	*FRED HAWKES 4
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	† HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Willan.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

*SYDNEY H. PAYNE ... Treble	FRANK W. PAYNE 3
JOHN A. PAYNE 2	THOMAS H. PAYNE 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

* First peal, and elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. The band wish wish to thank the Rector for kind permission, also Mr. and Mrs. G. Bostock for their entertainment after the peal. The above band are brothers.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary and sixteen Spliced Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently returned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The 113th tower in the diocese where the conductor has rung peals.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*LESLIE B. HURREN ... Treble	STANLEY V. REES 4
CHRIS H. HAWKINS 2	RICHARD G. MICHEAL 5
GWYN I. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM ROBBINS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 5
FRANK PATTENDEN 3	GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT 53, SPRING TERRACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three six-scores each of Stedman and College Single, four of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor size 12 in F.

GEORGE FOSTER 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3-4
EDWARD FOSTER 5-6	

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Witnessed by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal of Doubles in four methods 'in hand' by the association.

CHICHESTER.—On Wednesday, December 12th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. Marshall, jun., 1, W. Falconer 2, S. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, C. Marshall, sen., 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of the 4th and 7th, also first on the bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEET SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday last, when upwards of 40 members were present from Conisborough, Wortley, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's, Handsworth, and Ranmoor), Wath, Darfield, Rotherham, Arksey, Norton and Treeton. Ringing was carried on until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Scovell), whose address was very much appreciated.

A splendid tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. The Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), was unable to be present owing to an accident while at work, and sent an apology. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Firth and W. B. Ingle (Rawmarsh), A. Basford (Handsworth), H. Thorpe (Sheffield Cathedral), and H. Rooke (Warsop).

The chairman having expressed his wish to become an honorary member of the association, his election was heartily carried.

An invitation was given by the Ranmoor company to hold the annual meeting of the district in March next at their tower, and this was accepted, the date fixed being March 16th.

A most hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his curate and churchwardens, the organist, the ladies for their services at tea, and the local company for the excellent arrangements made, was carried, and replied to by the chairman.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative, Double Norwich Major and London Surprise Minor were among the methods rung.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful district meeting was held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 1st, about forty ringers attending. Several London towers were represented, and others came from Luton, Harpenden, Hatfield, Watford, Rickmansworth, Woodford, Dunstable, North Mimms and the local towers. Meeting at St. Peter's, touches of Grandshire and Stedman Caters were rung, also courses of Cambridge Royal, in which several took part for the first time. This was also the first occasion in which a course had been rung in the tower.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. B. Bullock, who gave an interesting address.

The party adjourned for tea, followed by business meeting, the chair being occupied by the president (Mr. G. W. Cartmel). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield on the third Saturday in the new year, providing the work has not been commenced in the tower in connection with the addition of the two new bells.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells and to the preacher for his address.

The Cathedral was then visited, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including a course of Yorkshire Surprise. Handbell ringing in the Cathedral tower consisted of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Major, and concluded a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Lockhampton on Saturday, December 8th. The bells were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and much useful practice was obtained by the mixed bands. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Sear, M.A.), the lesson being read by Capt. Tyre, R.N. (churchwarden and hon. member). The National Anthem was sung to open the service.

After service, the ringers adjourned to the Village Hall, where a splendid tea was in readiness, kindly provided by Canon Sear, with Mrs. Sear in charge, and the local ringers' wives assisting.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Sear in the chair, supported by Capt. Tyre, Mr. G. A. Nock, and 50 members from the following towers: Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Swindon, Badgeworth, Cheltenham (St. Mark's and St. Mary's), Dumbleton, Winchcombe, Elkstone, and Lockhampton, as well as visitors from Evesham, Minchinhampton and Bourton-on-the-Water. Letters of apology were read from Rev. A. D. Pennington, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Sergt. Harding.

The Secretary reported a very successful year and welcomed Canon Sear as a brother ringer. He also reported the loss of two hon. members by death, Sir James T. Agg-Gardiner and Rev. Hill Merryweather, the company standing in silence.—Two new members were elected.

The following officers were re-elected and thanked for their past service: Branch chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington; branch representative, G. H. Walters; branch hon. secretary, W. Yeond.

At the invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. A. Cooke) Swindon Village was selected for the next meeting in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon and Mrs. Sear for all they had done to help make the gathering successful, and Canon Sear, replying, said how pleased he was to meet such a gathering of brother ringers. He hoped they would pay him another visit. The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up until 9 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

On Saturday last the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Aldershot, which proved quite the most successful which has taken place in the district. Although only 19 notified the secretary that they would be present, 32 sat down to tea, and after tea the number was increased to 43. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 4.30 the Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. H. Le Fleming, with a member of the Frensham band at the organ, and a local ringer as 'blower.'

After tea, which the Vicar was unable to attend, he came over to the Parish Hall to welcome the Guild to Aldershot.—He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the hon. secretary (Mr. B. Clark) for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

At the business meeting two new members were elected from Farnham, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for the splendid way they carried out the catering arrangements.

An appeal for the Bates Fund met with ready response, and the sum of £1 has been forwarded to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged through Grandshire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Members attended from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham and Seale, while visitors came from West Clendon, Guildford (Cathedral), Maidenhead, and, one who was very welcome, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. To make sure everybody had a ring, the bells were kept going until 9.20 p.m.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BRIERLEY HILL.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the Parish Church, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, December 8th, when the beautiful peal of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. A. Smith), who also gave a very interesting address on the ways of calling people to worship in the olden days. The rev. gentleman also said how pleased he was to meet the Guild that day, and he gave the members a most cordial welcome to his parish. He hoped that they would pay another visit in the near future.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, generously provided by the Rector.

The business meeting afterward took place under the chairmanship of the Rector, supported by Mr. Harry Mason (vice-president), Mr. John Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master), and the secretary.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Dudley, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Brierley Hill, the necessary arrangements for the latter being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. H. Mason, in a happy little speech, proposed, and Mr. John Price seconded, that the best thanks of this Guild be given to the Rector of Brierley Hill, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, for conducting the service, also for his very interesting address, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and for his generosity in providing the tea. Needless to say, the proposition was carried with acclamation. Thanks were also given to the churchwardens for their presence and support, to the assistant priest for the part he took in the service, to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort and interest of those present, also to Mr. John Lloyd for the part he played in making the necessary arrangements, and to whom the success and happiness of the meeting was largely due.

The Rector briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

After the meeting, members again ascended the tower and kept the bells merrily going in various methods until eight o'clock, when, owing to a service, ringing had to cease, and brought to a close a meeting in which much enthusiasm was displayed.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Monday, December 10th, at St. Michael's, Braintree, Essex, as a compliment to Mr. H. E. Hammond on his 63rd birthday, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,34 changes): W. H. Hammond 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, F. V. Tiplon 4, G. Wiffen 5, H. C. Reason 6, B. Ridgewell 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd and 6th.

Mr. Hammond has been a keen and enthusiastic ringer in Braintree since 1880, and has also been for many years a member of the church choir, and a tenor soloist.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, on Wednesday, December 12th, in 1 hr. 11 mins., 1,928 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Blackith.

DEATH OF AN OLD HEREFORDSHIRE RINGER.

A veteran Herefordshire ringer, in the person of Mr. William Phillips, died at Ross on December 12th, in his 86th year, after only a short illness. He was interred at Brampton Abbots, near Ross, on Saturday last. His funeral was attended by a large number, including several of his fellow-ringers in the Ross district, and in the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of Ross Parish Church, where he had been a regular ringer for the past eight years. Mr. Phillips had also been a ringer at Foy for considerably over 60 years, and, after he was well over 80 years of age, would ride his bicycle to the outlying towers in the Ross district to attend the quarterly meetings, where his presence was an inspiration to officials and members alike.

He attended the last quarterly meeting at Llangarren in September, and up to a fortnight of his death was in his place in Ross tower.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was a general favourite with all the district members.

Mr. Phillips was a carpenter by trade, and retired from business on attaining the age of 70 years. So far as is known to the writer, he had only rung two peals, one of Doubles, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and one of Bob Minor, both of these being rung at Foy.

TWELVE-BELL VARIETY.

Few ringers with fifty twelve-bell peals to their credit can have a more varied record than Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich. His half-century on twelve includes no fewer than eleven methods:—

	Tower.	H.B.	Total.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	3	—
New Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	1	—
Superlative Surprise Maximus	...	5	—
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	...	1	2
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	8	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus	...	1	—
Plain Box Maximus	...	1	1
Duffield Maximus	...	1	—
Forward Maximus	...	1	—
Stedman Cinques	...	20	—
Grandsire Cinques	...	2	1
Totals	...	44	6

Conducted one each of Superlative and Stedman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO RETIRING VICAR OF GARSTON.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m., and quite a good muster of ringers was in attendance. Several members came along later, and at the service about forty were present. After the service all made their way to the Parish Room, where a bountiful tea awaited them, kindly provided by Canon Rowe.

A short meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The Branch Secretary reported having received a circular from the editor of the 'Diocesan Calendar,' which stated that he proposed to print a 'Diary of Events' in the next issue of the Calendar, and requested a list of engagements with dates for insertion. This is quite an innovation, as far as this branch is concerned, and the suggestion was heartily welcomed by the meeting.

Mr. Walter Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Rowe for granting facilities for the meeting, and for providing such a bountiful tea. He pointed out to the members that it would be the last occasion on which he would be present as Vicar of Garston, as he was shortly retiring on medical advice. He took this opportunity of asking the Canon to receive a small token of appreciation from the Garston ringers.

The gift took the form of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell.

Canon Rowe, amid great applause, responded. He pointed out that longevity seemed to be order of things in Garston. Many of the churchworkers had held office for long periods. The head teachers of the Church Schools until recently had had many years of service. The ringers themselves had a goodly total. He himself had been Vicar of Garston for 23 years, and although this was the last occasion he could officially welcome the branch to Garston, he hoped to be present at many future meetings.

A SUFFOLK RECTOR'S FAREWELL.

On Sunday last, the Rector of Glemsford, Suffolk, who is retiring, preached his farewell sermon, in which he said the ringer was not of parochial importance only, but of national importance.

He has been a great friend to his ringers, who, in turn, have been of great service to their Rector. During the afternoon a half-peal of Minor (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. as a farewell to him. It consisted of 1,080 Plain Bob, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: W. J. Reynolds 1, W. G. Good 2, C. W. Ambrose 3, A. A. Fitch 4, P. L. Johnson 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A merry Christmas' to all our readers.

Please take note of the fact that next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will have to go to press before Christmas Day. Therefore, send off by the next post to-day any reports or notices that should be inserted in the issue of December 28th.

And, please, do not grumble if anything that might have been sent in this week, but isn't, gets delayed in publication. Usually, a lot of peals are rung at Christmas, and they take a lot of space; therefore, if reports of things which have already happened are not sent in time for the next issue, we must not be blamed if they have to wait a little longer.

A band of five brothers have rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cossington, Leicestershire. They were Messrs. Sydney, John, Frank, Thomas, and Ernest Payne, of Syston.

The report of a peal rung at St. Peter's, Staines, has been sent without mention of the method or number of changes.

His many friends will delight to learn that after nearly 15 months Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has begun to ring again. He is just taking 'light exercise.'

The death has occurred at Churchill of Mr. T. Browning, a ringer for over 40 years, and for some time captain of the local band at the Parish Church. He was laid to rest on December 11th, and afterwards a muffled peal of Doubles was rung.

There appear to be some promising young ringers in the Wirral (Cheshire) district, and ringing in that quarter seems to be taking a new lease of life.

The 'Lambert' peal at Brechley, recorded last week, was not the first eight-bell peal by this family, who had previously rung one at Mitcham, Surrey, but their first peal in the county of Kent.

By a typographical error, the peal of London Surprise Minor at Stapleford, Cambs, on November 22nd, was reported as containing '42 six-scores.' It should, of course, have been 'seven 720's.'

Many notable peals have been rung in the Christmas festival, and among them we would mention the following Boxing Day performances: In 1831, 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland, Yorks; in 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich at Leiston, Suffolk; in 1871, 6,048 London Surprise Major at Bennington; in 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex; in 1895, 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham; in 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob at South Wigston, Leicestershire; in 1910, 9,728 Superlative Surprise at Clent, Worcestershire; and in 1923, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow.

Long peals rung on December 27th include 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904; and 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will have to go to press much earlier than usual next week, and correspondents are informed that the latest time for receiving notices is First Post, Monday.

Those who have other communications should send them to-day.

A NOTEWORTHY PEAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN. HISTORIC PERFORMANCE RECALLED.

The opening of the four new treble bells on Saturday at Saffron Walden is a reminder that it was at this tower that the first recorded performance of Holt's Original, in which the conductor rang in the peal, took place. This was on Christmas Day, 1753, and the peal therefore takes its place as an historic event.

John Holt himself called it for the first time at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751, but he did it from manuscript.

In 1753, there were rival ringing societies at Saffron Walden, and the following appeared in a newspaper under the heading, 'Saffron Walden, January 2nd, 1754': 'To inform all real Lovers and Professors of the Art of Ringing, that the Society of young ringers of this town, on Tuesday, the 25th of December last, being Christmas Day, did ring the true Peal of Grandsire Triples, composed of 148 Bobs, with two Singles, which they effected in three hours and twenty minutes, and on Tuesday following, being New Year's Day, they completed the same in eight minutes less than before (being the only times the same has been rung there since there has been eight bells) to the no small mortification of their antagonists, who instead of instruction, give them all the obstruction in their power. The ringers which rung the same were: Frederick Sell, Charles Baron (who called the bobs), Richard Whitehead, John Banks, William Barrett, jun., John Bush, jun., John Clark and John Salmon.'

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'S RING OF TWELVE

A GREAT TOWER RESTORATION SCHEME.

LINCOLN GUILD OPEN NEW BELLS.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, was something more than a mere celebration of the augmentation of a peal; it was a thanksgiving for a great work of restoration, which has saved from partial ruin the glorious building which crowns the hill above the eastern city. Only those who have actually been engaged in the work of rendering the Cathedral safe know how perilously near a total collapse has been. It is humanly certain, says the 'Lincolnshire Echo,' that had the repair been much longer delayed, one or both of the western towers would have fallen and torn away a great part of the west front with them.

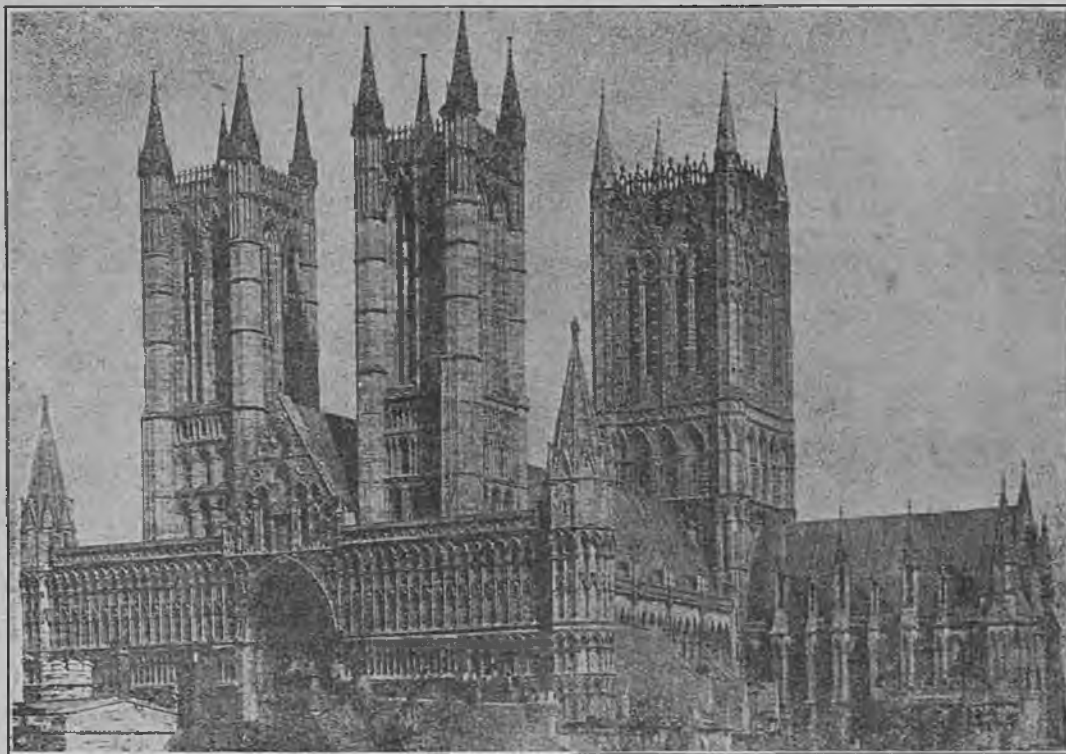
Happily the work was taken in hand just in time. It has been a gigantic task—and it is only one part of the great scheme for the restoration of the Cathedral—but the famous St. Hugh's tower has been saved and rendered safe, it is hoped, for centuries to come. Many years ago the danger to the tower from the weight and oscillation of the bells was realised, and an attempt was made to obviate this by building out corbels about 30ft. up, and from this height carrying up timber piers to bear the weight of the bell frame. In the course of a short time, however, the timbers shrank,

rounding country. It is believed the tower will prove the best belfry in the world, and it is described as now having the properties of a 'giant megaphone.'

As is well known, four new bells have been added to the ring, to make a peal of twelve. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, recast the old eight in 1913, and they have now added the four new bells, the whole comprising a very fine light twelve, the tenor being a bell of only 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

It is believed that there have been bells in existence at Lincoln Cathedral since the completion of the first building erected by Remigius in the eleventh century, and for hundreds of years there have been what have been known as Lady Bells as well as St. Hugh's ring. These, like their big brother, 'Great Tom of Lincoln,' were recast from time to time. In 1834 and 1835 the Lady Bells, which occupied the central tower, and 'Great Tom,' which also was cracked, were broken up and the metal used for the new Big Tom and two new quarter bells. About the same time the treble of St. Hugh's old ring was recast, and it was stated that these bells were in so bad an order that they had not been rung for forty years.

In 1913 a great restoration of the bells was undertaken, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. cast for the Cathedral a beautiful ring of eight. The tenors of the old peal, dated respectively 1593 and 1606, were removed to the north-west tower. The remaining six were



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL—THE TOWERS AND THE MAGNIFICENT WEST FRONT.

with the result that the wooden framework rocked with the bells and hammered the masonry like a battering ram, so that the danger became greater than before. A steel bell frame was installed, and the weight of the bells was borne on the masonry from steel girders at a height which, in the then condition of the tower, was not safe. That was the position of affairs when the bells had perforce to be silenced four years ago.

The work which has now been done to the tower consists of the reinforced grouting of the masonry after the method employed in other parts of the Cathedral, and in the construction of great delta bronze reinforced concrete pilasters, anchored to the walls from the height of 84ft. to 101ft. 6in. from ground level, to carry similarly reinforced concrete beams upon which rests the bell frame. The bells themselves have been brought 30ft. lower in the tower, and their weight is carried down by the pilasters another 30ft.

There have been other very notable improvements which render the south-west tower a belfry which is believed to be absolutely unique in its acoustic arrangements. The ceiling and roof of the tower have been removed and replaced by a lantern roof resting on reinforced concrete piers. The lower louvres have been closed, and the sound therefore travels uninterrupted to the top of the tower before escaping. Thus the sound of the bells will be moderated in the near vicinity, but carried in full mellowness far across the sur-

rounding country. Each of these bells commemorates a great Bishop of Lincoln: Alexander the Magnificent, 1123-1148; Christopher Wordsworth, 1868-1885; Robert Sanderson, 1660-1663; Henry Burghersh, 1320-1340; Robert Grosseteste, 1235-1253; St. Hugh of Avalon, 1186-1200; Remigius, 1067-1092.

Of the four new bells, two have been given by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in memory of those members who gave their lives in the war; the other two are the gift of an anonymous American lady, whose identity is unknown even to the Dean, and form part of a larger gift of \$5,000.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Cym Voce Sonora Thomam Campana Lavdet. (With resounding voice let the bell praise Thomas.) In Hoc Signo Vinces, 1927.

2nd.—Svm Rosa Pvisata Mendi Katerina Vocata. (Being sounded I am the Rose of the world called Katherine.) 1927. The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

3rd.—In Multis Annis Resonat Campana Johannis. (During many years the bell of John resounds.) 1927. The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

4th.—Svm Rosa Pvisata Mvndi Maria Vocata. (Being sounded, I am the Rose of the world called Mary.) Britannia: Columbia: Vna Voce: Vno Animo: 1927.

5th.—ALLELUIA ALLELUIA ALLELUIA. WORDSWORTH.
 6th.—TE DEUM LAUDAVMS. ALEXANDER.
 7th.—HOSANNA IN ALTISSIMIS. SANDERSON.
 8th.—BENEDICTVS QVI VENIT IN NOMINE DOMINI.
 BURGHERSH.
 9th.—VIGILATE ET ORATE. SVTTON.
 10th.—GRATIAS ACAMVS DOMINO DEO NOSTRO. GROSTESTE.
 11th.—SVRSVM CORDA. HVGH.
 Tenor.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. REMIGIVS.

THE OPENING OF THE BELLS.

The adage 'Everything comes to those who wait' has again proved true, writes a Lincoln correspondent. It is about ten years since the suggestion was made that a fitting tribute to the ringers of the Diocesan Guild who had made the supreme sacrifice in the war should take the form of the addition of four bells to the almost perfect peal of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) put in by the well-known Loughborough firm of John Taylor and Co. in 1912. After strenuous efforts had been made by the four branches of the Diocesan Guild to secure the necessary funds from amongst the almost purely agricultural districts, an unforeseen difficulty presented itself in the announcement that the fabric of the tower was unsafe. As a matter of fact, it is over four years since the tower was closed for ringing. Notwithstanding the stupendous energy of the Dean and his fellow-workers, it is common knowledge that the towers were on the verge of a total collapse. Again, it is well known that, as the work of restoration proceeded, further defects in the structure were found from time to time which delayed the work. Had the matter been in less capable hands it is a question whether the restoration, as far as the bells and the bell tower are concerned, would have been completed.

When renewing an appeal for further funds toward the general restoration, the anticipation of those particularly interested in the bells was aroused as far back as last October, when the Dean announced that the bells would be ringing before Christmas. Only those practically acquainted with the work knew of the difficult task before the Cathedral authorities, and it is only by the combined efforts of the Dean and Chapter, the consulting engineer, the inventive mind of the clerk of the works, and the skill of the workmen employed upon the fabric, that the bells were ready for a formal opening on Saturday last.

The four new bells were dedicated last April, two being given by the ringers of the diocese, and two being the gift of an anonymous American donor through the forethought of the Dean.

The proceedings on Saturday commenced with a special service in the morning chapel, at which the Dean was present, although he had been seriously indisposed during the week, and it was extremely gratifying to the 80 or more ringers present to see him enter the chapel, wrapped up against cold, and leaning on the arm of his son. The Precentor (Ven. E. R. Blackie) conducted the service, at which there were also present the Bishop of Grantham, Sub-Dean Jendwine, Chancellor Sawley and Canon Sensus. The congregation included Canon W. Hicks, Rev. R. Bond, Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch), Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), the Recorder of Lincoln (Mr. J. S. Pritchett), of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and others.

At the commencement of the service the Precentor made reference to the illness of the King, and invited the congregation to join in special prayer for His Majesty's recovery.

The hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and an appropriate lesson was read by the Precentor. In his homely address Sub-Dean Jendwine reviewed the stages which had brought all the work connected with the tower and bells to the occasion of the opening of the bells, and reminded the congregation of the occasions, both national and domestic, when bells were rung. He emphasised the message sent out by the ringers as 'Come and worship with us' in addition to 'Come to worship.'

At the conclusion of the service the Sub-Dean presented to Mr. I. Vickors (Master of the Cathedral company) the key to the tower, saying he was glad to be able to hand to him that which he had missed for over four years, and which now gave to himself and the ringers access to the tower, where he hoped they would ring for many years!

At the conclusion of the service the tower was thrown open to the members of the Diocesan Guild and their friends, and the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening under the supervision of the Rev. H. Law James, who endeavoured to arrange for everyone who wished to avail themselves of an opportunity to ring upon twelve bells. Access was also given to the visitors, under the guidance of the Cathedral officials, to inspect the interesting alterations, which, very briefly, are the lowering of the bells by some 30ft., and the hanging of the peal in one tier carried on girders supported by massive bronze pillars with concrete. By a clever and thoughtful idea of the clerk of the works, the large louvres have been raised in and lowered in the lead roof which carries the sound away from the Cathedral precincts. Amongst the visitors in the evening was Mr. J. Oldham, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. He must have felt very much gratified with the many congratulations from the practical ringers upon the success of the augmentation, the general opinion being that the old ring of eight were splendid, and that the new ring of twelve were just as good.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read in 'The Ringing World' of the 30th ult. that at a meeting of the above Guild, held at Little Waldingfield, secretaries were to be asked to call more meetings in West Suffolk in the coming year, which suggestion is a good one, and I hope will be acted on, as district meetings are practically unknown in this part of the county. For example I will mention one town—Newmarket (which originally was partly in Cambs and Suffolk, but now all in the latter). Here the ringers formerly belonged to the Ely Diocesan Association, but when the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was formed in 1921 or thereabouts, they naturally joined their own Guild. I think I am not far wrong in saying, however, that a district meeting of the Guild has never been held there, and yet the town has two rings of bells, one of which has been spoken of as the best six in Suffolk, and well worth a visit, when ringers outings are being arranged.

I trust, therefore, that secretaries will take note and see to it that West Suffolk gets a 'look in' sometimes, that help and encouragement may be given to the bands on the borders.—Yours faithfully,

ANOTHER SUFFOLKIAN.

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

THE CONDITION OF WISBECH BELLS.

The above associations held a joint meeting at Wisbech, the capital of the Fens, on Saturday, December 1st. The fine peal of ten bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening, and a large number of ringers attended from Peterborough, Cambridge, Wallington, Shouldham, Market Deeping, Elm and other places, and the local band also took part in their first touches in some of the methods rung. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Crookham, C.B.E.), and he was assisted by Rev. T. Drake, Rev. R. Copeman, and the curate (Rev. H. V. Moore). The Rev. T. Drake gave an excellent and interesting address, laying especial stress on the true spirit of ringing, namely, not only for enjoyment, but as a great act of worship to Almighty God and as work done for the Church.

Tea was served at the White Lion Hotel, and the usual business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. In welcoming the ringers, he said that he had heard a great deal about the bad 'go' of the bells, especially of the tenor, and he hoped ere long, when they came again, that the state of affairs would be altered.

The Rev. T. Drake also spoke, and pointed out the great and urgent need of having something done to the bells, and it was unanimously agreed that if the meeting had done no other good, this at least was a step in the right direction.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Stamford.

A further move was made to the tower, and, later, several members went to Elm with Mr. R. Crofts, the Ringing Master of this tower, who has done such splendid work in training a young band, and touches of Oxford, Kent and St. Clement's were brought round. Plain Bob was rung for the learners' special benefit, and George Hatton, one of the Wisbech ringers, aged 14, rang his first 120 of Bob Minor. This concluded a most enjoyable and well-spent day.

TAUNTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Taunton, regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Bosley, who passed away on the 8th inst. at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, after an operation. His death came as a great shock to all his ringing friends, as well as to his near relatives. Having been operated on, he was reported for the five following days as making satisfactory progress. Then, however, a relapse occurred, and he passed away at the age of 85 years. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest at Tolland on the 13th inst., being carried to his last resting-place by four of his brother ringers, Messrs. W. J. Tarr, S. Jarman, E. Priddle and W. G. Gigg. There were many beautiful wreaths from the family and friends, including one in the shape of a bell from the ringers at St. James'.

At Taunton, after the interment, the bells pealed out in their half-muffled language, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung by some 15 or 16 ringers.

Mr. Bosley had been a ringer at St. James' for close on thirty years. He learnt to pull a bell as a lad at Tolland, and had kept in touch with bells ever since. He rang about a score of peals. His last was his only peal of Stedman on an inside bell, and of this he was very proud. He did not care a lot about peal ringing.

Deceased was also very active as a bandsman. Having belonged to the West Somerset Imperial Yeomanry band up to their disestablishment, he joined the Territorials. On the outbreak of war he was drafted to India with the Somersets. Meeting with a mishap he was transferred to England, and made numerous ringing friends in Hampshire. After retiring from military service, he joined the Norton Fitzwarren band. He was also very clever with his box of balls.

On Saturday last a peal of Stedman Triples was rung to perpetuate his memory, and he will ever be remembered by all who knew him as one of the most straightforward and the kindest of men.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your sensible leaders on this question have had a curious and unexpected result, for practically no defence has been put forward for the class of peal to which you object. Instead, leading members of the Central Council have united in attacking a composition which has received the approval of the Exercise for years.

This composition up till now has had nothing but praise; it has been, and is, regularly rung. There was a special request at the last Council meeting that nothing should be done to shut it out, so it can reasonably be said to have been approved by the Council.

Yet at this late day three leaders of thought in the Exercise allege that it does not comply with the last definition passed by the Council. It would appear, on the face of it, that if fault is to be found with other peals which they approve, Mr. Bankes James' wonderful composition must be denied to the Exercise.

The flaw they find is that certain changes are not made, and therefore the 720's are not complete.

Mr. Trollope endeavours to clinch the matter this week by again telling the old story of the Q sets. Figures do not matter, he says, forgetting that we prove the figures, not Q sets, by other figures. Of course many know the value of changes theoretically, and that extents cannot be got unless certain laws are observed, but it seems to be forgotten that Mr. Bankes James' peal is not composed of seven separate extents all coming round at the end. It is a peal of seven true and complete 720's, and it begins and ends with rounds. The 720's are complete in the sense intended by the Council, i.e., that the 720 different orders of striking shall be rung before the second is begun, and so with the second 720 before the third is commenced, and so to the end.

No argument whatever can disprove facts, and it is an absolute fact that in ringing Mr. James' peal, 720 different orders of striking are first rung out true and complete, and are thereafter followed by other six 720's, at the end of which the bells come round.—Yours faithfully,
Sunderland. •

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

OLD RULE LOGICAL BUT TOO NARROW.

Dear Sir,—Everyone, I think, agreed, and still agrees with the intention of the resolution about five and six-bell peals. It is only the wording which is beginning to be found out not quite right. The old rule for a Minor peal was a logical one and easily understood, but it proved too narrow. Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge has been accepted by the Exercise and has come to stay. Now, of the seven 720's in that arrangement, six cannot be said to be (each by itself) either true or complete, using these words as they have been used in ringing since the beginning. You have 720 true rows (counting the starting rounds), but you have not 720 true changes, and the bells do not return to the point from which they started. But the arrangement breaks the letter of the old rule, and not the spirit. You must consider the first three 720's as one block of 2,160 changes, each of which is rung three times. Then you have both truth and completeness. Apply the same thing to Pitman's 240 of Grandisle Doubles. There you have 120 true rows at back stroke and 120 true rows at hand stroke. I can hardly see how the Minor can be allowed and the Doubles condemned.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

[Pitman's arrangement has never been condemned, as far as we know. It has been recognised all along that what applied to the Cambridge arrangement applied also to Pitman's 240's of Doubles.—Ed. 'R.W.']

'TRUE AND COMPLETE.'

Dear Sir,—With the wonderful lucidity of explanations of which he is such a master, Mr. Trollope has made clear to us the difficulty in admitting the new arrangements of 720's. I thought Mr. Powell's explanation was very good, but Mr. Trollope has managed to improve on it.

But there is one link in his chain which is missing. He has proved that these arrangements are not complete, but he has not proved that the Central Council should therefore ban them. It is a fact that in former days a peal had to be both true and complete, but I do not remember the Central Council ever distinguishing in this way between the terms. What has been decided is whether a peal is to be reckoned a true one only. If we were to decide whether it is to be reckoned a complete one also, the matter should be brought up under those terms, and it should be laid down what constitutes 'completeness.' Evidently that has never yet been done, or Mr. Trollope would not have needed to ask Mr. Law James the question he quotes.

If you take two apples sufficiently similar, and cut each down the middle, and place half of one against half of the other in such a way that the edges exactly coincide, you may call such a spliced apple, a true one, or a complete one, according to the way you define either word. I doubt, however, if anyone would be bold enough to call it a 'true and complete' apple. The Central Council have allowed spliced peals to be recorded as true peals, but it is doubtful if they would call them 'true and complete.'

If you can break up methods to make a spliced peal, why not break up Q sets also?

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NEW CORNISH RING OF EIGHT.
GENEROUS GIFT TO PHILLACK.

Cornwall has gained a new ring of eight bells by a generous gift to Phillack Church. In memory of his wife and younger son, Capt. Edwin Jenkins has defrayed the cost of recasting the three old bells, which were dated 1751, and adding five new ones, the whole peal, supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, being hung in modern fittings. The bells swing in ball bearings on a steel frame, and there is also an Ellecombe chiming apparatus.

The inscription on the tenor bell, which is reproduced on a bronze plate in the tower, reads:—

'1928. The three largest bells in this peal were recast and five new bells are added by Edwin Jenkins in memory of his dear wife, Eliza Jenkins, who died the 4th day of March, 1924, aged 73 years. Also in proud memory of his younger son, Edgar Vernon Jenkins, who laid down his life in the Great War, France, on the 19th April, 1917, aged 34 years. William Anthony Wills, M.A., Rector; Thomas Osborne and Zachary Belling Mudge, churchwardens.'

The inscriptions on the other bells are: No. 7, 'God preserve this parish. We were cast by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1751.' No. 6, 'Unto the grave I summon all. Prosperity to the Church of England.' No. 5, 'Honour the King.' No. 4, 'Fear God.' No. 3, 'Love the Brotherhood.' No. 2, 'On earth peace among men.' No. 1, 'Glory to God in the highest.'

The new peal was dedicated on Thursday of last week by the Lord Bishop of Truro.

The service was conducted by the Rector, with the assistance of Rev. C. A. Johnson, curate-in-charge of St. Gwithian. Rev. C. L. Bartley, Vicar of Lelant, acted as Bishop's chaplain. Capt. Jenkins was unable to attend, owing to indifferent health, and his son, Mr. E. Jenkins, formally requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells. In addition to dedicating the bells, the Bishop dedicated a new altar in the south chapel.

WHY CORNWALL HAS NO VERY OLD BELLS.

The Bishop said they had no very old bells in Cornwall. In some parts of England there were bells going back 800 to 900 years, but none, he thought, in Cornwall. That brought in a bit of history. It told the story of the times when Cornwall was in a state of rebellion.

The people said they would not have the English Prayer Book, and they armed themselves as best they could and went to oppose the King and the Government, because they thought the English Prayer Book was to be made compulsory for them. They made a short and gallant fight, but, naturally, they were overpowered by the armies, and a stern order came down that all the bells in Cornwall were to be destroyed, as it was the bells which had called the people together to protest against the new Prayer Book.

The reason for the rebellion was that the Government thought that the people had been accustomed to having their services in Latin, and then they wanted them in English. Therefore, it was decided that they should be in English. They forgot, however, that people did not talk English in Cornwall. They talked Cornish. They were accustomed to Latin services, and they were very much attached to them.

It was no gain to them to have an English service instead of Latin, because most of them did not understand it. They thought they had cause for dissatisfaction, and he, the Bishop, thought the cause was in many ways a very real one.

Further, Cornish people did not like the new ways that were being brought in by the new Prayer Book. That was interesting to remember at a time like the present, when again they had been finding the English Prayer Book not quite satisfactory for all modern needs, and had been trying to improve it, enlarge it, and enrich it.

So the old history joined with the history of to-day. The old bells disappeared about 400 years ago, and it had been a great task from one generation to another to restore the bells to the churches.

A public tea was held after the service. The Rector presided, and the Bishop was amongst the guests. The arrangements were made by the churchwardens, with lady helpers. The ringers were entertained to tea by Capt. Jenkins in the Rectory Schoolroom, the choir of the Parish Church acting as hosts and hostesses.

About 80 ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Gulval, Helston, Gwennap, Redruth, Zennor, Toweduck and Lelant. Ringing was kept up from four until nine o'clock.

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You, sir, would say that to do so is to lower the standard of ringing. This means that we are allowing something to be done which is easier than it should be. Is it easier to compose a peal with broken Q sets? Let the composers tell us.

As for ringing such a peal, to a ringer who just makes the calls when he is told, it is probably neither easier nor more difficult. To those of us to whom the cyclical movement of the bells means more than anything else in ringing, it would clearly be more difficult.

Strictly speaking, the only 'true and complete' peals on five bells is the 120 rows, neither more nor less, and on six bells the 720. By a convention, these are allowed to be repeated in order to make 5,040. But this is not allowed on more bells. If, when a band had completed a 5,040 of Triples, they were to go on to ring another 5,040, or a part thereof, this would not be recognised as a long peal.

A logical solution would seem to be to allow repeated peals, spliced methods, and broken Q sets in Doubles, and Minor, but to allow none of them on larger numbers. HERBERT DRAKE

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO WIMBORNE BRANCH SECRETARY. RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS' WORK.

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Wimborne, Corfe Mullen, Lychet Minster, Swanage, Christchurch, Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Wyke Regis, Ringwood and members of the local band. The bells, a ring of eight, were available from 2.30, and were kept going during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. Service, in which the Guild form was used, was conducted by the Rector, who also gave an address. A move was then made to the Church House, where tea awaited the members who were at this point joined by Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector of Corfe Mullen, who is chairman of the branch.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. A. Osman, of Wimborne, and the members stood in silence to mark their regret and their sympathy with the relatives.

The branch hon. secretary (Rev. C. A. Phillips) gave a report of the outstanding features of the past year. Firstly, two bells had been given to make up the octave at St. Giles' by the president of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury), and this was followed by the band joining the Guild. Eight peals had been scored in the branch during the year, six of them being rung by Mr. G. Williams' touring party, while the other two consisted of a peal of Bob Major at Poole and one of Bob Minor at Sturminster Marshall.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for place and date of the quarterly meetings to the secretary, and it was also resolved to hold the first monthly practice at Poole in January, to arrange the practices for the coming year.

Two new members were elected.

Mr. Martin Stewart asked those members who were able to do so to carry their minds back twenty-five years to the time when the Rev. H. Drake was their secretary. On his retiring from office they were faced with having to find someone to fill it, which they did by inducing the Rev. C. A. Phillips to take up the work. Mr. Stewart asked if there was anyone who was present 25 years ago, who thought they were electing a secretary who would still be filling that office and be with them as such a quarter of a century later. Mr. Stewart spoke very feelingly on the Rev. C. A. Phillips' unselfish personality, and expressed the hope that his successor was not yet born. Mr. Stewart asked their hon. secretary to accept a small token of the esteem in which he is held in the branch, and handed to the Rev. C. A. Phillips a beautiful travelling rug and a framed illuminated address, with a list of subscribers.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips, on behalf of himself and his sister, thanked all those who had subscribed in making them this beautiful present. It was, he said, very gratifying to think of all those friends who thought so much of the little bit he did.

Musical honours were accorded the hon. secretary, and brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were afterwards kept going until 9 p.m.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and later the Guild service was conducted by Rev. Canon Clarke, Vicar. Tea followed, after which the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) presided over a short business meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Mr. Rowe, of Stourton, Wilts (North Dorset Branch), Messrs. S. Wilshire, E. Trueman and T. Davison, from Chippenham.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) stated that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. W. Noel, regretting that the bells of Christ Church were not available on account of serious illness near the church.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman reported that he had written to the Vicar of Erlestoke, as requested at the last meeting, respecting the condition of Erlestoke bells, and he had received a very nice letter from him, thanking the branch for calling attention to the matter, and requesting that he could be put in touch with the Branch bellfry inspector to see what was required to be done.

The following new members were elected, membership to commence on January 1st, 1929: Rev. H. J. B. Hallam, Vicar of Erlestoke, hon. member; Messrs. Arthur W. Wheeler, Alfred W. Fox, Frank Miles, Reginald Ball, Leslie J. Batliard, and Arthur Sturgess, all of Erlestoke, ringing members.

Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, Bruton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Hilberton and Warminster.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—The Chairman said he regretted that the Vicar could not be present, in consequence of another engagement, as he would like to congratulate him on behalf of the branch on his being made a Canon of Salisbury.

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A TYNESIDE PEAL RESTORED.

The light peal of six in the tower of St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon-on-Tyne, after being silent for about seven years, have been quarter-turned, tuned, and rehung in a new steel frame with ball bearings and new fittings throughout, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Durham on Saturday, December 8th.

The bells were originally cast by W. Blews and Sons, of Birmingham, in 1876, the tenor being 6½ cwt., and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have made a very satisfactory job of them, the 'go' being all that could be desired.

For the dedication service rounds were rung by the local band, and immediately afterwards a 720 Bob Minor by the following: Jas. Cliff (Blaydon) 1, E. E. Ferry (president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) 2, W. J. Davidson (Newcastle Cathedral) 3, W. Bennett (Winlaton) 4, H. B. Taylor (Newburn) 5, F. E. Collins (Croydon Bell Foundry) 6.

Although very short notice was given, a good number of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association turned up to try the bells, and they kept them going until late in the evening in various methods.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. E. V. Simkinson, M.A., and on the proposition of the president of the association a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness.—In responding, Mr. Simkinson said they were very glad to hear their bells ring out again, and that the whole of the money required had been subscribed.

The bell founders were represented at the opening by Mr. S. R. Roper and Mr. F. E. Collins.

LINKS WITH A PAST GENERATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last week's issue, in giving an account of the opening of the St. Martin's bells in Birmingham, mention was made of two veteran ringers, Messrs. Dawe and Miller, as being probably the only two men living who could claim to have rung with Haley and Cox, of London. I also can claim that honour, and so can my brother, Martin Routh. I was one of the band who rang 'Holt's Original' of Grandsire Triples called by Haley, sen., on February 20th, 1873, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London. The band consisted of the following: Haley, Haworth, Hayes, Dorrington, Stockham, myself, Mash and Horrex (tenor). The peal is entered in the College Youths' peal book. I have also rung with Cox, and I feel confident that my brother could mention many peals that he has rung with the veterans of those days.—Yours faithfully,

W. POLE ROUTH.

[It is delightful to know that there are other ringers alive who rang with both Henry Haley and John Cox, but the claim of Messrs. Dawe and Miller is that they rang with Henry Johnson as well.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

In his book on 'Church Bells,' the late Rev. W. C. Lukis draws attention to old peal boards at Bradford and Trowbridge, and expresses regret that the ringers of his time (1857) did not emulate the ringers of those earlier days, but if it were now possible for him to visit those towers and others in the neighbourhood, he certainly would not have cause to regret that there were no peals rung in these days.

The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 5th.

BIG DORSET GATHERING.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Blandford on Saturday, December 8th, when there were 95 present from 27 towers.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Greenwood, who also gave an address on the ministry of ringing. The lesson was read by the Rev. F. B. Phillips and the organist kindly played for the service, though he had to hurry away immediately afterwards. The bells were in constant use before and after service, as also were those of Dorweston and Stourfontne.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) was voted to the chair in the deeply regretted absence of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, through illness.

The accounts showed a slightly increased credit balance.

A presentation was made by one of the oldest ringers, Mr. Edwin Ridout, to the late secretary, the Rev. R. E. P. Gorrington, who had worked up the branch from a very small thing to its present flourishing and enthusiastic state.

The secretary of the Wimborne Branch was present, and visitors from Wimborne, Swanage, Bournemouth, Wyke Regis, Poole, and St. Thomas, Salisbury.—The Rev. F. B. Phillips welcomed the ringers in the name of the Rector.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—On Thursday, November 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Edwards 1, H. L. Cook (first 720) 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, W. H. Hayward 6.

AUGMENTED NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE AT COLD HIGHAM.

There was a record gathering at the quarterly meeting of the Towcester and District Association on Saturday last, when Bishop Lang dedicated the new treble to complete the peal of six at St. Luke's Church, Cold Higham. Among the visitors were the Revs. Canon W. A. Carroll (Wicken), H. S. Binning (Green's Norton), H. W. P. Dansor (Pattishall), C. E. Green (Lichborough), and E. V. Fenn (Lois-Weedon), Messrs. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), and R. H. Dove (representing the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and seventy ringers from fourteen towers.

The service was fully choral, and the new form of service of the association was used for the first time. During the singing of the second hymn, the choir, headed by the cross bearer, proceeded to the tower, where, after the dedicatory prayer, the bell was raised by the Rector (the Rev. R. Howes, M.A.), and the whole peal was then rung in rounds a few times.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, referred to the history of bellringing in this country, and mentioned particularly some of the oldest bells in Northants.

After the service the visitors were entertained through the generosity of the Rector, while good use was made of the bells till a late hour. Owing to the large number present ringing was also indulged in at the neighbouring Parish Church of Pattishall, where there is a peal of six by the same founders.

There were originally four bells at Cold Higham, and these were recast and augmented to five by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1913, and the whole peal hung with new fittings on an 'H' type frame for six. The new bell is in perfect relationship with the remainder of the peal, while the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired.

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

The Christmas spirit will doubtless enter into the giving towards this fund during the next week, and we hope we may see it raised to at least £50.

It is proposed to close the fund at the end of the year, so that those who desire to help this most deserving case should give quickly. The following further subscriptions are acknowledged with thanks:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	31	15	6
Watford Branch, Heris Association (per Mr. Charles H. Horton)	1	1	3
W. E. P.		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. M.		10	0
Mr. Geo. Thompson		2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway, Dransfield		5	0
Norbury band (per Mr. William Fernley)		5	0
All Saints' band, Chigwell Row (per Mr. W. E. Vale)		5	0
Mr. G. R. Pye		2	6
St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent (per Mr. J. H. Swinfield)		10	0
Mr. W. Stead		10	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. Saddington		4	0
Total	£36	0	9

LIGHTING THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are arranging to light Ufford tower with electricity, but there does not seem any recognised practice in the matter, and the lighting company have had no experience of such jobs. I wonder whether any of your readers who have experienced good and bad arrangements would give us their experiences?

With the help of the advice of the company's electricians we are proposing to light as follows: One light hanging from the centre of the ceiling of the 12ft. square ringing chamber, about 10ft. from the floor, with a single 20 watt bulb with an opal shade. In the clock chamber above, one portable lamp hanging about 7ft. up on one wall. In the bell chamber a portable lamp hanging well above the bell frames. In the winding staircase three lights. The switch for the topmost of these will be by the clock chamber door, and will also switch on the bell chamber light. The other two staircase lights and the clock chamber light will be switched on from the foot of the stairs. Any criticism of this arrangement will be welcomed, especially if made promptly.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday evening, December 13th, at the Parish Church, for the confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: F. J. Lewis, jun. (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, H. L. Cook (first quarter-peal inside) 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, J. Hayward 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DITCHHEAT.—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, for morning service on Sunday, December 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Merrifield 1, R. Whitehead 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, R. Look 5, E. Creed 6, W. Crabb 7, J. Vincent 8.

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, also for the eleventh anniversary of the 'Fall of Jerusalem,' 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin, 1, T. Bevan 2, R. Newman 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield 5, R. Bevan (conductor) 6. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. H. Spice 1, E. Beer 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, W. E. Spice 4, S. Taylor 5, S. R. Dobbie 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, G. H. Spice 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, December 9th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: G. Wiltshire 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, P. Williams 5, W. C. Hunter 6, F. E. Tyler 7, I. Long 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Egremont, Cumberland, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: *Mary Smith 1, W. G. Norman 2, Benn Douglas 3, J. Hutchinson 4, A. Eilbeck 5, W. H. Cook (conductor) 6, J. H. Rothery 7, J. Spedding 8. * First quarter-peal.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, T. Hoad 3, G. King 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, J. Goodsell 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Harwood 1, H. Hender (conductor) 2, O. Gilbey 3, T. R. Flint 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.—For evening service, 720 London Surprise: H. Reader 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Craven 1, W. Hammond 2, F. Shackleton 3, W. Stubley 4, J. W. Smithson 5, E. F. Ripon 6, A. Smithson (conductor) 7, E. Thorpe 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 5th and tenor, and first quarter-peal as conductor. This is also the longest touch on the bells, which were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May, 1928.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,239 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender 2, S. C. Moyo 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. King 6, T. W. Taffender 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8, W. Rogers 9, H. H. Peters 10. The ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and 8th hail from Portsmouth.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On November 11th (Armistice Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for evening service: A. G. Hunt 1, G. Warner 2, H. E. Booth 3, A. E. Winterton 4, F. R. Blewitt 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Smith (conductor) 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher (first in the method) 4, F. King 5, F. Leaks 6, F. Terry 7, W. Rawlings 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 59 mins.: A. Taylor 1, G. Taysom 2, T. Taysom 3, W. Taylor 4, G. H. Giblin 5, W. H. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. Symonds 7, A. W. Davis 8, A. E. Hurcomb 9, H. Taysom 10.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, November 11th, 1928, for evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: J. H. Pulford 1, A. Woomnam 2, J. H. Dodd 3, D. Hughes 4, J. Breese 5, J. Hughes 6, F. Winstanley 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8. This was rung with the bells open. Half-muffled ringing took place for morning service.

BELGRAVE.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evensong, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. G. Pratt 1, A. Ballard 2, H. W. Martin 3, S. Johnson 4, G. Tilsen 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, P. Harrison 7, P. A. Graham 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who died in the war.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. Turley (first quarter-peal) 1, D. and E. L. Taylor 2, H. J. Ford 3, P. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, H. D. Ford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. Paige 7, H. Comber 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 6th and tenor.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—For evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. Rawlings 2, W. Hollamby 3, Rev. J. E. Amies (first in the method) 4, F. Leaks 5, F. King 6, F. Terry 7, F. Scutcher 8. Arranged for the Rev. J. E. Amies, Vicar of Edgecote, Bucks.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a 720 York Surprise: A. W. T. Ginn (first in method) 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Service in St. John's Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) available. —John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of Forest Branch will take place at Lydney on Boxing Day (December 26th). Bells (8) will be available all day. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, and meeting after in Church Room. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the annual meeting of the Forest Branch at Lydney on December 26th, there will be no ringing at Newnham, Tidenham or St. Briavels. —J. W. Davis.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Tuesday, January 1st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Members and other ringers attending, who require tea, please notify me by the morning of the 31st inst. All ringers are welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at South Shields on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. Bells of St. Hilda's available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, for those informing Mr. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields, by Dec. 29th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Jan.

5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new diagrams to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Andrew's, Derby. Bells available 2 o'clock. Please be prepared with a nominee for secretary. —Charles Draper.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD.—The 8th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, commence 6 p.m. Chairman the Rev. R. H. Whitford, M.A. Most of the city church bells will be available during the afternoon, and special service ringing is being arranged on Sunday 20th. Tickets 5/6 each, from Messrs. Cave, Knight, Way, Jefferies, Miss E. Smith, all Bristol Guild Secretaries and Mr. Albert Walker, Birmingham, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

F. E. Dawe heartily wishes all ringing friends every blessing this coming Christmas, with prosperity in the New Year; and sincerely thanks all those kind and well wishers who have communicated their sympathy with him in the recent loss of a dear and devoted wife for 35 years.

GREETINGS.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Will all members of this association and ringing friends accept our best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a most prosperous New Year?

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HEREFORD.—On Friday, November 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. H. Symonds 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, W. E. Williams 3, G. W. Taysom 4, A. W. Davis 5, C. Edwards 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor rung in the city. First extent in the method by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

YOUTHFUL PROGRESS.

Some youthful ringers in North Cheshire have recently been demonstrating their aptitude for the art by scoring their first 720's. At St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, on November 15th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: Miss G. F. Storer 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, G. R. Edwards 4, F. Banton 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is a Sunday service ringer at St. Andrew's, Lower Bebington.

On Monday, December 3rd, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, 720 Bob Minor: Stewart Bailey 1, J. Gorst 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. R. Edwards 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. F. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

On Monday, December 10th, at the same church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Bailey 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, G. Ronald Edwards 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

In addition to the above, five other juveniles from these two towers have rung their first 720 on the treble during the last few months, whilst four of them have also rung a 720 on an inside bell, and three have scored their first peal.

Truly a record of real progress, which we trust will be sustained in the new year, when we hope to have the pleasure of recording further advances by these promising juveniles. The principal credit for the above performances must be given to Mr. J. Cooke, the ringing instructor of the branch, who has been ably supported by Mr. G. Ronald Edwards (assistant ringing instructor), who have both given much time and patience during the year in helping these young ringers over the first difficult steps of the art of change ringing.

AMBROSDEN BELLS.

On the new bells at Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, on Sunday afternoon, December 16th, the Bicester ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hatfield 1, W. Scarrott 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have made a fine job of them, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On November 14th, at St. Martin's Church, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Love 1, W. Pike 2, W. Heath 3, G. Poppell 4, P. Jones 5, C. Davies 6, H. R. Broughton (conductor) 7, J. Jones 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of 1st, 6th and tenor.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Monday evening, November 12th, in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson, 1,056 of Bob Major in 39 mins.: W. T. Earl 1, A. C. Kay 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, C. W. Franklin 5, C. W. Everett 6, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

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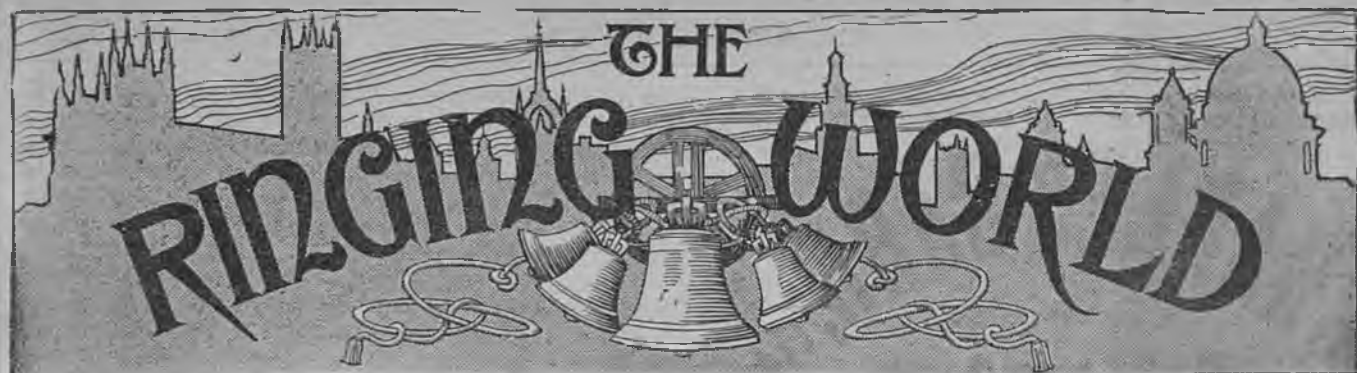
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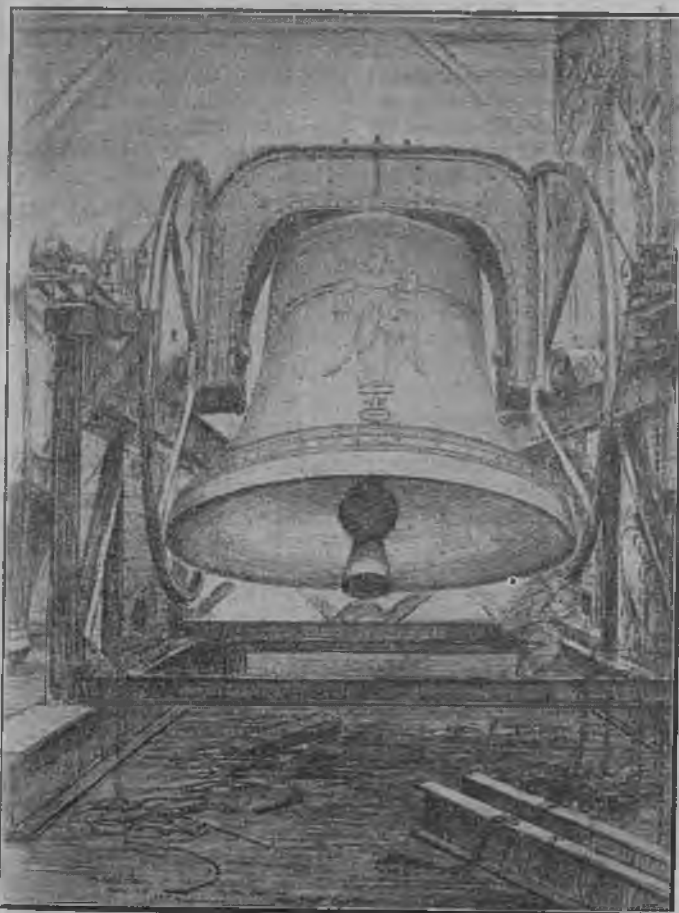
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AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

It is not surprising that the issue raised by our articles on the subject of five and six bell peals should have provoked both interest and discussion. The matter is important to all ringers, especially to those large numbers whose operations are almost entirely confined to ringing Doubles and Minor. It is only natural, in debating a question of this kind that many sides of the subject should be ventilated, and it is well that even at this late day—there were three months in which it might have been done between the publication and the adoption by the Council of the definitions which are now under review—all the phases of the matter should be discussed. In the digressions which have occurred, however, there is risk of the main issue being lost sight of. What the Exercise, through the Central Council, has got to decide is whether in the 'practical conditions required for peals' it is going to ask that the six-scores of Doubles and the 720's of Minor which go to the making up of a 'peal' shall each be true in themselves; that is, that in each the bells shall strike in all the possible orders before beginning the next extent. Mr. J. W. Parker, who is one of our greatest authorities, put the matter clearly and concisely in his letter last week, and the Exercise has to choose between peals in this form and peals in which any number of changes may be repeated (to the exclusion of an equal number of others) in any 120 or 720.

The present discussion originated from our remarks concerning Mr. Leslie Morris' arrangement of Doubles, which, we hold, are excluded from peals by the terms of the resolution passed by the Council. What happens in this 'arrangement' of Doubles is, in effect, that forty changes are rung and repeated, then forty others are rung and repeated, and, lastly, the remaining forty are rung and repeated. That is a totally different thing, if Mr. Morris will permit us to say so, to Mr. Pitman's arrangement, in which the bells strike in 120 different orders before beginning the next six-score, or to the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in which the whole 720 different orders are gone through before the next 720 is begun. The Rev. H. Drake, in our last issue, tried to draw an analogy with two consecutive peals of Triples. We are quite sure that no one would hold that a band had rung two true peals of Triples if they rang a 1680 and repeated it, rang a different 1680 and repeated it and then a third different 1680 and repeated it. Yet this is what, in principle, the Exercise is urged to do, when it is asked to recognise Mr. Morris' arrangement of Doubles.

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As to the definitions as they at present stand on the minute book of the Council, it is possibly arguable that they do not strictly cover either Pitman's or James' arrangements, viewed from the scientific construction of them. But the definitions with which the Council dealt at Hereford are set out under the heading of 'Practical ringing,' as distinct from the heading of 'The Science of ringing,' and are not therefore concerned with such matters as Q-sets and any niceties of distinction in the interpretation of the word 'changes.' Practical ringers look upon a 'change' as the order in which the bells strike in a particular row. Whether that view of the word is right or wrong scientifically, the ordinary man in the belfry means the actual order of the bells themselves and not the means of arriving at that order. Therefore, when he speaks of 720 changes on six bells, he means striking the bells in all the permutations possible. It is on the plain facts of practical ringing that this question, now reopened, has got to be settled, and it is for the ringers themselves to say, through their Central organisation, whether they desire that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be true in the various extents which go to make up the whole, or will be satisfied with something that would not be tolerated on higher numbers to meet the whim of any composer who happens upon some freak composition.

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GEORGE WILLIAMS (Master) Tenor	

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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GEORGE A. COOKE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway. First peal of Oxford by all except ringers of 7 and 8, and first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by the Guild. The last peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on these bells was on September 17th, 1829. On that occasion the band were all local.

SIX BELL PEAL.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently arranged. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	*FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
*JOHN W. WARD 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 81, BEECH ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman Triples in hand in the county and by the Guild.

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AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

[The following is the first portion of a short treatise on Method Proving, a subject thoroughly understood at present by comparatively few. A close study of these articles should help many more ringers to an understanding of this advanced side of the science.]

That it is a little away from the beaten track, is the only excuse I can offer for submitting an article which is likely to appeal to a limited number of readers. In extenuation, it might be noted that it follows what I have already written on the subject in 'A Beginner's Theory,' which was published in this journal during 1927, and it may, perhaps, be of some little use to those, who, in ever-growing numbers, are interested in methods, their construction, extension and proof.

THE ORTHODOX SYSTEM.

I should like first to review the system of proving methods (for peals with 'tenors together') upon which I enlarged in the articles mentioned. It is the shortest system at present practised that I have been able to trace, except that Mr. G. Baker has explained his method of dealing with operation (b). He uses a 'proving value' row for transposition purposes, as explained in his article on 'Reciprocal Proof' of September last, which does away with the collation of the rows. It is quicker and better than the old way, if not quite so apparent, but I wish to concentrate upon this collation for a reason which will appear. The orthodox operations, briefly, are these:—

(a) The rows of the first lead are marked 'even' and 'odd.'

(b) Rows of like nature (both odd, or both even), with the treble in the same place therein, are transposed back to rounds, two false heads resulting from every pair of rows so treated. The sum is a certain number of lead-heads, which are false against the first lead-head of the plain course—rounds. (See 'Proof' of October 28th, 1927.)

(c) These false heads are then examined for coursing bells in plain coursing positions. If there is none in a head it is ignored; if any has this peculiarity, it denotes that a 'tenors-together' false head will appear somewhere within the plain course. (See 'Coursing Order' of December 9th, 1927.)

(d) The lead-head of the plain course, which has the tenors in the positions indicated by the numbers of the 'coursing pair' in the false head, is then transposed by the false head. The result is a 'tenors-together' false head, and it is false against that particular lead (of the plain course) which has the tenors in the indicated places in its head. (See 'Coursing Order' of December 9th, 1927.)

(e) Having produced all of these tenors-together false heads, we proceed to turn them into false course heads (or course 'ends'). This is done by transposing the false head by a particular plain course lead-head (see 'Proving' of November 11th, 1927), and it is based upon the fact that any plain course lead-head can be brought 'round,' or to its course 'end,' if it is transposed by a certain particular one of its fellows.

We are then equipped with a 'proof scale' of our method, for application to peals with the tenors together.

Operations (a) and (c) are absolutely necessary before we can decide if a method has any false course ends, but one is inclined to feel cheated, after having produced at least sixteen false heads from sixteen rows under operation (b), if the method turns out a 'clean proof scale,' such as Bristol, Dublin, and others; or when all of the 'sections' except one are 'clean,' as is so often the case.

It is the purpose of this article to explain how these operations may be shuffled and condensed, with a view to cutting out any unnecessary work, and the abridged system may briefly be summarised thus:—

(A) Mark the rows of the first lead even and odd. This is (a), but reduced to the half lead in certain circumstances.

(B) Collate the rows and search for coursing pairs in plain coursing positions therein, ignoring those rows where they are not. This is (c) in an easier form, because the coursing bells should 'jump to the eye.' And, provided the half-section is symmetrical, only one pair of rows need be dealt with in the whole of that section. If the half-section is asymmetrical, two pairs should be sufficient to prove whether the section has a clean proof scale.

(C) Transpose those rows, which have bells in plain course positions, 'back' to a certain row (to be determined), instead of back to rounds in the orthodox way. This is the necessary part only of (b), cutting out all 'clean' sections, and embodying (e) in the one transposition.

(D) By the resultant rows (from the above) transpose certain plain course lead-heads (to be determined), and the false course ends are the results. This is a revision of (d).

When it is recalled that all regular methods have the same lead-heads in the plain course, we shall realise that standard tables may be applied to B. C. and D.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF ROWS.

Before enlarging upon these operations, I should like to examine the construction of a Treble Bob Major method, with particular reference to the relationship of the rows one to another, and the relationship held, each to the other, by the false heads which result from two rows. Rounds will be the lead-head (row No. 1), and row No. 32 (the hand stroke of the treble's whole pull at lead) will be the lead 'end'—

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

Nature.	Row No.	First (upper) half.	Second (lower) half.	Row No.	Nature
+	1.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5	32.	—
—	2.	2 1(3)5 4 7 6(8)	4 1(6)8 2 7 3(5)	31.	+
—	3.	1 2 5 3 7 4 8 6	1 4 8 6 7 2 5 3	30.	+
+	4.	2 1(5)7 3 8 4(6)	4 1(3)7 6 5 2(3)	29.	—
—	5.	(2)5 1(7)8 3 6 4	(4)8 1(7)5 6 3 2	28.	+
—	6.	5 2 7 1 3 8 4 6	8 4 7 1 6 5 2 3	27.	+
+	7.	(5)2 1 7 8 3 6 4	(8)4 1 7 5 6 3 2	26.	—
+	8.	2 5 7 1 3 8 4 6	4 8 7 1 6 5 2 3	25.	—
—	9.	5 2(7)3 1 4 8(6)	8 4(7)6 1 2 5(3)	24.	+
+	10.	(5)7 2(3)4 1 6 8	(8)7 4(6)2 1 3 5	23.	—
+	11.	7 5 3 2 1 4 8 6	7 8 6 4 1 2 5 3	22.	—
—	12.	(7)3 5(2)4 1 6 8	(7)6 8(4)2 1 3 5	21.	+
+	13.	3 7 2 5(4)6 1(8)	6 7 4 8(2)3 1(5)	20.	—
—	14.	(3)2 7 4 5(6)8 1	(6)4 7 2 8(3)5 1	19.	+
—	15.	2 3 4 7 6 5 1 8	4 6 2 7 3 8 1 5	18.	+
+	16.	(2)4 3 6 7(5)8 1	(4)2 6 3 7(8)5 1	17.	—

If we divide a symmetrical method between rows 16-17, reverse the lower half and write them side by side, we shall find, working downwards in the halves, that the pairs changing from row to row (or, alternatively, the places made) are exactly similar. The bells which 'make places' are bracketed in the above example. This causes every row in the lower half to bear, to the lead 'end,' exactly the same relationship that is borne by the corresponding row (in the upper half) to the lead 'head.' In another way, the rows of the halves are identical, except that the bell numbers in the rows of one are replaced by the different numbers which comprise the row that heads the other half, i.e., the '4' (at 14628375) replacing the '2' (at 12345678) causes the '4' to appear in the rows of one half, wherever the '2' appears in corresponding rows of the other. And, naturally, vice versa.

Further, each row of the first half bears, to the lead-end, the same relationship as the corresponding row (of the second half) bears to the lead-head. This means that the lead-end, transposed by any row in the first half, will result in the corresponding row of the second half. And, similarly, but not quite so apparently, vice versa.

The corresponding rows of the halves being similarly related to both lead-head and lead-end, it follows that any two rows within the lead will bear, each to the other, the same relationship as the remaining pair of corresponding rows, whether two be chosen from the same half, or one from each half. In the 'straightforward' example below (rows taken from the same halves) the similarity of transposition is made apparent by the bracketed pair of bells which, change, the remainder in both pairs of rows lying still:—

Row.	First Half.	Row.	Second Half.
5.	2 5 1 7 8 3 6 4	28.	4 8 1 7 5 6 3 2
7.	(5)2 1 7 8 3 6 4	26.	(8)4 1 7 5 6 3 2

The 'cross' examples which follow (rows taken from opposite halves) will be quite clear if the bells, one above another, in the paired rows are observed, e.g., in rows 5-28 we have the '2' above the '4,' the '5' above the '8,' etc., and in rows 7-26 the same bells, still one above another, appear in different positions in the rows:—

Rows.	Rows.
5. 7. 25178364 52178364	5. 7. 25178364 52178364
28. 26. 48175632 84175632	26. 28. 84175632 48175632

Let us now agree upon what is done when we transpose 'back' to the lead-head. (For convenience, I shall use the term transpose 'back' upon occasion when properly it should be 'forward,' but it will save confusion if 'back' is standard to the operation which follows.) We take two rows of like nature, both odd, from the section with the treble in 5/6 in our London Major example, and transpose them both back to the lead-head (rounds):—

Row.	Row.
9. 5.2.7.3.1.4.8.6.	First read in the top row the separate figures of rounds, and in 'rounds order' (1-2-3-4-5-6-7 and 8), and under them, in row 22 and in the same order, we find these figures: 1-8-4-2-7-3-6-5.
22. 7.8.6.4.1.2.5.3.	Now reverse this, by

reading rounds in the bottom row, and above the figures we find 1-4-6-3-8-7-5-2. Then (1) 18427365 and (2) 14638752 are the resultant false heads, when this pair of like nature rows have been transposed back to their lead-head (rounds).

Here let me define two terms which, for want of better, I shall use. The 'HIDDEN FACTOR' is the row (be it rounds, another lead-head, or lead-end) to which we transpose 'back' a pair of rows; i.e., the figures we read in row 9 ('rounds' in this particular instance) to produce the false head in row 22 (18427365). Rounds, then, is the 'Hidden Factor' when transposing 'back' rows 9-22, and, oppositely, of course, in rows 22-9. The 'RESULTANT' is the row produced by the application of the 'Hidden Factor.' The Hidden Factor (rounds here) being applied to row 22, has given 14638752 from row 9 as the 'resultant.'

Now observe the relationship existing between the two false heads. Read, in 18427365, the positions occupied therein by rounds. You will find the figures 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 and 8 in these positions: 1-4-6-3-8-7-5 and 2; and 14638752 is the formation of the other false head. Reverse the procedure and we find that, in 14638752, rounds occupy the

positions of 18427365. It will be seen that, when related to the common factor of rounds, each false head produces the other. The row resulting from this observation of the positions held by rounds in another row, is what Mr. G. Baker terms the 'PROVING VALUE,' a term which I shall adopt herein. Thus, row 14638752 is the 'proving value' of row 18427365.

Now take the other pair of like nature rows with the treble in fifth's place:—

Rows. On the same lines as the example of rows 9-22, we get (3) 16724385 and (4) 14658237 as the false heads, and, again, the 'proving value' of each results in the other.

Then make a 'cross collation' (rows of opposite natures), but transpose them 'back' to the lead-end by using 1-4-6-2-8-3-7 and 5 as the Hidden Factor, instead of rounds as we did before, and the same four false heads will result:—

Rows. 9. — 52731486 Rows. 22. — 78641253
11. + 75321486 24. + 84761253

From the first pair we get false heads (4) 14658237 and (2) 14638752, and in the second case (3) 16724385 and (1) 18427365 are the resultants.

We have observed that heads 1-2 and 3-4 are related to each other by the positions held therein by rounds (i.e., by their proving values), but 1-3 and 2-4 also are related, in a similar but more complex way, by the positions held therein by the lead-end.

The foregoing means that all of the false heads relating to the first lead may be obtained from the rows of the first half, and without reference to the lower half of the lead other than to the lead-end row. If the pair of rows in the first half are of opposite natures (one odd and one even), transpose back with the lead-end as the Hidden Factor, as in rows 9-11 above. False heads (4) and (2) will result, and the proving value of these two heads will result in the remainder—(3) and (1).

But if the method is 'unorthodox' (I have copied the term) and produces rows of like nature, with the treble in the same place, in the first half (this is with particular reference to Major methods), the procedure is exactly reversed. The rows are transposed back with the lead-head (rounds) as the Hidden Factor, as we did with rows 9-22, and two of the necessary false heads will result. The remaining two will come from a 'proving value,' but with this difference: This 'proving value' must not be the result of reading the positions occupied by rounds (its usual form), but must come from the positions occupied, in the false heads, by the lead-end. This will not be at all apparent, a double transposition (as it were) being involved, because, in the lead-end row (14628375) the bell numbers, and the positions they occupy therein, do not coincide as they do at rounds. I shall not labour this here, as all of the foregoing is beside the actual point.

I have dealt with this subject rather fully, although it may seem irrelevant, because I wish to emphasise these points: (1) That the eight rows which comprise each section (four in each half with the treble in 1/2, 3/4, 5/8 and 7/8) are very closely related one to another. (2) That this relationship is bound on the one hand by the lead-head, and on the other by the lead-end. (3) That, within limits which will appear and which partly have to do with the symmetry of the half-sections, any one pair of rows is typical of the whole section, once we have taken into account the transposition of the bell numbers from the lead-head to lead-end.

THE ABRIDGED SYSTEM.

OPERATION A.—The rows are marked even and odd, and it will depend entirely upon the reader as to whether he uses the whole or part of the lead. In certain circumstances only the half-lead is necessary, but some may prefer to deal only with rows of like nature, thus avoiding the lead-end transpositions which are necessary when dealing with rows of opposite natures. I shall deal with examples of full lead practice (rows of like nature), the easier way, and shall briefly touch upon the other method at the end.

OPERATION B.—Collate two rows, with the treble in the same place, from each section. (If the whole lead is used the rows must be of like nature, but if the half-lead only is used they may be of like or opposite natures—according to the method.) Then search for 'coursing pairs' of bells in plain coursing positions therein.

In an article on 'Coursing Order' of December 2nd, 1927, I enlarged upon the subject of coursing pairs appearing in fixed positions in the lead-heads of the plain course. Briefly, a summary which is standard to the plain course of all regular methods is thus:—

The 'POSITIONAL PAIRS' given below (i.e., pairs of places within any plain course lead-head) will be occupied, at one or another of the lead-heads of the plain course, by the 'COURSING PAIRS' of bells which are appended. It will be observed that the actual 'positional pairs' of Block Y are also 'coursing pairs' (the right way) in the same block, and (the wrong way) in Block Z. Similarly, the 'positional pairs' of Z are also 'coursing pairs' in Z, where they are the right way, but to be 'coursing pairs' in Y they must be reversed therein.

	Block 'Y'	Block 'Z'
Positional pairs of L.H. 12345678	2/3, 3/5, 5/7, 7/8.	2/4, 4/6, 6, 8.
Coursing pairs to be found therein	23, 35, 57, 78 42, 64, 86	24, 46, 68 32, 58, 75, 87

Then, rows of like nature being transposed back to the lead-head, if any coursing pair is found to be in similar positions to any positional pair in the two rows, we have, therein, bells which will be in 'plain coursing order' in the resultants. They are traced in this way:—

Observe, in row 5, the positional pairs (first 2/3, then 3/5, etc., and finally 6/8), at the same time

looking for any coursing pair (belonging to the same block) which may appear, in row 26, immediately under the positional pair being examined. The 2/3 in row 5 have, in row 26, the '86' under them. This, then, is one combination—'86 in 2/3.' The 3/5 have '64' under: another combination, '64 in 3/5.' But 5/7 have 47 under, and 47 are not a coursing pair. Then 7/8 have 75 under, but 75 should be 57 in order to be a coursing pair in the 7/8 Block (Y). The 2/4 have 82, which are not a coursing pair; 4/6 have 23, which are the wrong way for Block Z; and 6/8 have 35, which again are the wrong way for this Block.

Then, from the downward treatment of this pair of rows, we have two combinations of coursing pairs in plain course positions—'86 in 2/3, and 64 in 3/5.' The rows should now be treated in a reverse manner, i.e., positional pairs in row 26, giving coursing pairs in row 5; but when we remember that, in Blocks Y and Z, the positional and coursing pairs are interchangeable, this appears to be unnecessary. Having established that, downwards, the rows give 86 in 2/3, it is obvious that 8/6 below have 23 over; and, reversing both, we get 32 in 6/8 as a combination belonging to Block Z. Incidentally, once we have established that a coursing pair is the right way in a positional pair, and have formed a proper combination, it does not matter in the least how we write the combination itself. We may call it '23 in 6/8,' '32 in 8/6,' '23 in 8/6,' and so on, because our aim is a 'tenors-together' false head. Neither tenors nor positions can be wrong when the tenors are kept 'together,' or in 'plain coursing order'; so that, provided care is taken, in the downward treatment, to see that coursing pairs are 'right' in the positional places, and so long as the combination itself is not reversed, the actual figures of the pairs in the combination may be standardised to read all the same way.

Properly we have 86 in 2/3 and 64 in 3/5 from the downward, and (the reverse of these) 32 in 6/8 and 53 in 4/6 from the upward treatment. I prefer to read them 'all the same way' (using for my standard the positional pairs) by reversing the figures which comprise the pairs where necessary, thus: (1) 68 in 2/3; (2) 46 in 3/5; (3) 23 in 6/8; and (4) 35 in 4/6. It is easier for the later stages, and the tenors cannot be wrong, but this revision must not take place until after the downward combinations are established.

(To be continued.)

CEFN COED BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication and reopening of the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cefn Coed, South Wales, took place on Saturday, December 15th, when the following clergy took part: Ven. H. J. Church Jones (Archdeacon of Brecon), Rev. Lewis Davies, B.A. (Vicar of Cefn Coed), Rev. W. G. Wilkinson, M.A. (diocesan missionary), and Mr. J. Gould, L.L.R., Cefn Coed. The dedication was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Brecon, after which ringing on the bells took place for ten minutes by the St. John's Church ringers, assisted by Mr. S. Pannell, Merthyr Parish Church.

The service was then continued, and the sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Brecon, who took for his text 2 Chron. xxix. 27, and explained to a large congregation the objects of church bells. He said he hoped they would be the means of cheering the inhabitants of the parish of Cefn Coed in the industrial depression under which they were now suffering. The Ven. Archdeacon also spoke of the duty of bellringers as one of self-sacrifice and one of the noblest in church worship.

After the service, several visiting ringers attended. Owing to an unfortunate mistake, the service was advertised in 'The Ringing World' to commence at 3 o'clock, whereas the appointed time was 2.30 p.m., hence the visitors arrived late for the proceedings.

The incumbent (Rev. Lewis Davies) and churchwardens provided an excellent spread at the Church Hall for the visiting local ringers. The tables were in charge of Mrs. Davies and the Misses Davies, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. E. W. J. Read, Mrs. J. Gould, Mrs. J. Jenkins, Miss Mann, Miss Gough, and the caretaker (Mr. Isaac Reed) and Mrs. Reed.

The Ven. Archdeacon afterwards thanked the ladies for the good things provided, and expressed his pleasure that the kind invitation had been extended to him to perform the dedication ceremony. The bells were as nice a set as he had heard.

The Rev. Lewis Davies and Capt. J. F. Thomas, churchwarden, also spoke of the excellent work which had been done. Capt. Freeborn, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders who had returned and rehung the bells, acknowledged the compliments paid to his firm.

After the usual votes of thanks, the ringers returned to the belfry, and Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Minor were rung, conducted by Messrs. J. Coles (Merthyr), T. F. Raikham (Llanelli, Breconshire), W. Horsington (Abergavenny), Capt. Freeborn (Credenney), Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), and A. Hunt (Cefn Coed).

Ringing continued till late in the evening.

HISTORY TOLD IN BELL INSCRIPTIONS BIRMINGHAM RECTOR'S BROADCAST SERMON.

The address which was given by the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers) at the broadcast service at St. Martin's Parish Church on the occasion of the opening of the new ring of bells, has been widely commented on, and will, we are sure, be read with interest by those of our readers who did not hear it over the ether.

'We are celebrating to-day,' said the Rector, 'the return to the tower of St. Martin's, Birmingham, the twelve bells which have been recast at the famous Whitechapel Foundry. We were very lonely without them, and we welcome them back on behalf of the City of Birmingham after the fiery trial through which they have passed. If any of you have ever seen the recasting of a bell you will agree with me about the fiery trial. The old bell, broken up with hammers into small pieces, goes into a furnace, which reminds you of the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and comes out after many hours as a stream of liquid fire. Then it passes into the mould prepared for it, and after some days, when it has become rigid and cooled down, it comes out like one risen from the dead to a life of renewed usefulness and beauty. There is an inscription on the trable bell at Brixton, in the Isle of Wight, which actually records this fact, and in quaint language preaches a little sermon on it. It runs as follows:—

"In the year 1740, John Lord caused me to be fabricated in Portsmouth and placed in this tower. Sixty years I led the peal, then I was unfortunately broken. In the year 1800 I was cast in the furnace, refounded in London, and returned to my former station. Reader, thou also shalt know a resurrection: may it be unto eternal life."

'You must not think that all inscriptions on bells are as moral as this or contain as good a parable. In mediæval times, it is true, they were usually, in the strict sense of the word, religious. The form the inscription took was generally like this: "Pray for the soul of Robert Brittenham," as at Norwich Cathedral, or "Jesu, in honour of Thee, Sir John Sturmin had me made," as at Long Stratton, Norfolk. But with the Reformation, the history of inscriptions enters on a more varied, more human, and, I am afraid, a much less religious phase. There is, perhaps, more amusement than religious profit to be found, and more knowledge of human nature than knowledge of God, from these inscriptions.

'But for all that many of them are delightfully quaint, and if you have the human touch you will appreciate them. It is quite evident, for example, that beer and bellringing went very closely together, to judge from the inscription at Walsgrave, Warwickshire: "Ring tunably, and you shall have as much beer as is good for you." A certain note of vindictiveness is to be found in the inscription at Fising, Norfolk: "Cursed be all Church Robbers." Evidently, some very unpleasant experience prompted this short communion service.

'The stubborn attachment of the mass of the English people to the middle way of religion, as distinguished from Roman Catholicism and Nonconformity, comes out sometimes in most uncomplimentary, and even libellous, language, as in that inscription at Stanley St. Leonard:—

"Lord, by Thy might,
Keep us from Pope and Hypocrite."

'Horror of the Methodists, who had really saved the religious life of England in the 18th century, finds its way into more than one inscription. They were supposed to be guilty of the terrible sin of enthusiasm. An inscription at Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and at Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, reads as follows: "Prosperity to the Church of England, and no Encouragement to Enthusiasm." Indeed, if we are to judge by some of the inscriptions on the bells, the Church of England was at a very low ebb. Not only was Methodist enthusiasm condemned, but the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ was shelved in favour of the pagan god, Apollo. Hornsey Church gives the following:—

"The Ringers' Art our graceful notes prolong;
Apollo listens and approves the song."

'And to complete the sad story with a touch of humour, we can trace the growing influence of commercial values even on the bells of our Parish Church. Holbeach, Lincolnshire, begins the work in a cheery way with the following:—

"God save the Church,
The Bells in the Steeple,
Likewise all the
Subscribing good people."

And Bath gives us the grand climax:—

"All ye of Bath who hear the sound,
Thank Lady Hoplon's hundred pound."

'But I must return to our own beloved bells of St. Martin's. I am glad to say that they have escaped such inscriptions as above. Neither the original peal of six, which dates back to 1629, nor the present peal of twelve, first hung in 1758, contains anything more unchristian than the names of churchwardens and quotations from the Psalms.

'The worst episode in their history that I can discover is that on a certain Sunday early in the year 1744, when Charles Wesley was preaching in the Bull Ring (and when the mob was busy throwing dirt and stones at him), the bells of St. Martin's were rung in the hope of drowning his voice. How times have changed, thank God! Now our bells ring at St. Martin's to do honour to Methodist minis-

ters when they come to preach in our church, and on the wall of the south transept there is a memorial tablet to the first president of the Methodist Conference who succeeded John Wesley. It was transferred three years ago from another church, which was being pulled down, and placed here at the unanimous wish of the Methodists of Birmingham. So grows the Christian Spirit of Unity in our midst. 'God bless these bells of ours, which start on a new chapter in their history to-day.

'In ancient days bells were supposed to have many strange and magic properties. They were rung to drive away storms, and pestilences and evil spirits. Bishop Latimer once reminded the people of England that no general ringing of bells could drive the Devil out of England. Sometimes I wish it could.

'But if we can claim no such miraculous powers to-day for our bells, we may associate them very definitely with the presence of God in human life. They ring out their message in a brave attempt to surround all the changes and chances of human life with the peace and harmony, the faith and confidence which comes from realising the presence of God. It is only one part of their function—though a very early one—to invite people to church. No well-instructed bellringer will ever allow that his beloved church bells exist only for that. He is right, though I think sometimes he may make the mistake of thinking that in the fascinating work of ringing Bob Major or Stedman Cinques or those other methods in which he delights, he may exhaust all the possibilities of his bells. That would be wrong.

'To ring the bells as the symbol of the divine accompaniment to human life, to ring them so as to proclaim the love and sympathy of God with all the joys and sorrows of humanity, to ring them so as to let the whole world know that the Presence of God is to be found in the market place equally as in the church, to ring them so as to make men feel in their hearts a song or prayer—that is the highest, the best work of all.'

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

'THE WIRELESS EFFECT.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 14th instant there appears a letter under the above heading, signed by Messrs. C. H. Kippen and F. E. Darby. With your permission I should like to ask these gentlemen what is meant exactly by 'nasal twang,' as it is the first time I have seen it used in connection with bells.

In my opinion there can be no true comparison drawn between two peals of bells differing so greatly in weight as York Minster bells and those at St. Martin's, Birmingham. York has a 60 cwt. tenor and other bells in proportion (consequently much greater resonance), and St. Martin's has a 35 cwt. tenor.

York Minster bells have yet to be heard to the best advantage over the 'Wireless,' as the B.B.C. have not yet found the ideal spot for placing the microphone.

Congratulations from the York Minster ringers to the St. Martin's Guild on the splendid success of their new peal.—Yours, etc.,

G. HORNER.

York Minster.

A GRAND PEAL.

Dear Sir,—It is quite obvious that some ringers have ears, and hear, others ears and cannot hear. This is apparent in a good many bellries to-day.

I would strongly advise Mr. Kippen and Mr. Darby to have ear treatment, or, better still, let them hear another wonderful peal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Lincoln twelve, tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb., the finest peal for their weight in the country, and then go and hear York again.

I am sure they will appreciate the glorious tones of this grand peal without the fear of hearing any 'nasal twang.' Nasty head noises, I should imagine.—Yours faithfully,

IMP.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED WEDNESDAY GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Newcastle in October, it was decided to try the experiment of a Wednesday meeting for those unable to get to the usual Saturday meetings, and the large attendance at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 12th, shows that a real need has been met.

Members were present from Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals, Gosforth, Jesmond, North and South Shields, Houghton-le-Spring and the local tower, and the bells were kept going from 3 to 8 o'clock in Bob Minor, Grandaire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich, all the touches being brought round.

The president of the association, Mr. E. F. Ferry, presided over an excellent tea at the Lambton Arms, supported by the Rector and the curate of Chester-le-Street, and the vice-presidents of the Northern and Western Districts. After the loyal toast, Mr. J. F. Bird proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and the Rector (Dr. F. H. Jackson) responded.

It was suggested that a Wednesday Guild of the association should be formed, and the Chairman promised to bring the matter up at the pre-Lent meeting of the association at Blaydon.

FORTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING.

WORCESTERSHIRE VETERAN'S PERFORMANCES.

Mr. Robert G. Knowles, the well-known Worcestershire ringer, has just celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his first peal. He went to reside at Hanley Castle in 1883, and rang his first peal at the Parish Church of St. Mary on December 8th, 1888. It was Grandsire Doubles, and was the first peal on the bells, and first by all the band. During the succeeding ten years he rang only six peals, and some idea of the difficulties which had to be overcome in those days may be realised from the fact that he had no way of getting to peals of more than six bells except by walking to Worcester, ten miles away, and this was occasionally undertaken.

On returning to his native village of Madresfield, in 1899, better opportunities occurred for ringing, for there was a new peal of eight at Malvern Link and a progressive band. Having also learned to ride a bicycle, he found a better means of travel, though in those days, with a solid tyre, and on a dark night with an oil lamp (in or out), cycling was no joke. Only those who have had the experience of riding such a machine along country lanes and occasionally running into a flock of sheep, or, worse still, of having a cat mixed with the front wheel and frame, can fully appreciate the joys of cycling under such conditions. In the period from 1898 to 1908, Mr. Knowles rang only 19 peals, but though it thus took twenty years to ring twenty-five peals, he made many acquaintances and friendships which will never be forgotten. During the next ten years he made great advancement, though the last four years, being war years, he rang only five peals out of the total of thirty-six for the decade.

In the last ten years he made greater strides, thanks to the better means of travel, etc. Some of his earlier pupils had themselves become conductors, and in their turn were instructing others, many of whom Mr. Knowles has been very pleased to help through their first peal. The number of peals in the last decade was one hundred and forty-eight, making a total of two hundred and nine peals, which have all been rung in Worcestershire and the neighbouring counties.

Mr. Knowles, having a wish to ring a peal on the fortieth anniversary of his first peal, and on the same bells, arrangements were made, but through unforeseen circumstances the attempt had to be abandoned at the end of the second 720.

It is interesting to recall that a peal of Minor was rung on these bells on December 8th, 1913, this being Mr. Knowles' 50th peal, and on the 25th anniversary of his first.

The parish has two churches, each with a peal of six bells. At the same time that ringing was taking place at the Parish Church a junior band attempted a peal in seven methods at St. Gabriel's, but this came to an untimely end in the fifth 720. Afterwards the two

bands met at the Swan Hotel, where a tea was provided, and good wishes were extended to Mr. Knowles for many more years of activity. The band at the Parish Church was: J. Bayliss 1, W. Halford 2, E. Gibbs 3, J. R. Newman 4, C. Camm 5, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 6. At St. Gabriel's: W. Halford 1, W. Niblett 2, F. Hawkes 3, S. T. Holt (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, C. Tansell 6.

The following is the list of Mr. Knowles' peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	6	6
Grandsire Triples	31	8
Grandsire Caters	5	—
Plain Bob Minor	1	—
Plain Bob Major	14	1
Plain Bob Royal	1	—
Stedman Triples	12	1
Stedman Caters	4	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor	3	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	8	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	4	—
Worcester Treble Bob Major	1	—
Oxford Bob Triples	4	—
3 Minor Methods	1	—
7 Minor Methods	76	17
10 Minor Methods	1	—
14 Minor Methods	1	—
7 Treble Bob Methods	2	1
7 Surprise Methods	2	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	4	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
London Surprise Minor	1	—
London Surprise Major	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	1	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	—
Little Bob Major	1	—
Doubles in three methods	2	2
Total	209	38

EXETER.—On November 20th, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. Drake 1, E. Shephard (conductor) 2, W. Howe 3, A. Mousley 4, T. Bartlett 5, W. Reekes 6, A. Truman 7, E. Sargent 8, W. Richardson 9, G. Betts 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On this day 1820, Thomas Thurstans conducted the first peal of Stedman Chiques in Birmingham, 6,600, which constituted the record length in the method. At that time St. Martin's Society was in a very flourishing condition, and not only had many excellent composers among its members, but also a number of first-class ringers—as they have had almost without a break for over a hundred and fifty years.

Eighty years ago to-morrow—December 28th, 1848—the College Youths rang the first peal of Double Norwich in the county of Surrey. It was composed and conducted by John Cox, and was rung at Newington.

A peal of 12,000 of Bob Major was rung at Bromsgrove on December 28th, 1788, and on the same date in 1790 a peal of 10,080 in the same method was rung at Leeds.

New Year's Eve is the 40th anniversary of the famous record, 15,041 Stedman Caters, at Appleton, where, as most ringers know, the record was 'recaptured' in 1922 with the still 'longest ever'—21,363.

The Oxford Guild also made another record on the last day of the year, 12,096 Double Norwich Major, at Maidenhead, in 1892.

James Barham, the celebrated old Kent ringer, rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793. The total ages of the band taking part was 582 years.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob in Lincolnshire was rung on New Year's Day, 1848.

A peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal was rung for the first time on January 2nd, 1909, at Wednesbury.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

to all readers of 'The Ringing World.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'Another Suffolkian,' in his letter in to-day's 'Ringing World' states that there has not been a district meeting of the Guild at Newmarket. I attended one on May 29th, 1926, when a very few came, and ringing was, I believe, confined to St. Mary's. There was another meeting at Mildenhall the previous autumn, when a heavy storm stopped many from coming.—Yours faithfully,

R. COPEMAN.

Cambridge,
December 21st, 1928.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE PAICE.

With sincere regret we have to record the passing of Mr. George Paice, a member of the Edmonton band; which took place on December 13th.

Deceased, who was in his 64th year, was a well-known member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Middlesex, Hertford and Sussex County Associations. A native of East Meon, Hampshire, where he commenced his ringing career, he moved to Crawley, in Sussex, where he soon was ringing Surprise methods under the leadership of Mr. James Parker.

At that time the company were famous for their Surprise peal performances, and included such other well-known men in their day as Fred Rice, John Rice, Fred Dench, William Ward, Bob Jordan and others. Some of this company afterwards migrated to London and Mr. Paice settled in Edmonton, where he joined the All Saints' company, with whom he rang numerous peals in various Surprise Major methods, usually at the heavy end. He was a safe ringer.

His connection with the Edmonton company extended over about 30 years. He was always punctual and regular, and he loved the old bells, the care of which he undertook, together with the office of tower secretary, for many years.

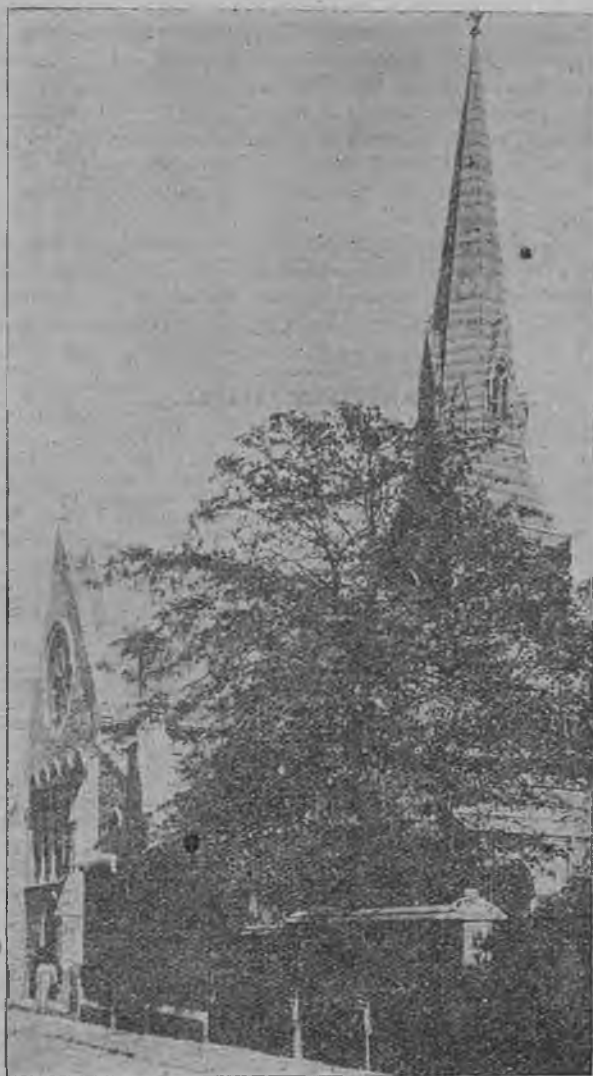
He was laid to rest on Tuesday, December 18th. The first part of the service was at Edmonton Parish Church, after which the ringers followed to Edmonton Cemetery, where, amid many manifestations of sympathy, the interment took place, within sound of the bells he loved so well.

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LEICESTER.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S CHURCH.

For fifty years the above church had only one bell, although the tower was obviously built for a complete peal. Then, in 1902, the late Mr. S. T. Bunning gave a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 21 cwt. At that time, 'Simpson tuning' was a new thing, and St. John's was a specimen ring on that principle. The fundamentals were not drowned by the harmonics, and it was, and is now, considered a model of scientific tuning.

The eight were put in to commemorate the reign of Queen Victoria and as a memorial to her late Majesty. They were opened on what should have been the Coronation Day of King Edward VII., and the first peal was rung on August 23rd following, being Lates' one-part of Stedman Triples. Many peals have been rung since, and the one desire of the steeplekeeper (Mr. W. Willson) was to make the bells into a ring of ten. He was for many years the late Mr. S. T.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER.

Bunning's estate agent and secretary, and in memory of the original donor two trebles have now been added by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Willson.

The iron frame has been reconstructed, and the ten are on one level. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have made a perfect match to the eight, which also came from the famous Loughborough foundry.

On Sunday, December 16th, the Lord Bishop of Leicester dedicated the new bells at the morning service, after which the ten were rung in Stedman Caters and Treble Ten.

(Continued in next column.)

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.
FIVE METHODS RUNG IN A PEAL.

Spliced Surprise Major ringing has been carried a step further by the success of members of the Middlesex County Association in ringing a peal in five methods, the Rev. H. Law James having added Lincolnshire Surprise to London Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. 5,184. BY REV. H. LAW JAMES.

23456 M. W. H.

Methods.

64352	—	—	London, Cambridge or Superlative, London.
62453	2	—	London, Bristol, London, Lincolnshire.
42356	—	—	London, Cambridge or Superlative, London.
32654	—	—	London, Cambridge, London.
42563	—	2	London, Cambridge or Superlative, Bristol, London.
36524	—	—	London, Cambridge or Superlative, London.
34625	2	—	London, Bristol, London, Lincolnshire.
64523	—	—	London, Cambridge or Superlative, London.
54326	—	—	London, Cambridge, London.

Repeat the 2nd part three times, then repeat the whole.

The course containing the Lincolnshire method is rung as follows:—

12345678 London.

16423857	—	Change to Bristol.
12643857	—	Change to London.
14266735	—	Change to Lincolnshire.
12635478	—	

The other courses are rung as in the peal published in 'The Ringing World' on June 3rd, 1927, but it should be noted that Superlative must not be rung in the last course of each part.

This peal was rung for the first time at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Tuesday, December 18th, conducted by Mr. William Ewe. It was rung at the first attempt, after two practices, and is the first peal of Major to be rung in five Surprise methods. The thanks of the band are due to the Rev. H. Law James for the infinite trouble taken to arrange the composition.

A LANCASHIRE RINGER'S FLIGHT.

MANCHESTER BRANCH ORGANISING HELP.

The Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association make an earnest appeal to the members of the Exercise on behalf of Mr. J. Lowe, of Walkden, a member of the Pendleton tower, who has been stricken with paralysis for the past fourteen months, and will not be able to work again. Mr. Lowe is a collier, but owing to shortage of employment and ill-health the savings of past years have disappeared. He has been a member of the Lancashire Association for a number of years, and always keen on the advancement of the art. It is hoped that members of the Exercise will kindly help in trying to relieve a very urgent and deserving case. All contributions will be duly acknowledged, and can be sent to Mr. W. W. Wolstonecroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, branch president, or to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, branch secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was with very great pleasure I read of the account of the dedication of St. Martin's bells, which, according to reading, reflect great credit on the Whitechapel firm. I may say it was my intention to be present, but illness prevented. In the report on page 793 I note the chairman took the opportunity of informing the company of the presence among them of Messrs. F. E. Dave (a very old friend of mine) and T. Miller, who were probably the only two men living who could claim to have rung with the three old celebrities, Haley, Johnson and Cox. May I say I have had the pleasure of ringing with the three on more than one occasion, especially John Cox, who during my early career was our conductor in most peals with the Royal Cumberland Youths, of which I have been a member since January, 1871. The last time I had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Johnson, sen., was soon after the then long peal of Stedman Cinques, 9,238 changes, in 6 hrs. 48 mins., on February 28th, 1881, conducted by Mr. W. Hallsworth, and rung on the 72nd birthday of Mr. H. Johnson, who rang the 6th, and who also composed the peal.

My brother and I were in Birmingham on holiday, and a peal of Stedman Cinques was arranged. We rang nearly halfway, when Mr. Hallsworth had to give up (he was ringing the 11th). It appears the 11th had been going rather indifferently in the latter part of the long peal, hence the sudden stop. The Birmingham ringers gave both my brother and myself a very cordial reception on that occasion. Many of them have now passed over to the other side.—Yours truly,

Whitstable, Kent.

HENRY A. HOPKINS

(Continued from previous column.)

The new treble is inscribed:—

'To the glory of God, and in memory of Samuel T. Bunning, the donor of the original peal, these two trebles were given by William and Ada Willson, to complete the ten, December, 1928.'

'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

On the second bell is: 'Lord, for Thy tender mercies sake.' The new ten will be a valuable asset to the ringers of Leicester.

SAFFRON WALDEN IMPROVED PEAL. DEDICATION OF FOUR NEW TREBLES.

A large number of ringers assembled at Saffron Walden on Saturday week, when the Bishop of Colchester dedicated the four recast trebles of the peal of twelve bells. It will be remembered that the peal was augmented from eight to twelve bells in 1914.

The service, which was choral, was preceded by touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, the local society rang a few rounds, and, at the conclusion of the service, a short touch of Stedman Cinques, after which the bells were kept going until late in the evening. The methods rung included Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Cambridge Royal and the Major Surprise methods.

The visitors were entertained to tea in the Parish Room, when the Vicar, Rev. L. Hughes, D.D., presided, being supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, Revs. F. T. Fogerty and D. Beard (curates), Messrs. P. L. Allen and H. Potter, churchwardens, T. A. Burrett, secretary, and W. H. Scott, treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, and Mr. A. E. Pitstow, Master of the Saffron Walden Society, with about 60 visitors.

The Vicar, in a short speech, congratulated the ringers on their successful efforts in raising the money for the recasting of the bells, and referred to the loss the society had sustained by the death last June of its Master, Mr. Frederick Pitstow, whose one great aim had been to see these four bells recast.

Mr. C. H. Howard said the peal was now in tune, and he thanked the ringers for their hospitality, which he had always received whenever he had visited Saffron Walden.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow, on behalf of the Saffron Walden ringers, thanked the Vicar for his support to their efforts, and also thanked Miss Gibson, who gave one bell in 1914, and has now defrayed the cost of recasting it.

The contract was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who have given great satisfaction to all, the bells being in tune and blending perfectly with the old eight.

The weights of the recast bells are: Treble, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 1 qr.; 4th, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

The inscriptions are as before with the following added: 'Recast 1928, Mears and Stainbank, London.'

INCIDENTS FROM THEIR HISTORY.

Saffron Walden has a long ringing history. A peal of bells and a company of ringers existed at the church as long ago as 1623, when a bequest was left by a townsman named Thomas Turner for the ringers, and it has been paid annually ever since. Twice in the history of the church there have been two companies of ringers, Seniors and Juniors. The first occasion was at the period when Holt's Original was rung, as we mentioned in a paragraph in our last issue. These performances in 1753 and 1754 seem to have created some trouble, for there is no trace of another peal being rung for nearly 20 years, namely, in 1771. The second occasion was in the last century, in the early part of which there was an excellent company at the tower, for peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich (1817) were rung, the last named being only the third in the method. Superlative was practised, but a peal was not rung, although a place was left on the board to record it. The first peal of Superlative in Essex was rung by the company of a generation ago.

In the church accounts there are many references to payments in connection with the bells. One of the earliest is under the date 1623-1624: 'Pd. to Wm. Parkin for worke about the Bells, and for grease for the bells xxs. vjd.'

In 1627 £viii was 'paide for casting of the bell' and viiij. iiijd. for xxij pounds of pewter to put into the bell.

In 1629 there were a number of payts to Miles Graye the bell founder, including £xv for casting the 'greate Bell'; xvs. vjd. for 'mettall for the same bell' and xvij. vjd. more to him for casting of brasses. There was also a shilling given to his man for 'fetching the waytes and carrying them back,' and another shilling to Mr. Cole the Attorney for making the covenant between the town and the bell Founder.

Apparently the 'greate bell' was either unsatisfactory or soon cracked, for in 1634 there is another entry: 'Payd to Miles Graye for the casting of our great Bell ye 23rd October, now waying but 27 ct. xx lbs. at 10/- pr ct. £13 11 00. There is ½ ct. and 15 lbs. remaining of mettall, which was left of the old bell'—evidence that the original tenor was a heavier bell.

In 1653 the 5th was recast and the rest rehung by John Hedlon.

There are records of a great many payments to the ringers for ringing on public occasions and to various publicans for 'bread and beere' for the ringers. These occasions included a visit of King Charles to Audliend to hunt, in 1635; the day the Lord Protector was proclaimed in 1658; Gunpowder Treason Day; when Parliament began to sit in 1660; when Charles II. was voted King, and when he was proclaimed; on Coronation Day (1662); for the defeats of the Dutch (1665 and 1666) and the making of peace; for the coming of King William and his crowning; when the rebels in the West were routed; 'on ye good news from Ireland' (the battle of the Boyne) and on many other occasions of public or local importance.

There are entries relating to the recasting of the tenor from 1709 to 1711 and again in 1720. Six of the back eight bells of the present twelve were cast and hung in 1792 and 1793, the 6th and 7th being recasts since that time.

A RINGERS' CHAPEL.

There is at Lincoln Cathedral, where the ring of twelve bells has recently been opened, a Ringers' Chapel. It is situate at the south-west corner of the west front. In it is a list of the members of the company from 1614 to 1725, together with those of recent date whom the Dean and Chapter have thought fit to honour by recording their names. This chapel had its own vestments and music books, and above on the southern pinnacle of the west front appears a statue of St. Hugh.

The Society of Ringers of St. Hugh of Lincoln was founded on October 18th, 1612, 'for the Ringing of St. Hugh's and Our Lady Bells,' and it was also designated 'the Companie of Ringers of our Blessed Virgin Marie of Lincoln.'

Every opportunity was given to the visitors on Saturday week to ring on the bells, and among the touches were a course of Stedman Cinques, 324 Stedman Caters, a course of Cambridge Royal, 288 Cambridge Maximus, brought round by omitting 2nd's place at the 6th lead-end, 120 Grandsire Doubles on the front five, and 60 Grandsire Doubles on 34567.

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

BY ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The following peal of Grandsire Caters is published by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, to take the place of the false peal, No. 43, on page 55 of the C.C. Collection of Peals, Section I.:

23456

62354	1-4.8
25384	8 in 3
32564	9 in 3
53264	9 in 3
36254	8 in 3
23654	9 in 3
42356	9 in 3.8

Five times repeated, calling the first course of each part, and the 6th course of the 3rd and 6th parts 9 in 3.8, produces:—

23456

43625	1.8-89
64325	9 in 3
42365	8 in 3
34265	9 in 3
23465	9 in 3
63425	1.8
32465	8 in 3
43265	9 in 3
24365	9 in 3

46325	8 in 3
62345	8 in 3

Round with bobs at 2, 9 and 10.

Contains the 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES— WHAT DOES '720 CHANGES' MEAN?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some weeks ago Mr. Trollope came to see me, and we discussed the Minor and Doubles question, and you kindly published a letter signed by us both concluding with a statement that the question needed further consideration. After his departure I gave the matter further consideration, and you published another letter from me, giving briefly the result of that consideration. Now 'Minor-mania' complains that I do not explain things simply enough, so I intend to meet his view very thoroughly on this question, because it is a very important matter.

Ever since the early days of change ringing, ringers have been accustomed to say that there are '720 changes on six bells.'

What does that mean? Mr. Trollope says that it means that a ringer actually makes 720 different changes when ringing the extent on six bells.

Now the statement looks at first sight as if it might mean that; but it might equally mean that a ringer strikes his bell 120 times in each place, and that the other five bells are in a different position for every one of these. Let us examine these two meanings.

On two bells we can only make one change, and this produces two changes—1-2 and 2-1. Add another bell and call it 3.

We can put 3 in front of 12,	312.
between 1 and 2,	132.
after 1 and 2,	123.
in front of 21,	321.
between 2 and 1,	231.
after 21,	213.

This makes six possible positions of the three bells, or, as we call them, six changes. Now add another bell, and call it 4, and we can put it into four positions with each of these six—4312, 3412, 3142, 3124—with 312, and the same with all the others.

Continue, adding 5, and we can put it into five positions in each of the 24, which makes 120, and then add another bell, call it 6, and it can be put in six positions with each of the 120, thus, 612345, 162345, 126345, 123645, 123465, 123456, etc., and that makes 720 different positions in which the six bells can strike, and if we mean that a ringer can strike his bell 120 blows in each of the six positions, and that the other five bells shall never strike in the same order each of these times, the statement that there are 720 changes on six bells is true.

Now consider the other statement, and imagine a ringer ringing the treble through 720 changes. He can change with the 2nd, the 3rd the 4th, the 5th or the 6th; that is to say, he can make five changes and no more. Every other change he makes is a repetition of one or other of these five, and if we mean that a ringer makes 720 different changes in ringing a 720, the statement is undoubtedly false.

The words '720 changes on six bells' either mean that the bells actually strike in 720 different orders, or they are nonsense.

It follows that the 720 with a violated Q set is true and complete, although it is not a round block.

Also all peals of Caters round at hand are not round blocks.

Finally, look at Stedman:—

23145

32415

23451

24315

42351

43215

34251

Is this six true and complete,
or is it not?

Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

COUNCIL'S DECISIONS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your articles and the correspondence in your columns upon the validity of combined six-scores and 720's upon 5 and 6 bells respectively, there is no rule laid down in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rules that refers to qualifications of a peal or a composition.

All peals rung for this association are accepted from the conductors as a fit performance to be inserted in the records. (The compositions have to be given with each peal, and these are proved by the experts of this association.) But to disqualify a peal of Doubles because it is 'Morris' arrangement, or a peal of Minor because it is Rev. E. B. James', is not within the scope of this association. I feel quite sure that all other association rules have no power to prevent these peals either.

Now what can be done to ensure a perfect understanding upon the matter? Other more or less important rulings of the Central Council are just as difficult, and are rendered more difficult by the following—

About 1921 the associations were asked to give the Central Council powers to enforce their rules and decisions, and 75 to 80 per cent. of the associations replied in the negative.

At Hereford the president of the Central Council made it quite clear to all members of that Council that they attended the meetings

(Continued in next column.)

BENJAMIN ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the proud possessor of one of the newly-published histories of the Ancient Society of College Youths, I have studied it with interest. I should like to point out that there is one statement printed in it which hardly seems to be borne out by facts; or, at any rate, the statement made and the facts recorded elsewhere about Annable are hardly consistent.

The College Youths' history tells us that at St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, a peal of Plain Bob Triples was achieved by the Society on the 7th January, 1689-90, in 3½ hrs., composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable. Snowdon, in his history of the Grandsire method, tells us that Annable died on February 1st, 1756, and quotes the 'Clavis' as recording that at the time of his death Annable was between 60 and 70 years of age.

It is quite obvious that if Annable was 70 years of age at his death in 1756, he could not possibly have composed and conducted a peal of Bob Triples in 1689.

If he did call the peal in 1689 or 1690, then he must have been nearer 90 years old when he died, but as there would have been contemporaries of his alive when the 'Clavis' was published in 1788, it is hardly likely a mistake of twenty years in Annable's age would have been made.

Again, Annable, as we see from the society's own records, was Master in 1746. It is not impossible, but I imagine it is hardly likely that he would have been appointed to office at the age of 80 or thereabouts.

One is therefore almost driven to the conclusion that Annable did not call the peal in 1689-90, if, indeed, a 'peal,' as we know it today, ever was rung at that distant date. That question is never likely to be definitely cleared up now, but it ought to be possible to establish the age at which Annable died and the question, whether or not he was old enough to have taken part in what is claimed as the first peal ever rung. Will our historians help us?—Yours truly,

COLLEGIAN.

FIRST 720's.

At St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, on Thursday, November 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: D. Patten (first 720) 1, L. Hook 2, S. Bigmore 3, W. Gridley 4, H. Barker 5, H. Stebbings (first 720 as conductor) 6.

At Sandiacre, on Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 Whitley Surprise Minor in 26 mins.: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, R. Drage 4, R. Cox 5, H. Turner 6.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, a 720 of Northumberland Surprise in 26 mins. First 720 in these methods by all.

At Christ Church, Port Sunlight, Cheshire, on Monday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: Stewart Bailey 1, J. Gorst 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. Ronald Edwards 4, Ralph G. Edwards 5, J. F. Smith (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

SURPRISE PEAL ATTEMPT AT BOURN, CAMBS.

On Saturday, December 1st, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was made at Bourn, as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Joyce), who is leaving for Norfolk. After an hour and thirty-five minutes' good ringing, a trip occurred which put an end to what might have been a good peal. The band was: P. G. Gleaves 1, Miss K. Willers 2, Miss C. Fields 3, J. Ward 4, F. Harper 5, T. R. Dennis 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. The Vicar thanked the band for their good wishes, and hoped they would come again, and it was decided to make an attempt on December 22nd.

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of the Central Council to please themselves which way they voted, and were not tied to vote in the way the respective associations had decided.

Is there no way in which we can have a common principle? Surely, ringing, with all its intricacies, necessitates a higher body to control matters which may be of a controversial nature.

The Central Council with its traditions should be the controlling body, but it appears to be hopeless to expect that we shall have definite rulings until the associations accept the Central Council's decisions as their own rules, and so, upon the other hand, should the Central Council be assisted in their deliberations by the associations' representatives voicing the associations' opinions, not the representatives' own opinion. Otherwise, why should the associations defray the expenses of their representatives attending the Central Council meetings?

I am an association official and a member of the Central Council. Can I really serve both under the above existing conditions?—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

£800,000 CHURCH DESTROYED.**HOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CARILLON.**

The great church on Riverside, New York, erected largely through the generosity of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., at a cost of about £800,000, was destroyed by fire on Friday night.

This is the church that was to have contained the world's greatest carillon which was made at the Croydon Bell Foundry. It was the largest bells of this instrument, which were the object of so much interest on the occasion of the 'All England' gathering at Croydon last March, the bass bell being 18½ tons.

The carillon was to be composed of the former 55 bells made for the Park Avenue Church, with four larger and five smaller bells, making a total of 64.

The fire was one of the most spectacular ever seen in New York. Fanned by an icy wind, the flames fed upon a forest of timber scaffolding, and spread to the framework of the 400ft. tower. The woodwork, says a New York message, disappeared like matchwood, while a pillar of fire shot hundreds of feet into the air. The water froze as it was pumped on the burning building, and a hundred thousand people watched the vain efforts of the firemen to subdue the blaze. The church was reduced to a mere skeleton of twisted steel.

Apparently the carillon had not yet been installed, and so, presumably, the bells have been saved.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**A NEW DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.**

The annual general meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 8th. There was a record attendance of ringers present from the towers at Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Sawbridge, Harlow Town, Harlow Common, Cambridge, Hunsdon, Roydon, Royston, Ickleton, Barley, Melbourne, and Braintree. Touches in various standard methods were rung at St. Michael's Church, and at a special service the Vicar gave an inspiring address. In the evening a tea was held in St. Michael's Parish Hall, the catering being in the able hands of Mr. F. Glasscock. The Vicar presided, and after tea Mr. C. H. Howard (Braintree), the Master of the association, proposed a vote of thanks to him for presiding at the tea, for lending the bells, and for the excellent address he had given them. He said it was the first time the Vicar of the parish had honoured them by taking the chair. The late Vicar, the Rev. Canon H. T. Lane, similarly lent the bells and conducted the service, but owing to his advanced age he had never been able to attend the tea.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), secretary, seconded, and the vote of thanks was unanimously accorded.

The Vicar responded, and thanked the ringers. He said he came to Bishop's Stortford a perfect stranger, but he had received a warm welcome. One of the first things he found was necessary was the rebanging and retuning of the bells. He made an appeal, and the response of the town was grand. The £400 wanted simply came in, and it was extremely encouraging. They had a strong team of ringers, twenty including young members, and next year there would be at least four lady members (applause). He looked upon them as real friends, and he thanked them for their assistance and for the attendance of so many from other places.

The business meeting followed, when the chair was taken by Mr. Howard. The first business was the appointment of a Master for the division. Mr. F. Bird (Bishop's Stortford) proposed the election of Mr. G. Dent (Harlow Common).—This was seconded by Mr. W. T. Prior and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dent, in thanking the members, said he would have preferred to see a younger man in the office, but he would do his best (applause).

The hon. secretary (Mr. Beeston) was thanked for his work during the last four years, and was again re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Dench, seconded by Mr. Perrin.

The Rev. W. McCarthy was proposed as an honorary member by Mr. Beeston, seconded by Mr. Wacey, and the following were elected as ringing members on the motion of Mr. F. Bird, seconded by Mr. W. Prior (Stansted), viz.: The Rev. F. W. Lane, Messrs. Marfeet, Ansell, Wacey, and Dalling.

It was decided that the next meeting of the district should be held at Rowdon. This concluded the meeting, and the visitors, including three lady ringers, again repaired to St. Michael's tower and rang touches until 9 p.m.

RUDHALL'S FOUNDRY.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Ringers with an antiquarian, historical or archaeological turn of mind will be very sorry to hear that another of the fast vanishing links with the past has lately disappeared in the widening of Oxhode (provincially pronounced 'Oxbody') Lane, in the City of Gloucester. Rudhall's foundry has been pulled down. Many members of the Central Council will remember our visit to the old premises at the time of the Council meeting in Gloucester, and it is a pleasure now to think that we were enabled, through the kindness of Messrs. Badham and Co., then the owners, to view the extremely interesting remains of one of the most notable centres of campanological industry, and the birthplace of many of our finest bells.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Kemerton, Tewkesbury.

COVENTRY BELLS.**RINGING HISTORY RECALLED.**

Bells and ringers have a sympathetic publicist in 'Spectator,' who weekly writes most interesting and knowledgeable notes in the 'Coventry Standard.' Years ago, 'Spectator' had a personal acquaintance with the practical side of ringing, and his early interest in the cult has brought from his pen numerous articles in praise and support of bells and bellringing.

'Anno domini,' he said in a recent issue, kept him away from the 'coming-of-age' celebration of the Warwickshire Guild at Coventry, but he would have liked to be present to tell the members of the Guild why Coventry came to be called 'the ringing town,' now, alas, now longer possible.

'I should not have gone back,' he wrote, 'hundreds of years—to the time when each of the great churches possessed chimes, so arranged to play that every hour was heralded with the harmony of bells. Nor should I have recalled that peals were rung on every conceivable occasion, day or night, at the coming of Kings and Bishops, and what not.'

'Neither would my talk have included allusions to the time, not quite so remote, when single bells were rung at Holy Trinity and Bablake Churches at five o'clock in the morning; at Bablake at half-past five; at Trinity at six o'clock; and again at Trinity at six, seven, and eight o'clock in the evening—three curfews, as it were, whereas there is now only a very irregular one.'

'I should, in fact, have gone back no further than my own time in the ringing chambers of the City.'

'Let us imagine that it is Monday before 1885, when St. Michael's bells were removed for the great restoration; since then they have never been rung in peal. First there was the six o'clock morning bell at St. Michael's, following the playing of the chimes, and accepted by all the factories and works as the clocking-in bell. "I ring at six, to let men know, When to and from their work to go."

'At nine o'clock in the morning there was a service in St. Michael's, and instead of one bell being tanged in a monotony which would be miserable if it were continued for a minute, there was always a sweet little chime. Two or three ringers would assemble and chime two or three bells each, and the little crosses they did were delightful.'

'I once saw Mr. Horsfall, the keeper of the campanile, and Mr. T. Eburne, chime the back six bells, so that—to avoid technical descriptions—they spoke in this order: 5, 8, 6, 9, 7, 10. This meant that Mr. Horsfall was moving approximately 3½ tons of metal, and Mr. Eburne nearly 2 tons. I helped Mr. Horsfall "drop in" the tenor when it declined to "come to."

'Then at nine o'clock the chimes would play the old "Whimsy Worton" air.'

'The first service at Bablake in those days was at eleven o'clock, and the call to church would be made, almost always, by the full peal, for Jerry Johnson had plenty of helpers. For the first service at Holy Trinity, at half-past eleven, old Dick Jones would scarcely ever be left alone to chime three bells; other ringers would be there, and quite often the chime would be of six.'

'At twelve and three the chimes would play again, and at a quarter-past four the call for Evensong at St. Michael's would begin, when some of Mr. Horsfall's helpers would again be there. At six o'clock, after the chimes were finished, the evening bell would be rung, for the closing down of the factories and works; and at seven the ringers would ascend the tower for the usual practice. The ten bells would be raised in beautiful order, and if there were no meeting in St. Mary's Hall the practice would go on till half-past eight. It would stop at eight if the hall were engaged. At eight o'clock the curfew would be rung from Holy Trinity campanile; at nine, after the chimes had played, the curfew would be rung at St. Michael's, and after that, except for the mechanical processes, the towers would be silent.'

'Coventry was christened the ringing town centuries ago. Down to 1885 it kept up its reputation in the way I have described, and there was no public grumbling, nor adverse criticism, in those days.'

'Because all the bell-doings were regularity itself. Between the times mentioned not a bell note was heard from either of the campaniles except for deaths or funerals; people knew what to expect and when to expect it, and, believe me, they loved the bells.'

'I do not suppose that the people of to-day would be enamoured if there were a recurrence of these things, for this is a noisy age. In any case, there is not likely to be a recurrence; all the circumstances are against it.'

The article went on to speak in high praise of the recital given on the Cathedral chime by Mr. Harry Withers. 'It was as masterly a recital as could be imagined or desired. It was full of sympathy and human expression.' 'Spectator' went on to ask whether Coventry could not have a city carillonneur, and added that the music of the bells 'is so uplifting that we should all be the better for hearing it.'

SPLICED MINOR METHODS.

On handbells at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, on Thursday, December 13th, 720 Spliced Amersham Alliance and Little Bob Minor by the following: J. Arniger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6.

This is the 6th time that the second of the two published on page 745 of 'The Ringing World,' dated November 23rd, 1928.

QUAINT BELFRY RULES. KENDAL'S PAINTED VERSES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following rules were agreed to by the Kendal, Westmorland, ringers in 1788, and were painted on the belfry walls in the same year. For fear of losing them by decay on the damp walls they were repainted on canvas in the year 1833, but after a time the canvas also rotted and fell to pieces. To the late Mr. Thomas Jennings is due the credit of having made a careful copy of the lines in 1860. They are as follows:—

ORDERS.

Agreed on By the Society of Ringers, and subscribed to by the Church Wardens of Kendal for the Better regulation and encouragement of the Art of Ringing.

From Easter Sunday until New Mayor's Day,
At Ten the Ringers shall appear always;
11th Afternoon by Halfpast Two again.
This Rule unalter'd ever shall remain.

From New Mayor's Day Still Ten shall be the Hour
For Forenoon Service, as expressed before;
The Afternoon Service from thence must alter'd be
Until the Clock commence the Hour of Three;

Whoe'er till Bells are raised is absent hence,
The Forfeit for the fault is just Fourpence;
If he neglect till service it be o'er,
For every peal he forfeit two pence more.

He who the whole day does himself absent,
Without of Two or more he gains consent,
One Shilling Forfeit he must Pay, as fee,
For th' use and service of Society.

On Parish Days the Ringers shall appear
When they the tolling of the Bells do hear;
All absentees for every peal that's past,
In Twopence fine most surely will be cast,

And 'tis agreed that on such Parish Days.
The Seventh Bells warning shall the absent raise
Within one quarter of an hour, if not,
No more's allowed, and equal fine's his lot.

Whoe'er presumes a Bell to pull off here
Without consent, or does get drunk or swear,
Sixpence for each offence he sure shall stake,
Ere he his peace with us for it shall make;

Likewise he fourpence Pays besides all that,
Who here appears with either Spurs or hat,
The Youth who the Ringing Art's inclined.
Shall ever with us heartily welcome find,

If he with us the Jolly Boy revere,
Who sometimes soothes and mitigates our cares,
No Miser here with us can claim a part,
Nor be companion in our Noble art,

Which Nurtures Health, of Life the Chiefest Bliss,
With which the world compared a Banble is,
He who to Pay these Forfeits is not Free,
If yearly ringer or a Deputy,
It is resolved the fine from wages due,
Shall be deducted with exactness true,

And Furthermore, if anyone beside,
Refuse by these our orders to abide,
From out the Belfry he shall be expelled,
And as an Alien evermore be held.

The Kendal ringers also had an old jug for beer about the same year, with the following verse written on it:—

If you love me doe not lend me,
Ease me often and keep me Cleenly.
Fill me full or not at all,
If it be strong and not with small.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., with 6, 7, 8 covering (for the dedication service of the Swansea Tug H: A. Edwards 1, F. Curtis 2, J. S. Williams (conductor) 3, A. Llewellyn 4, D. J. Williams 5, H. A. Curtis 6, A. Richards 7, G. N. Williams 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Parish Church, 720 York Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. First 720 of York on the bells by all the band except the conductor.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for confirmation service held by the Bishop of Guildford on December 5th, 1,119 Stedman Caters: F. Radford 1, C. Hazledene 2, C. Burdock 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazledene 5, Wm. Thorne 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Radford 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On December 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob for matins and 720 Kent Treble Bob for evensong: W. J. Reynolds 1, W. G. Good 2, E. W. Ambrose 3, A. A. Fitch 4, P. L. Johnson 5, T. E. Slater 6. Conducted by P. L. Johnson and T. E. Slater respectively.

AYSGARTH.—On December 16th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: T. Percival 1, W. Percival, junr. 2, T. Latimer 3, H. Horner 4, W. Percival 5, J. Thompson (conductor) 6.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Roberts 1, F. Wilford (conductor) 2, C. Bayliss 3, H. Bates 4, J. Roberts 5, J. Howes 6. A new treble has been put in here by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, and was dedicated on Saturday, December 15th, by Bishop Lang, Archdeacon of Northampton.

ACCRINGTON.—At the Church of St. James, on Sunday, December 16th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Beattie 1, A. Stanton (first 720) 2, Q. Bowen 3, J. Hindle 4, A. Scholes 5, J. Houdsworth (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. Bowen, of Bucknall, Staffs, on leaving Accrington for home again.

DALSTON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, November 11th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Meads 1, A. L. Bennett 2, F. T. Coles (conductor) 3, W. Pye 4, W. J. Nudds 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. Bennett 7, A. Randall 8. Longest length by ringers of treble and tenor, both members of the local band.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Lawrence 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, H. Hucker (first quarter-peal) 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, C. H. Woodberry 7, A. Wright 8.

HARWICH.—On Sunday, November 11th (Armistice Day), with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 1,008 Bob Major: J. Alderton 1, C. Ramplin 2, C. Ellis 3, E. Scarfe 4, F. Ramplin 5, A. Alderton 6, F. Chaplin 7, B. Elmer 8.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Walker 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sunday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Enderby 1, W. Truster 2, J. Hiscock 3, J. Blytheman 4, F. Reeves 5, A. Saxby 6, E. Burgess (conductor) 7, H. Lade 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled, in 50 mins.: J. Evans 1, D. Kimber 2, H. Stratford 3, F. G. Biggs 4, A. G. Jones 5, F. D. Boreham 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—In memory of the fallen, 720 Bob Minor was rung with bells half-muffled for evensong on November 11th: W. Bosworth 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Branker 3, P. W. Grice 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. E. Clayfield 6.

PULBOROUGH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Holden 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, C. Smart, sen., 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. V. Corden 8.

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BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith (conductor) 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, E. Redshaw 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss Ethel Winrow 1, B. Smith 2, E. Jordan 3, A. Johnson 4, S. Walker 5, G. Hardwick (conductor) 6, J. T. Wilson 7, S. Eadland 8.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: J. Howarth 1, P. Grundy (longest length in the method as conductor) 2, C. Gudgeon 3, W. Jones 4, J. H. Ridyard 5, J. Ridyard 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, S. Harrison 8. Rung as farewell to S. Harrison, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment in Welshpool, North Wales, the band wishing him every success.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: P. Lockley 1, W. J. Beniams (conductor) 2, *W. Topley 3, W. H. Davies 4, O. H. Cartwright 5, *H. Carfield 6. * First quarter-peal.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas' Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Shepherd 1, J. Cassidy 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, E. Martin 4, F. A. Burnett 5, E. Warner 6, P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Dec. 29th at Brislington. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend, advising G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol?

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Tuesday, January 1st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Members and other ringers attending, who require tea, please notify me by the morning of the 31st inst. All ringers are welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at South Shields on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. Bells of St. Hilda's available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, for those informing Mr. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields, by Dec. 29th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.) — The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 3rd, 17th and 31st, *Headquarters or St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — A meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new diagrams to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — The annual meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Andrew's, Derby. Bells available 2 o'clock. Please be prepared with a nominee for secretary. — Charles Draper.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Jan. 5th. Bells available 2.30. Evensong 4. Tea and meeting 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Eckington, Jan. 5th. Bells ready early. Tea at Camm's School at 5 p.m. to all who let Mr. P. Jervis, 7, Littlemoor, Eckington, know as early as possible.—R. Harrison, Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Tea 5.30 p.m., for all who notify Mr. C. Thorley, 12, Heron Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, before Jan. 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 6th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 14th, at 6.30 p.m., and 28th at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 22nd, at 8 p.m. Quarterly meeting on Monday, 14th; meeting commences at 8 p.m., and all members are requested to make a special effort to attend.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints' bells available 2.30 to 3.30 (by notice). St. Paul's bells 2.30 to 4. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Ringing at both churches after meeting. Tea, 6d. to branch members, 1s. to visitors. Those attending please inform me by Jan. 8th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Ightham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at this meeting. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD.—The 8th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, commence 6 p.m. Chairman the Rev. R. H. Whitford, M.A. Most of the city church bells will be available during the afternoon, and special service ringing is being arranged on Sunday 20th. Tickets 5/6 each, from Messrs. Cave, Knight, Way, Jefferies, Miss E. Smith, all Bristol Guild Secretaries and Mr. Albert Walker, Birmingham, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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